

SNSF – FWO

2019 Lead Agency Call for Joint Research Projects

Deadline:	1 April 2019 FWO: 5 pm SNSF: 5pm
Maximum project duration:	4 years
Eligible topics:	Fundamental research in all domains

1) General Characteristics

The *Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)* and the *Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)* jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral Swiss-Flemish joint research projects. These joint research projects should promise a **clearly recognizable scientific added value** as a result of cross-border cooperation between Switzerland and Flanders. The project partners should combine their **complementary expertise**, deliver **scientific input from both sides** and **closely integrate** their project parts. As such the project partners cannot submit a project that could be executed without a Swiss/Flemish partner and as a result is eligible for stand-alone funding.

Applications will be dealt with according to the **Lead Agency Principle**. The application must be prepared **in accordance with the formal guidelines of the Lead Agency** (cf. below). The Lead Agency is in charge of carrying out the remote peer-review as well as the internal evaluation. Applications will be processed by the Lead Agency according to its standard evaluation and decision making procedures. Projects can have a **maximum duration of four years. All fields of fundamental research are eligible.**

In 2019 FWO acts as Lead Agency. All proposals must be **submitted by the Flemish partner to FWO** according to its internal procedures and guidelines (cf. below). At SNSF, for administrative reasons, the proposal must also be submitted through mySNF. See [the SNSF website](#) for more info.

Within this application round (2019) SNSF-FWO applications are considered as regular FWO research projects. This means that:

- Applications in the framework of this LAP procedure with Switzerland are taken into account when calculating the maximum number of projects per application round for which you can act as a (co-)supervisor.
- Supervisor-spokespersons that were awarded a regular FWO research project (including the LAP projects with Slovenia, Luxembourg, and Switzerland) in the previous (2018) application round, are not eligible to submit an SNSF-FWO project this application round (2019). For more info see [transitional measures](#).
- Granted FWO-SNSF projects starting as from 01/01/2019 are taken into account for the maximum of two projects applied for and ongoing on the start date of the newly allocated project.

2) Cost Calculations

Costs for the **Swiss and Flemish project parts must be calculated separately for each project part, in accordance with the guidelines of SNSF and FWO respectively (cf. below)**. If a project is approved, each funding agency will fund its respective researchers.

Flemish budget: For each host institution, an amount of €45,000 to €130,000 per project year for staff and consumables can be applied for. For interuniversity projects the lower limit for the partner can be reduced to €20,000. Per project a maximum amount of €150,000 for equipment can be applied for. Applying for matching funding up to €150,000 is possible.

A co-supervisor of a non-Flemish and non-Swiss university may also participate in the research project and, where appropriate, receive funding from the FWO insofar as the collaboration is relevant for the project and the funding for all co-supervisors of non-Flemish and non-Swiss universities combined, does not exceed 10% of the total FWO project budget.

On the **Swiss side** the regulations of the SNSF apply. More info can be found on [the website of the lead agency procedures of SNSF](#).

