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The SNSF mission

• Support scientific research on behalf of the Swiss Confederation
• Invest in young researchers
• Enable research stays abroad
• Promote international cooperation
• Promote gender equality
Our commitment to researchers

• We fund projects in all disciplines.

• Our evaluation procedure is competitive and transparent.

• The quality of the research is our central criterion.

• Researchers from all over the world review proposals based on international standards.

• We are dedicated, in particular, to promoting young researchers and to gender equality.
Our commitment to researchers

• **Clear** and straightforward **procedures** are important.

• We aim to **minimise** administrative **tasks**.

• We **learn** from our experiences and **adapt** to the ever changing landscape of research.

• Switzerland should offer an **excellent** research **environment**.
Sources of R&D Financing in Switzerland

- Private enterprises: 63%
- Confederation: 10%
- Cantons: 10%
- Abroad: 4%
- Higher education institutions: 10%
- Private non-profit institutions: 1%
- Share of SNSF (within Confederation)*: 0.5%

Total: CHF 22.1 billion

Source: FSO, data 2015
Funding Portfolio

- Basic research projects
- Use-inspired basic research projects

Programmes 22%
- NCCR
- NRP
- International cooperation
- Sinergia
- Bridge

Careers 22%
- SNF-Prof
- Ambizione
- Prima
- Postdoc.Mobility
- Doc.Mobility
- Doc.CH

Infrastructures 9%

937.3 million CHF in 2016

14,600 researchers (applicant and staff) were involved in SNSF-funded projects as at 30 June 2016.
Bridge the gap
« Bridge the gap between SNSF and CTI funding »

resources

→ e.g. SNSF

BRIDGE

funding gap

→ e.g. CTI

→ industry

value chain

(Fundamental) research Technology Development Product Development
Funding by academic age

* Or 3 years of research experience

- PhD
- Doc.CH
- Postdoc.Mobility
- Science communication
- Ambizione
- Prima
- Eccellenza
- Sinergia
- Projects
- Infrastructures

* Or 3 years of research experience
National Research Council (NRC)

Presiding Board

Div I
Humanities and Social Sciences

Div II
Mathematics, Natural and Engineering Sciences

Div III
Biology and Medicine

Div IV
National Programmes

Specialised Committee Interdisciplinary Research (FA ID)

Specialised Committee International Cooperation (FA IZ)

Specialised Committee Careers (FA CAR)
Evaluation Bodies in career funding

Total 18 Evaluation Panels (303 members)

Total 12 SNSF Research Commissions (179 members)

env. 2500 proposals
Budget ~200 mio. CHF
Challenges on different levels

Funding / Evaluation

Standards of scientific quality

Further development of evaluation procedure
- Implement DORA
- Explore alternative evaluation mechanisms
- Optimize evaluation of use-inspired projects

Open Science:
- Publications
- Research data
Excellence comprises openness
OA policy today

**General requirement:** self-archiving of publication in an institutional or discipline-specific repository after publication by a publisher, embargo period max. 6 / 24 months (articles / books)

**Specific requirement:**

- **Articles:** up to CHF 3’000 (APC) for articles in peer-reviewed gold-OA-journals as eligible costs
- **Books:** self-archiving of publications directly co-financed by the SNSF in an institutional or discipline-specific repository, embargo period max. 24 months
OA 2020

Decision of March 2017

all (100%) publications out of SNSF-funded projects Open Access available by 2020 (for future publications, not retroactive)

- Goals in line with Open Access strategy of European Union (2020)
- Goals more ambitious than Swiss National Open Access Strategy (2024)
- Implementation ongoing
## OA 2020 - goals and measures

### Goals according to decision in March 2017:
100% OA-publications by 2020

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Incentives & Support

- APC without Upper Limit
- mySNF Input Forms and P3
- Separate handling of GoldOA APCs (independent of project duration)
Open Research Data

The SNSF values research data sharing as a fundamental contribution to the impact, transparency and reproducibility of scientific research. In addition to being carefully curated and stored, the SNSF believes research data should be shared as openly as possible.

Since October 2017

• Data Management Plans (DMP) are a formal requirement at project submission

• Data sharing: published data have to be shared on public repositories

For information: http://www.snf.ch/en/theSNSF/research-policies/open_research_data/
Data Management Plan

• At project submission, DMPs are considered as drafts

• DMPs are not part of the review process

• A “plausible” DMP is condition for the release of the funds

• DMPs are editable. They can be revised and updated during the lifetime of the funded project

• Once SNSF funding has ended and the final scientific report has been approved, the DMP is shared on P3 (SNSF’s public database)

• Ethical, confidentiality, legal or technical issues can be mentioned in the DMP; the SNSF takes these comments into account
Data sharing

• SNSF expects published data to be shared.

