

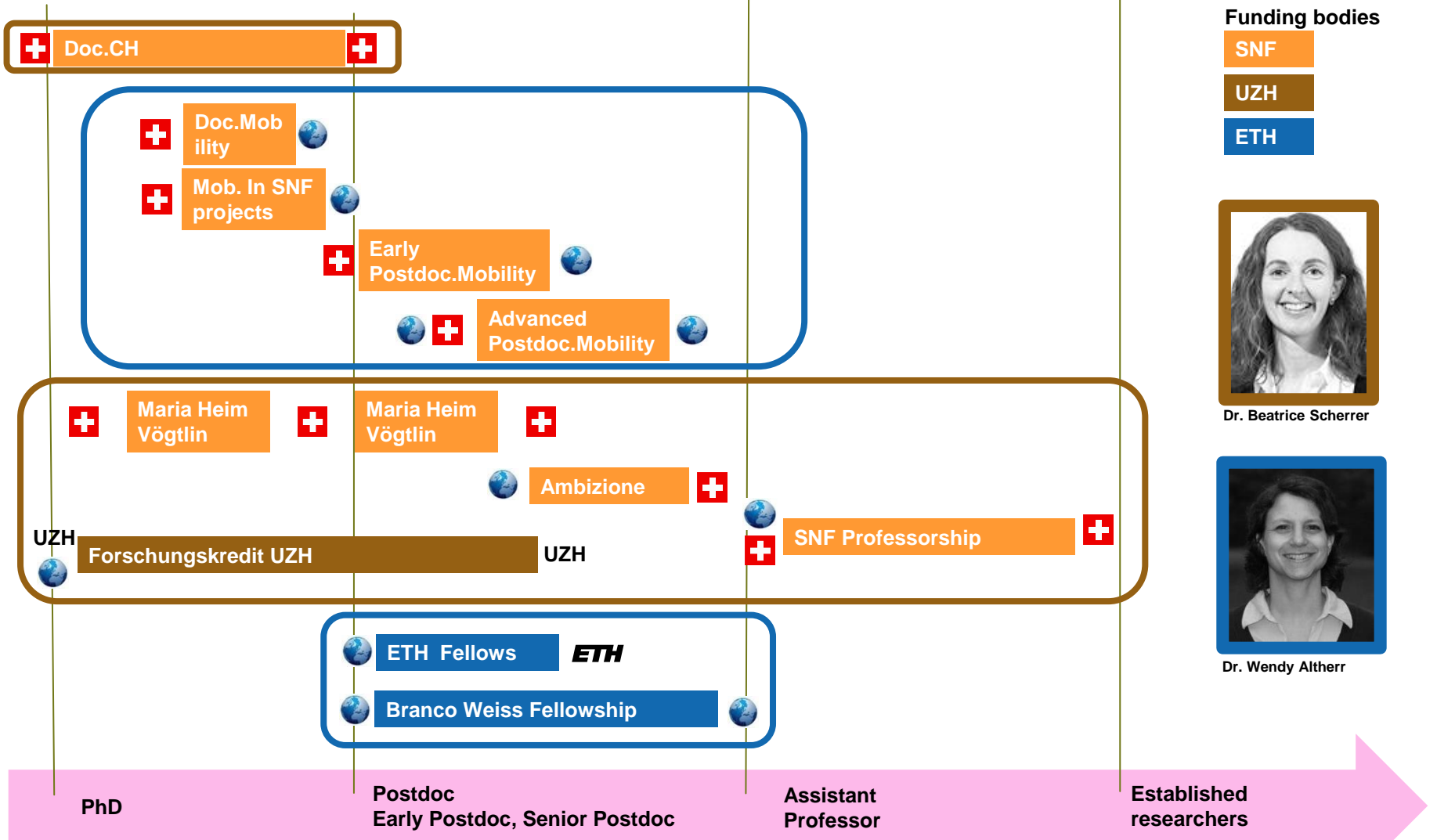
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Funding opportunities for PhD students and postdocs