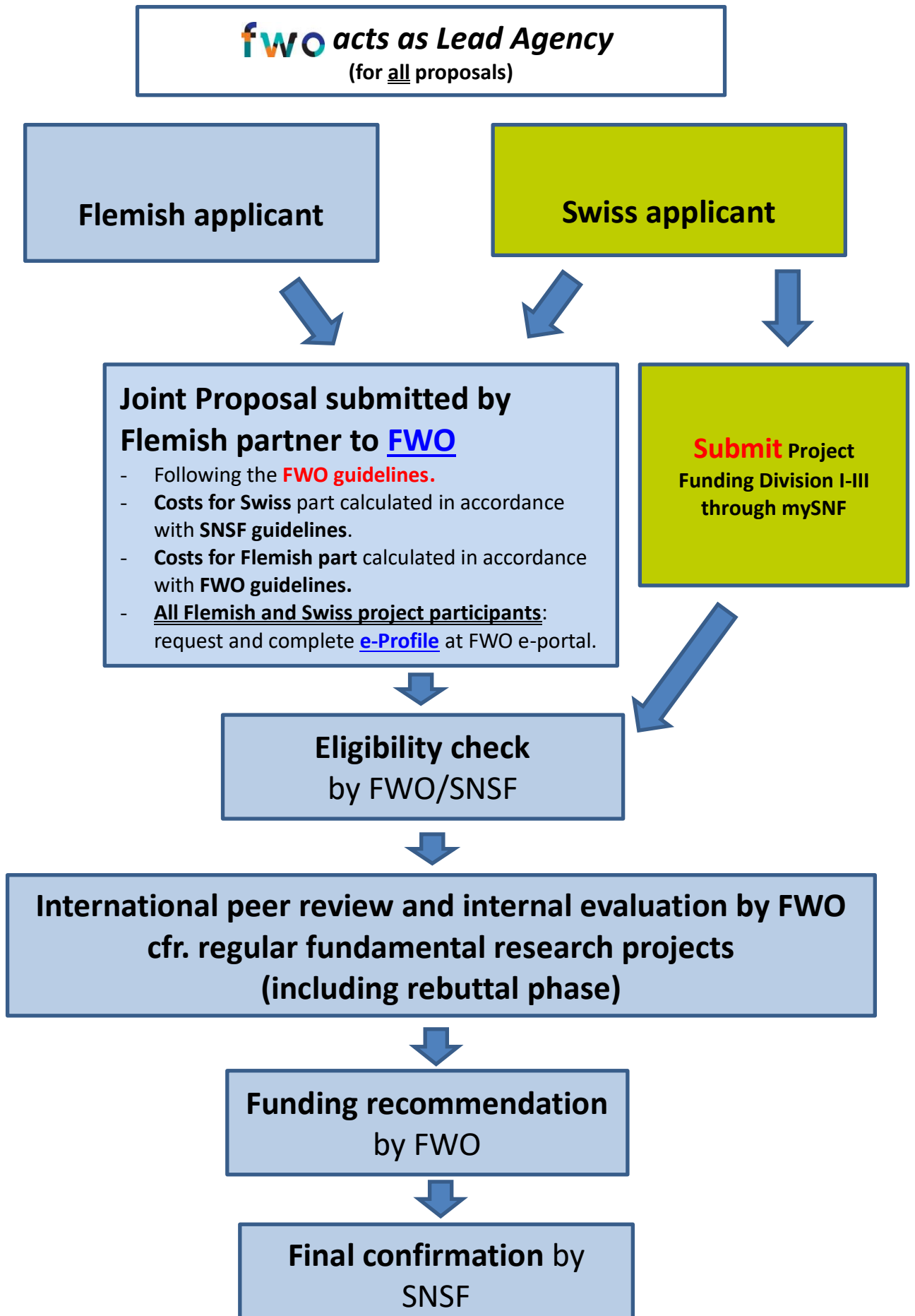
3) How to apply?

1. **The research proposal is submitted in English by the Flemish partner to FWO**, following the FWO application guidelines for SNSF-FWO research projects, using the [online application tool](#) (FWO e-portal) and respecting the deadline.

Proposals submitted to FWO must include additional information on:

- The **distribution of work** between the project partners (highlighted in the "Project")
 - The **added value** of the cooperation (highlighted in the section "Project")
 - **Separate budget justifications** for the Flemish **and** the Swiss part (both for personnel and non-personnel costs in the section "Requested Funding")
2. **Please note that all Flemish and all Swiss project participants must request and complete an online FWO e-loket profile** including an updated list of publications on the [FWO E-portal](#) by 01/04/2018 (5 pm) at the latest. The Swiss principle investigator receives the formal status of a supervisor at a foreign host institution, other Swiss participants are co-supervisors. It is strongly advised to **register well in advance at the FWO E-portal** as access needs to be manually granted by the FWO administration. Incomplete project applications will be declared ineligible.
 3. **The Swiss applicants** need to submit the proposal and a specific budget form through **mySNF** before the deadline of the call. More info can be found on the [website of the lead agency procedures of SNSF](#). **When creating a new application in mySNF, select Project Funding Division I-III**. Enter the Belgium project partners as further applicants. Enter the budget of the Swiss sub-project in the data container "Requested funding". For the Belgium budget, fill in the budget form and upload it in the data container "Lead Agency and other agreements". The research plan must be identical to the one submitted to the FWO. The CVs and research output of the research partners abroad are not required.

4) Graphic Summary – Deadline 1 April 2019



5) Review Process – FWO acts as Lead Agency

1) Administrative check (April 2019)

Eligibility check of the received project proposals by FWO and SNSF.

2) International peer review + internal preliminary evaluation (April – June 2019)

- International peer review: Each project application is evaluated by external reviewers, to be selected and appointed by the FWO. Applications are allowed to exclude up to three referees from the external evaluation process.
- Internal preliminary evaluation: In principle, each application is thoroughly evaluated by two panel members (preliminary report).

3) Rebuttal (September 2019)

Both the internal preliminary evaluation reports and the external evaluation reports are sent to the applicant, who can then provide a substantiated rebuttal to the elements in the evaluation which, in the applicant's opinion, are demonstrably incomplete or incorrect

4) Internal evaluation (October – November 2019)

The FWO Expert Panel – to which you submitted your application – will evaluate your research proposal. The list of projects to be funded will be presented to SNSF.

5) Decision (December 2019)

The SNSF Presiding Board and the FWO board of trustees will take a final decision with regard to the proposals recommended for funding.

6) Start of the projects (01 January 2020)

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