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Switzerland and Vietnam launch Joint Research Program



The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the Vietnamese National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED) agreed on a substantial increase of their cooperation. A new funding program launched on 1 October 2020 enables researchers from Vietnam and Switzerland to develop and submit joint projects.

Science provides us with the insights needed to tackle technical, ecological and societal challenges. For this purpose, global partnerships regarding Science and Technology are even more essential in the future.

It is therefore all the more gratifying that the cooperation of the Vietnamese National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED) and the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) will be considerably increased in the coming years.

In the past, the National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (NAFOSTED) and Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) have cooperated on a number of different short-term projects. Upgrading their bilateral cooperation programs, the two sides have now committed to joint research projects (JRPs) starting in 2021. The call for proposals, which is open to all research areas, was launched on October 1, 2020.

The grants for JRPs aim to promote collaborative projects with clearly defined goals, involving at least one partner based in Switzerland and one based in Vietnam. Applicants are encouraged to describe ambitious research and propose innovative approaches.

Submission deadline in January 2021

The deadline for submissions is 15 January 2021. Closing date for voluntary pre-registration is 23 November 2020. The Pre-registration is voluntary; however, the applicants are strongly encouraged to complete this step in order to facilitate the proposal evaluation. The projects will last for two to three years. Up to ten applications may be funded.

For further information, please follow the links below:

<https://nafosted.gov.vn/en/call-for-proposals-for-nafosted-snsf-joint-research-funding-program-in-2020/?fbclid=IwAR1Rp8g3FpRgWPzK9talkJ5DqKpSrYoYyqclht8h2dwFd6CAJFqlheM9-S8>

<http://www.snf.ch/en/researchinFocus/newsroom/Pages/news-201001-new-bilateral-programme-with-vietnam.aspx>