Funding Timeline for Scientific Career Funding



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Tag der Forschung

**Der SNF besucht die ETH Zürich
Mittwoch, 26. November 2014**

HG Eingangshalle / Audi Max

Mobility Fellowships



Mobility Fellowships – a scheme for each step



	Fellowships	Deadlines & Evaluation
PhD students	Doc.Mobility 6-12/18 months	March 1 & Sep 1 evaluated by the local research commission (ETH or UZH)
Postdoc beginning	Early Postdoc.Mobility 18 months	
Postdoc experienced	Advanced Postdoc.Mobility 12 - 36 months + Return Grants (3-12 months)	Feb 1 & Aug 1 evaluated by the SNF research council

Mobility Fellowships Grant – annual contribution

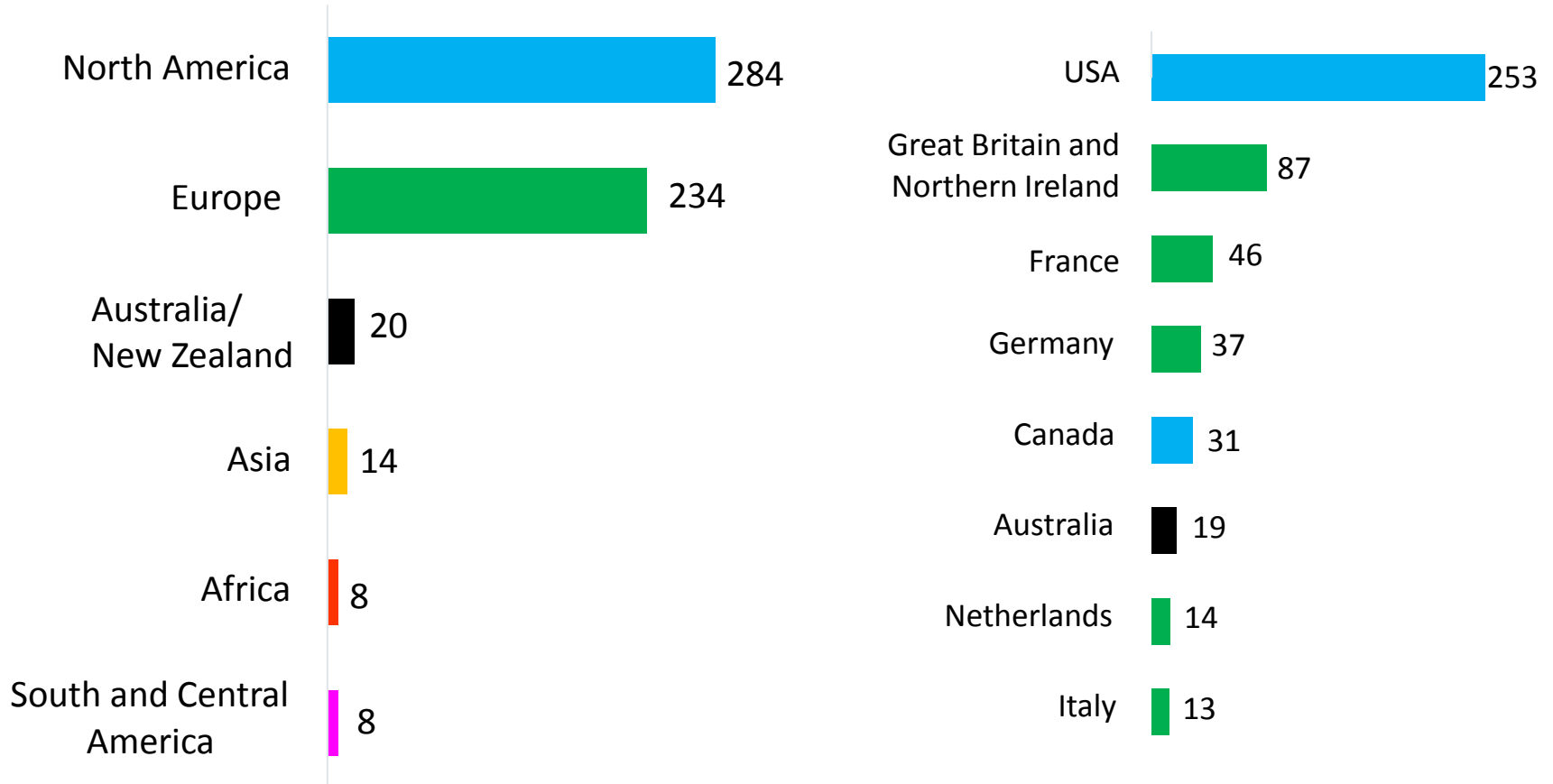
Fellowship

Basic amount*	CHF 42'000 - 63'000
Child allowance	CHF 9'000
Travel allowance	Outward and return journey (incl. spouse/children)
Registration fees	75% or max. CHF 15'000 (only if justified)
Congress costs	Max. CHF 2'000
Research costs	Max. 3'000 (only exceptionally)

*depending on host country, marital status and mobility instrument

Return grant (APM only) salary with social security contributions

Location of host institutions – Mobility Fellowships / 2013



Numbers without Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

29 different countries with <10 grantees



Doc.Mobility

Conditions

- Matriculation as a doctoral student for at least 12 months;
- Swiss nationality, permanent residence, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss
- At least 1 year of research activity at a Swiss research institution for persons with foreign nationality
- Number of Fellowships

