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| Research Service |
| Application form  FIR – call for young researchers |

To be sent with all required attachments **in one single PDF file** to: [servizio.ricerca@usi.ch](mailto:servizio.ricerca@usi.ch), by **30.09.2024, 17:00**

# Personal data

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| **Last Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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| **Current affiliation and position** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
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# Diplomas / extension eligibility period

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| **Name of the awarding university** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Date of the PhD (defence)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **PhD supervisor(s)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Request for extension of the eligibility period? (Yes/ No)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **If yes, please enclose a cover letter explaining the reason(s) pursuant to Article 1.2 of the Call document.** | |

# Project

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| **Title** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Research field** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Keywords (max. 4)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Duration (months)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Starting date (earliest: 01.02.2025)** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

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# Host institute at USI

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**Host professor at USI:**

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# Mobility and visits abroad

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| **Name of host** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Institution** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Duration of stay** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Short description of stay abroad** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

# Summary

(max. 200 words)

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# Requested budget

Please fill out the Excel table which you can download [here](https://www.usi.ch/sites/default/files/storage/attachments/servizio-ricerca-01_fir_2024_young_researchers_budget.xlsx)

**Other funds available from other projects, institute resources, etc.:**

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**Further comments:**

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# Attachments

* + CV (max. 2 pages);

* + Requested budget (to be filled out using the appropriate Excel form available [here](https://www.usi.ch/sites/default/files/storage/attachments/servizio-ricerca-01_fir_2024_young_researchers_budget.xlsx));
  + Publications list;
  + Scientific description (max. 8 pages), see detailed instructions in the following page;
  + Career plan and perspective for scientific independence and future funding (max 1 page);
  + Letter of support from the USI host professor;
  + If applicable: invitation letter from host professor abroad pursuant to Article 1.3 of the Call document;
  + If applicable: cover letter for the request of extension of eligibility window.
  + Two reference letters must be sent directly to [servizio.ricerca@usi.ch](mailto:servizio.ricerca@usi.ch) by the signatories.

Instructions for the scientific description

The scientific description must not exceed 8 pages A4 paper size and 40,000 characters (with spaces). This includes the title or title/cover page, possible table of contents, summary, footnotes (explanatory notes or comments at the bottom of a page), illustrations, formulae, tables, but not the bibliography (list of sources/references at the end of the document).

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| **1. Summary** | In the summary (maximum 1 page), present the background and rationale of the project, list its overall objectives and specific aims, mention the methods to be used, and briefly discuss the expected results and their impact for the field. |
| **2. Proposed research** |  |
| **2.1 Current state of research in the field** | Describe your project in the context of the current state of knowledge in your field. Make reference to the most important publications, particularly by other authors. Describe:  which previous insights provided the starting point and basis for the planned studies;  in which areas research is needed, and why;  which important, relevant research projects are currently underway in Switzerland and abroad. |
| **2.2 Current state of personal research** | Present the research work you have already undertaken in the relevant field or in related fields, describe the results obtained so far as well as the relevance of these preliminary undertakings for your project.  Together with the CV, this information serves as a basis for assessing your scientific qualifications, particularly your expertise with regard to the project. |
| **2.3 Detailed research plan** | Based on the information provided under 2.1 and 2.2, specify the approach you are taking and the concrete objectives that you aim to achieve in the period of funding. The following points should be addressed:  describe the studies or experiments needed and/or envisaged to reach the set goals. Assess the risks involved and propose alternatives if necessary;  characterise existing sources and datasets and describe the data collection strategy and possible alternative strategies;  methods by which the research goals are to be reached (applicant and collaborations) and methods that first have to be developed;  explain the role and the planned work of each member of the research team (incl. applicant, personnel and collaborations);  describe mobility foreseen during the project (if applicable). |
| **2.4 Schedule and milestones** | Compile a schedule that includes the most important milestones (e.g. table, Gantt chart, etc.). This plan should also indicate the main tasks with which the persons funded in the project are to be entrusted. |
| **2.5 Relevance and impact** | Describe the scientific relevance and expected impacts of your project for the discipline and for science as a whole (research and education/teaching). Mention the form in which you wish to publish your research results (articles in scientific journals, monographs, conference proceedings, etc.) Indicate whether and to what extent the proposed project will have a broader impact and what this impact will be. |
| **3. Bibliography** | List the sources of all concluded and/or ongoing work referred to in the research plan. The bibliography is not included in the maximum number of pages (8) and characters (40,000) count. |