



# CALL FOR PROJECTS

## INNOVATIVE NURSING RESEARCH PROJECTS

Knowledge transfer is a relevant topic in health care and thus also for nursing. It is particularly relevant in the context of nursing quality and the question of how practice-relevant findings and concepts based on evidence-based knowledge can be applied in clinical nursing practice. This knowledge should contribute to optimizing the quality of care for patients<sup>1)</sup> and their families.

With this call for projects, the Nursing Science Foundation Switzerland is launching a funding program in a multi-phase process to support innovative nursing research projects that aim to sustainably improve healthcare through the generation of knowledge and its transfer into practice. The projects have to focus on the collaboration with patients<sup>1)</sup>, relatives and the different professions of health care and preferably include several institutions.

### **The following criteria must be met when applying**

1. Innovative nursing research project and its sustainability in practice
2. Interprofessional collaboration with a practice partner
3. Participative approach (user-involvement, co-design with professionals, patients/relatives) and empowerment of the persons concerned
4. Chances of success (impact evaluation/user evaluation)
5. Transfer and impact of research results in nursing practice
6. Use of funding
7. Monitoring of scientific work and practical implementation (process evaluation)

### **WHO CAN APPLY?**

When applying, the following requirements must be met and demonstrated:

- a) A nursing degree, at least at the master's level has been completed.
- b) At least 50% of work activity must be available for project development.
- c) At the time of application, a scientific employment must be available, which is additionally connected with a clinical practice field.

1) depending on the institution, clients or residents are addressed

- d) The professional position guarantees that research projects can be carried out under own responsibility and with a substantial personal contribution.
- e) Roles, function and responsibilities for the implementation of the project are clearly defined.
- f) It is demonstrated that the necessary research infrastructure is available to the applicant.

If an application is submitted jointly by several persons, then the requirements c) to e) must be proven by all applicants in each case.

### **Formal requirements**

- Applications must be submitted via the Foundation's website and contain all the necessary information and documents.
- The applications must comply with the specified scope.
- Only one application per applicant can be submitted.

## **FUNDING CONTRIBUTION**

Within the framework of this program, the Nursing Science Foundation Switzerland supports a maximum of two projects with a total amount of CHF 1 million.

From the submitted project ideas, four will be selected, which can be concretized for further development. This development will be supported by the foundation with CHF 20,000 each. This contribution is one-time and will be paid out after transparent budgeting.

From these further developed projects, two projects will be funded within the framework of an evaluation procedure, which optimally fulfill the requirements of sustainability, innovation and interprofessional cooperation. The maximum funding amount is CHF 500,000 per project.

The procedure for the submission and evaluation of applications is bindingly regulated in the appendix.

## **FUNDING AGREEMENT**

A binding and detailed grant agreement is concluded for the implementation of the supported projects.