• Data needs to be shared as soon as possible, but at the latest at the time of publication of the respective scientific output.

• Repositories need to be digital and conform to the **FAIR data principles**:
  
  data sets are Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable.

• Additional data can be shared if the researcher wishes to do so.

• SNSF contributes with CHF 10’000/grant to data preparation efforts/services and data uploading costs. Service or repository providers have to be non commercial entities.

  (limits can be exceeded, if justified. Cost contributions for data related to research funded by the SNSF are possible)
Knowledge is the key to the future

1946  Physicists Felix Bloch and Edward Purcell discover that atomic nuclei in a magnetic field absorb electromagnetic radiation.

1981  Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is used for the first time in clinical medicine.
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Funding by career schemes (Data 2016)
Mobility fellowships

For PhD students:

- **Doc.Mobility**

For postdocs starting their career:

- **Early Postdoc.Mobility**
- **Postdoc.Mobility *\**

* will replace Advanced Postdoc.Mobility as of 2018
Doc.Mobility

Aim
• Research stay abroad for doctoral students (6 – 18 months)

Personal requirements
• Matriculation as a doctoral student for at least 12 months
• Link with Switzerland
• At least 1 year of activity at a Swiss research institution for applicants with foreign nationality

Submission deadlines
• 1 March and 1 September
Early Postdoc.Mobility

Aim
- Research stay abroad for postdocs starting their career (12 – 18 months)

Personal requirements
- Doctorate (PhD) already obtained or obtainment within 9 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
- Link with Switzerland
- At least 3 years of activity at a Swiss research institution for applicants with foreign nationality

Submission deadlines
- 1 March and 1 September
Postdoc.Mobility

Aim
• Research stay abroad for postdocs starting their career (24 months in principle, but at least 12 months) with a return option to Switzerland (3 – 12 months)

Personal requirements
• Doctorate (PhD, MD-PhD) or completed studies in human, dental, veterinary, social or preventive medicine
• Submission up to 3 years after the doctoral exam (PhD, MD-PhD)
• Medical researchers without MD-PhD: submission up to 8 years after the state examination and at least 3 years of clinical activity
• Link with Switzerland
• At least 2 years of activity at a Swiss research institution for applicants with foreign nationality

Submission deadlines
• 1 February and 1 August
Mobility fellowships

**Annual contribution**
- Basic amount: CHF 40’000 – 71’500 (host country, marital status, scheme)
- Child allowance: CHF 12’000 per child
- Travel allowance (outward and return journey incl. partner/children)
- Registration fees (if justified): 75% or max. CHF 15’000
- Conference costs: max. CHF 2’000
- Research costs: max. CHF 3’000 (only exceptionally)

**Postdoc.Mobility return option grant**
- Salary incl. social security contributions
Mobility fellowships
Eligibility windows at the postdoctoral level
Career funding schemes within Switzerland

Doc.CH

PRIMA

Ambizione

SNSF Eccellenza
Aim
- Write a dissertation
- In the humanities and social sciences
- Topic of their own choice
- At a higher education institution in Switzerland

Requirements
- Master degree (or similar degree) with excellent marks
- Master degree from a higher education institution in Switzerland or similar foreign degree for applicants with Swiss nationality
- Submission to the Research Commission of the SNSF no more than 2 years after the master degree
- Generally at least one change of institution between bachelor and start of PhD or a planned stay abroad of at least one semester during doctoral studies
Duration
• From 2 to 4 years

Eligible costs
• Grantee’s own salary (according to the SNSF salary scales for doctoral students)
• Costs directly related to project implementation: material of enduring value, consumables, travel and conference expenses, scientific open access e-publications (articles, digital books), etc.

Submission deadlines
• 10 March and 10 September
PRIMA
(Promoting Women in Academia)

Aim
• Selective promotion of excellent women researchers who have a potential for an academic career (i.e. to be appointed as a professor)
• Lead your own team to realise your independent research project

Personal requirements
• MD-PhD or PhD
• Applicants without a PhD/MD-PhD: 3 years of research activities as equivalent qualification
• Eligibility window: 2–10 years after PhD/equivalent qualification
• 2 years of postdoctoral research activity
• No formal mobility requirement for submission

Objective requirements
• Work-time percentage generally 100% (at least 80% in specific cases)
PRIMA

**Duration**
- 5 years (no follow-up grants)

**Eligible costs**
- Salary of grantee and project funds
- Project funds (personnel, equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)