Early Postdoc.Mobility

Conditions

- Doctorate (PhD) already obtained or obtainment within 6 months, or medical training completed with a doctorate (MD)
- Doctorate obtained no more than 2 years ago; medical researchers must have passed the state examination no more than 6 years ago.
- Swiss nationality, permanent residence, **valid residence or cross-border commuter permit**, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss
- For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution

Advanced Postdoc.Mobility

Conditions

- Doctorate (PhD) or medical training with a doctorate (MD) and at least 1 year's experience as a postdoc
- Submission up to 5 years after the doctoral exam (for medical researchers: up to 9 years and at least 3 years of clinical activity after the state examination)
- Swiss nationality, **valid permanent residence**, residence or cross-border commuter permit, or marriage resp. registered partnership with a Swiss national
- For persons with foreign nationality, at least 3 years of research activity at a Swiss research institution



Mobility Fellowships

Assessment criteria

- Quality, originality and relevance of the research project
- Track record of the applicant (Advanced researchers: proof of independency)
- Likelihood of a successful completion of the planned further education
- Aptitude for a scientific (Doc.Mobility/Early Postdoc.Mobility) or an academic (Advanced Postdoc.Mobility) career
- Prospects of such a career in Switzerland
- Quality of the host institution
- Extent of mobility
- Return grant (APM): relevance for the academic career and added value for knowledge transfer

