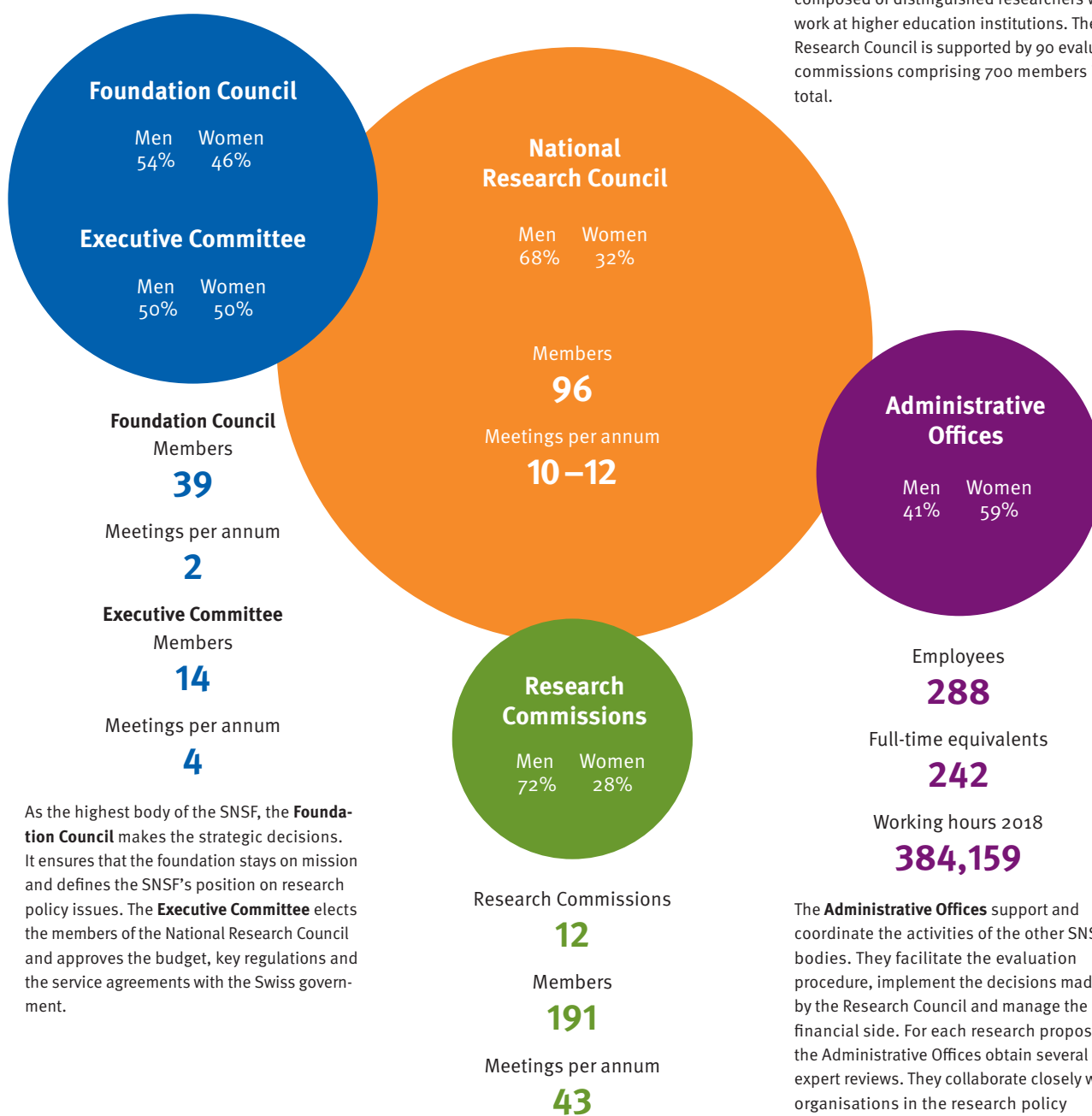


Bodies of the SNSF

The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) funds research in Switzerland on behalf of the Swiss government. The bodies of the SNSF are responsible for the scientific evaluation and funding of project proposals submitted by researchers.

The **National Research Council** evaluates several thousand applications each year and makes the relevant funding decisions. It is composed of distinguished researchers who work at higher education institutions. The Research Council is supported by 90 evaluation commissions comprising 700 members in total.



As the highest body of the SNSF, the **Foundation Council** makes the strategic decisions. It ensures that the foundation stays on mission and defines the SNSF's position on research policy issues. The **Executive Committee** elects the members of the National Research Council and approves the budget, key regulations and the service agreements with the Swiss government.

The **SNSF Research Commissions** at the higher education institutions are the link between these institutions and the SNSF. They award the mobility fellowships to doctoral students and postdocs.

The **Administrative Offices** support and coordinate the activities of the other SNSF bodies. They facilitate the evaluation procedure, implement the decisions made by the Research Council and manage the financial side. For each research proposal, the Administrative Offices obtain several expert reviews. They collaborate closely with organisations in the research policy and funding sector in Switzerland and abroad.

