

## **Q&A Session – Call «Research in Migration and Health»**

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## Today

- **Presentation**
  - Program aims
  - Target audience
  - A few elements for application preparation
- **Q&A**
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## Funding program «Research in migration and health» – Context

- Dual perspective: health provision for migrants and health of migrants
- Swiss research mostly fragmented across disciplines and institutions
- No national network that supports collaboration and methodological innovation
- FOPH national program (2002–2017) promoted health equity but revealed systemic gaps
  - >> Research key to identify emerging needs and guide responses
- **Funding program of Stanley Thomas Johnson Foundation and SAMS**
- **CHF 2.7 mio available for research projects over 3 years**

## «Research in migration and health» – Aims



- Encourage **collaborations between groups across institutions and regions**
- Support **high-quality, interdisciplinary and participatory** research projects
- Generate **actionable evidence** to improve health services delivery for vulnerable migrant communities
- Increase **research capacity at national level**
- Promote **early-career researchers**

## Project features

- Multi-centric studies allowing comparison with general population
  - >> Generalizability of results at national level
- Multidisciplinary
  - >> Inclusion of diverse perspectives
- Innovative, mixed-methods approaches
  - >> Allow understanding of health trajectories of different migrant groups over time
- Participatory
  - >> Avoid perpetuation of traditional biases
- Smaller, high-quality projects possible if have clear added-value for healthcare provision
- In planning stage

## Main research areas

### Two priority areas

- Evaluation and testing of programs and interventions to support migrant health
- Documentation of migrant health and associated medical needs and resources

### Topics

- Disease prevention (NCD, emerging infectious diseases)
- Promotion of health, including resources of migrants and migrant communities
- Determinants of migrants' health
- Health of children and elderly migrants
- Migration and mental health
- Strategies to overcome barriers in access to healthcare
- Training of healthcare professionals
- Climate change, migration and health

## Funding instruments

### Collaborative projects

- CHF 200k–300k per year for up to 3 years
- In general between CHF 600k and 900k per project
- At least 2 groups from distinct Swiss research institutions
- One project realized by collaborating research teams

### Smaller projects

- CHF 65k per year for up to 3 years
- Up to CHF 195k per project
- No formal requirements regarding collaboration, but welcome if relevant for project aims

## Target audience

### Applicants

- Experienced researchers in migration and health, with solid background and proven track record
- Involved in healthcare provision for migrants in Switzerland, or with close links to it
- Working at Swiss research institution  
(university hospital, university, university of applied sciences, ...)

## Evaluation

### Evaluation Committee

- Interdisciplinary, multiprofessional
- Broad disciplinary coverage
- Chaired by SAMS President
- Experts working in Switzerland, 1 international expert
  - >> deliberate decision of SAMS Board
  - >> transparent handling of COI
- Single-stage evaluation based on written proposals

Details: [sams.ch/migration-and-health](https://sams.ch/migration-and-health)

## Call timeline



<b>Call launch:</b>	December 2025
<b>Submission deadline:</b>	1st June 2026
<b>Evaluation:</b>	June – November
<b>Decisions:</b>	Mid-November 2026
<b>Earliest projects start:</b>	December 2026

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## Roles of persons involved in projects

- **Applicants**

- Experienced researchers in migration and health with links to healthcare provision
- Bring substantial contribution to project and bear its responsibility

- **Corresponding applicant**

- One applicant designated to represent the collaborating research groups towards SAMS
- Responsible for application, grant management – incl. transfer of funds, and reporting

- **Project partners**

- Bring specific expertise or research infrastructure for the project
- Can be non-academic partners

- **Employees**

- Primarily early-career researchers (junior postdocs, PhD students) or other staff members

## How many proposals can one person submit?

- **As applicant**
  - >> only one
- **As project partner**
  - >> can contribute to other proposals if expertise or specific research infrastructure necessary and brings added-value to project



## Eligible costs

### 1. Personnel costs

- Project staff salaries, costs for internal project coordination
- Must include employer social security contributions

### 2. Research costs

- Consumables, fees, compensation for participating members of migrant communities, scientific collaboration, communication, etc.
- Top-up allowance for research stay abroad for junior researchers employed on project

### 3. Project partner costs

- Nature of costs must be specified, cannot exceed 20% of total requested budget

### 4. Overhead costs

- Can be requested as part of project budget
- Must be directly linked to realization of project, up to max. 20% of total requested budget
- If institutional limitation: overhead can be used to cover portion of applicant's salary

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**Thank you very much for your interest and participation!**

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