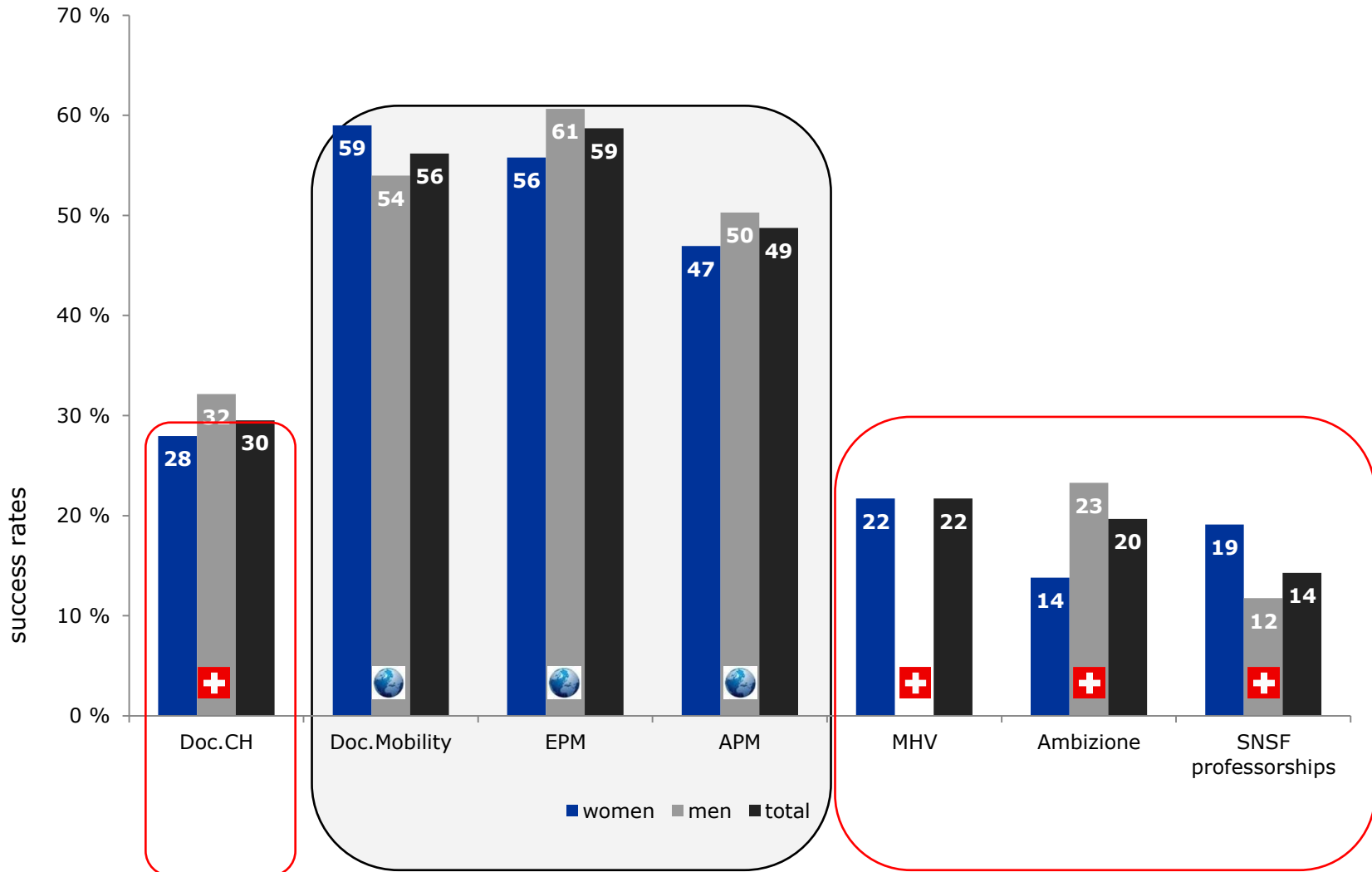


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Evaluation – On the right track

- Research project: first class (quality), original and feasible
- Research plan: clearly structured and enough details
- Problem / question: not too narrow but not too broad either
- Qualifications / achievements (e.g.: publication record)
- References / bibliography up-to-date
- Mobility
- Chances for a scientific (Doc.Mobility/Early Postdoc.Mobility) or academic (Advanced Postdoc.Mobility) career (within Switzerland)
- Presentation of the application (no typos, structure, complete,...)

Success rates career funding





ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowship Programm Society in Science - The Branco Weiss Fellowship

ETH Fellows – the ETH Zurich Postdoctoral Fellowships Program

Deadlines: March 1 and Sep 1, decision within 4 months

Goal: Attraction of excellent young scientists and engineers at the beginning of their careers to the ETH Zurich

Conditions

- Candidates must have obtained their doctorate outside of the ETH and UZH and move from outside to the ETH not longer than 6 months ago.
- Proposal is submitted together with an ETH Host Professor, theme of proposal can be in all fields of the ETH

Success rate: 25%-33%

Fellow numbers: 161 ETH Fellows selected since 2008

Cofunded by EU (FP7) with 40 % and 60 % VPFW means

www.ethfellows.ethz.ch

Society in Science - The Branco Weiss Fellowship



Deadlines: January 15, decision within 5 months

Goal: Supporting postdocs from sciences, engineering or social sciences willing to engage in a dialogue on relevant social, cultural, political or economic issues across the frontiers of their particular discipline.

Condition: Applicants must have the competencies to pursue a courageous and scientifically rigorous and independent research project, profiting from the freedom uniquely offered by this fellowship.

Duration and Funding: Financial support (CHF 100'000 / year) for up to five years and opportunity to work at any academic institution of their choice throughout the world.

Target size: max. 10 fellows p.a.

Success rate 1–3%

Fellow numbers: 40 fellows selected since 2003

<http://www.society-in-science.org/>