

BRIDGE Proof of Concept

Special call for applications 2024 for Bachelor and Master graduates

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Submission deadline: **2 September 2024**

The BRIDGE Steering Committee

based on the regulations on BRIDGE Proof of Concept grants of 9 December 2020 (version of 28 September 2023) publishes the following call for proposals:

Background

Since 2017, the BRIDGE programme with its Proof of Concept funding scheme has been supporting young researchers – specifically those who wish to develop an application based on their research results with a view to becoming entrepreneurs, or to implement their research results with a partner from the private or the public sector. In September 2022 and 2023 BRIDGE published two special calls exclusively aimed at Bachelor and Master graduates. In 2022, a total of 31 projects were submitted, and seven were approved; in 2023, 24 projects were submitted, and eleven were approved.

In parallel with the regular call, BRIDGE is launching for the second time a call exclusively for applicants with a Bachelor's or a Master's degree. Applicants who are eligible to apply for this special call may submit their project in the regular call instead. Parallel project submissions are not permitted. In the case of simultaneous submission in both calls for proposals, the applicant must decide within a specified deadline and with the consequence of non-consideration which of the two applications to keep. Approximately 1 million francs have been made available for the call.

Restriction of the requirements for applicants

Based on article 6, paragraph 5, the BRIDGE Steering Committee restricts the requirements for applicants (as defined in article 6, paragraph 4) for this extraordinary call for proposals to Bachelor or Master graduates. All other articles of the regulations for BRIDGE Proof of Concept grants of 9 December 2020 (version of 28 September 2023) remain in force.¹

¹ https://www.snf.ch/media/en/GPduomF5TpPW4Mss/BRIDGE_PoC_regulations_en.pdf