



Marie Heim-Vögtlin Programme

Promotion of Women – Re-start

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The SNSF in overview

- _ Founded in 1952, Foundation under private law
- _ Autonomous scientific executive body
- _ Research body of the Swiss Federation
- _ Largest Swiss institution for research support
- _ Budget: CHF 545 mio. (2007)
- _ Investigator driven Research
 - _ Project Funding
 - _ Individual Funding -> **Marie Heim-Vögtlin Programme**
- _ Targeted Research

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From History to Future

- _ Programme named after the first Swiss female doctor in Medical Sciences (1845-1916)
- _ Established in 1991
- _ 1991-2002: Biology & Medicine, Natural- and Engineering Sciences and Mathematics (PhD- and Postdoctoral candidates)
- _ 2003-2007: opened for PhD-candidates in Humanities and Social Sciences
- _ From 2008: PhD- and Postdoc. candidates of all disciplines

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Target Group

- _ Women → Female scientists
- _ Research career delayed or interrupted due to family obligations and/or change of residence as a result of their partner's career development
- _ PhD- and Postdoctoral candidates
- _ All disciplines
- _ Every age (no age limit)

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Conditions

- _ Continuation of the research activity in Switzerland at a University or Federal Institute of Technology
- _ Host Institution: Letter of acceptance for the time of support and a letter of intention for the time after the support
- _ Application submitted by the candidate herself
- _ Occupation degree (research project): min. 50 %
→ part-time possible

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Funding

- _ Individual Funding
- _ Duration: max. 24 months
- _ Demand for a prolongation possible: max. 24 months
- _ Salary and social contributions
- _ Subsidies for consumables and travel expenses
- _ Subsidies for childcare

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Success

_ MHV Programme Evaluation 1991 - 2002:

86% stayed employed → 67% at University / Federal Institute of Technology / Higher Schools for Applied Sciences

_ MHV Programme Statistics 2003 - 2006:

85% stayed employed → 75% at University / Federal Institute of Technology / Higher Schools for Applied Sciences

MHV-subsidies → A Way Forward !

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Thank you very much
for your attention

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