The Administrative Offices in 2018

9,536
external reviews

164
evaluation meetings

In 2018, the Administrative Offices conducted from start to finish the evaluation process for 6,073 applications. It approached 28,835 external experts for a review and processed 9,536 reviews.

The National Research Council and its evaluation commissions discussed the applications at 164 meetings. 460 researchers were invited to present their project and answer questions. The Administrative Offices organised the meetings and interviews, took the minutes, and implemented the resulting decisions.

Researchers are obliged to submit scientific and financial reports on the funded projects. In the year under review, the SNSF received 8,906 reports, along with 9,415 staff turnover notices, change requests and other messages.

The Administrative Offices conducted the first ever evaluation process for the new funding schemes Eccellenza, PRIMA and Postdoc.Mobility. Eccellenza grants were awarded to 51 researchers who are pursuing an academic career or are already on their way to obtaining a permanent professorship. 22 women researchers who have the potential for a professorship were funded thanks to PRIMA. And 160 scientists were awarded a Postdoc.Mobility fellowship by the SNSF, which gives them the opportunity to conduct a research stay abroad after the doctorate.

In close collaboration with the National Research Council, the Administrative Offices last year devised the SNSF's strategy until 2025 and produced

the multi-year programme 2021–2024. In spring 2019, the SNSF submitted the multi-year programme to the Swiss government.

More than 100,000 searches were entered in the public research database P³ in 2018. The database contains detailed information about all funded projects since 1975.

In the course of the year, the SNSF strengthened its communication activities on social media, especially Twitter. Around 250 tweets reached over 8,500 users. The Administrative Offices published 97 news articles and 47 calls for proposals and dispatched 19 newsletters to over 22,000 recipients.

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from researchers.

Foundation Council

President

Gabriele Gendotti (until 31.3.2018), Prof Felicitas Paus (from 1.4.2018, ad interim)

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SATW: Dr dipl. Ing. Monica Duca Widmer. **SCNAT:** Prof Felicitas Paus, Prof Marcel Tanner.

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Executive Committee

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National Research Council

President

Prof Matthias Egger

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Specialised Committee International Cooperation → Prof Urs Baltensperger (President until 30.9.2018); Prof Katharina Michaelowa (President from 1.10.2018); Prof Anna Fontcuberta i Morral (Vice President); Prof Anne Angelillo-Scherrer (from 1.10.2018), Prof Véronique Dasen, Prof Paul Dyson (from 1.10.2018), Prof Christoph Heinrich, Prof Madeleine Herren-Oesch, Prof Dominique Soldati-Favre (until 30.9.2018), Prof Bernard Thorens.

Specialised Committee Interdisciplinary Research → Prof Rita Franceschini (President); Prof Walter Reith (Vice President until 30.9.2018); Prof Dirk van der Marel (Vice President from 1.10.2018); Prof David Andrew Barry, Prof Chris Boesch (from 1.12.2018), Prof Claudio Bolzman, Prof Alexander Grob (until 31.12.2018), Prof Juliane Hollender, Prof Andreas Lüthi, Prof Andreas Mayer (from 1.12.2018), Prof Francesco Stellacci (until 30.9.2018).

Commission on Gender Equality in Research Funding → Prof Susan M. Gasser (President); Prof Michelle Cottier (from 1.6.2018), Prof Thomas Hinz, Dr des. Simona Isler, Prof Nicky Le Feuvre, Gary Loke, Dr h.c. Patricia Schulz (until 31.5.2018), Prof Anna Wahl.

Commission on Research Integrity → Prof Nadja Capus (President); Prof Regina Aebi-Müller (Vice President); Prof David Andrew Barry, Dr Marco Bieri, Dr Stéphanie Boder-Pasche, Dr Tania Bühler (from 1.10.2018), Dr Martin Christen, Prof Bart Deplancke (from 1.11.2018), Prof Anna Fontcuberta i Morral, Prof Alexander Grob, Dr Stephanie Hoppeler, Prof Michael O. Hottiger, Dr Liz Kohl (until 31.5.2018), Claudia Lautenschütz, Dr Claudia Rutte, Prof Danièle Tosato-Rigo, Prof Didier Trono (until 31.10.2018), Dr Marc Türlér (1.6.2018 until 30.9.2018), Dr Martin von Arx, Gilles Wasser.

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Heads of Research Funding divisions → **Division I, Humanities and Social Sciences:** Brigitte Arpagaus (ad interim, 1.1.2018 until 31.8.2018), Dr Pierre Willa (from 1.9.2018). **Division II, Mathematics, Natural and Engineering Sciences:** Dr Thomas Werder Schläpfer. **Division III, Biology and Medicine:** Dr Ayşim Yılmaz. **Division IV, Programmes:** Dr Dimitri Sudan. **Careers division:** Dr Marcel Kullin. **Interdisciplinary and International Co-operation division (InterCo)/SwissCore:** Dr Jean-Luc Barras. **Gender Equality in Research Funding:** Dr des. Simona Isler.

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