



Information sheet for non-commercial research centres outside the higher education sector pursuant to Art. 5 of the Swiss Federal Research and Innovation Promotion Act RIPA

Information on the requirements and criteria for submitting innovation projects applicable to non-commercial research centres outside the higher education sector.

1. The institution fulfils the following conditions:

Research activities are specified as an aim of the research centre in its articles of association

- The aim of conducting research in the capacity of an autonomous and independent institution is clear from the articles of association.
- The institution has a research programme (with aims and content that are reviewed by an independent body at regular intervals).
- The research activities show continuity and adequate human and material resources are available for them.
- The institution has access to financial resources budgeted annually to ensure that the infrastructure required to implement the research programme is in place.
- The institution's financial plan provides evidence that the human resources required to conduct the research are financed with its own or third-party funds.

2. The institution meets the following requirements:

a. The funding bodies and owners of the research centre do not gain any pecuniary advantage from its activities

- The payment of a dividend or another form of pecuniary benefit to the owners or third parties beyond the scope of the financial contributions made by them (repayment of grants) is forbidden in accordance with the articles of association.
- The research institution is either subsidised by the owners or by third parties or is self-funding.

b. The level and quality of the research undertaken at the research centre are comparable to that of research carried out by higher education research centres

- The senior staff in charge of the research have a university degree and a sound track record of research.
- Implementing previous research and innovation projects with partners from industry can serve as evidence of their skills.
- Publications in specialist journals, presentations at conferences, lectures and seminars based



on research findings or similar activities undertaken for a wider audience enable regular quality assessment by experts.

Please note

- The right to receive a contribution accorded to a research centre that is outside the higher education sector in accordance with Art. 5 RIPA and that is presenting itself to Innosuisse for the first time is reviewed via the project funding application for a specific innovation project and a binding decision is made.
- This requires the research centre to submit, in addition to the funding application, its articles of association, a list of research staff with their roles and qualifications, a list of R&D projects in the last two years including, if relevant, completed ones, and further expedient information as defined above.

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