**Contribution**
- Grantee’s own salary
- Project funds: max. CHF 750’000 for 5 years

**Submission deadline**
- 1 November 2017
Aim
• Create conditions for starting an independent career in Switzerland

Personal requirements
• Postdoctoral research activities of at least 12 months at a different university from that of the dissertation
• Eligibility window: 1-4 years after PhD/equivalent qualification
• MD: at least 3 years of postgraduate clinical activity; up to 9 years after the medical license

Objective requirements
• Work-time percentage generally 100% (at least 80% in specific cases)
• Medical researchers doing clinical work: 80–90% project and training related to the project, minimum 10% clinical activities
Ambizione

Duration
• 4 years (no follow-up grants)

Eligible costs
• Ambizione grant: salary of grantee and project funds
• Ambizione project grant: only project funds
• Project funds (personnel, equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)
• Candidates with sufficient experience may apply for a PhD student

Contribution
• Grantee’s salary (if applicable)
• Project funds: max. CHF 400’000 for 4 years

Submission deadline
• 1 November 2017
SNSF Eccellenza fellowships/grants

Aim
• Enable your own team at professorial level to realise your independent research project

Eccellenza fellowships (salary of grantee and project funds)
• Eligibility window: 3–8 years after PhD/equivalent qualification
• MD: at least 3 years postgraduate clinical activity; up to 12 years after the medical license
• Postdoctoral research experience of at least 24 months at a different university from that of the dissertation; at least 12 months abroad
• Swiss university degree, Swiss nationality or at least 2 years of research activity in Switzerland
SNSF Eccellenza fellowships/grants

**Eccellenza grants (only project funds)**
- Assistant professor **with tenure track** in Switzerland
- Employment no earlier than 18 months before the submission deadline or due to commence on the project start date at the latest
- **No requirement on eligibility window or mobility**

**Objective requirements**
- Work-time percentage generally 100% (at least 80% in specific cases)
- **Eccellenza fellowships**: at least 80% research and further scientific education, 20% teaching
- **University of applied sciences**: devote at least 70% to research and further scientific education, 30% teaching
- **Medical researchers doing clinical work**: at least 50% research and training related to the project; up to 50% clinical activities
SNSF Eccellenza fellowships/grants

Duration
• 5 years (no follow-up grants)

Eligible costs
• Salary of grantee (assistant professor level; if applicable)
• Project funds (personnel, equipment, consumables, travel, etc.)

Contribution
• Eccellenza fellowships: salary of grantee (determined in agreement with host)
• Eccellenza fellowships: project funds up to CHF 1’000’000 for 5 years
• Eccellenza project grants: project funds up to CHF 1’500’000 for 5 years

Submission deadline
• 15 February 2018
Overview eligibility windows

Eligibility windows 2018 - 2020

- Project funding
- Eccellenza
- Ambizione
- Postdoc.Mobility
- PRIMA

Years prior to/after PhD
Steps of the evaluation procedure

Submission of application (Ambizione, PRIMA, Eccellenza)

Administrative Office
- Check of formal and personal conditions
- Attribution of referee and co-referee

Evaluation phase 1
- Evaluation by committees/panels

Decision on evaluation phase 1 by Specialised Committee Careers
- Rejection phase 1 or invitation phase 2

Evaluation phase 2 (interviews with applicants)
- Peer-reviewing
- Evaluation by committees/panels

Provisional decision on evaluation phase 2 by Specialised Committee Careers and final approval by Presiding Board of the National Research Council
- Rejection phase 2 or funding

Communication of decisions by the Administrative Office
If you are not successful ...

... please first ...

• read carefully the decision letter
• External reviews may contain more information
• Cross-check with the decision
• If you have questions, ask the SNSF secretariat for clarifications
• Possibility to ask for a reconsideration or submit an appeal

Can you improve your application?

• It is possible to apply at the most a second time for the same funding scheme if you still fulfil all formal requirements
• List and comment the changes to the former version of the project
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Project funding

Core “business” of the SNSF

Funding for projects of high quality in all scientific disciplines

Topics can be chosen freely by scientists

- Covers direct research costs (staff salaries, materials, travel costs, etc.)
- Does not cover the applicants’ salaries
Project funding

• Open to **all disciplines**

• Grants for research projects **without commercial goals**, independence of research and freedom of publication

• **Individuals** or **research groups** acting as applicants

• Project **duration**: min 1 year, max 4 years

• No fixed maximum amount for grants, min 50,000 CHF

• Submission **deadlines**: 1st April and 1st October, 5pm
General eligibility requirement

• Employment at least **50%** in accordance with Swiss law at a Swiss institution

• Researchers devoting less than 50% of their time to science are eligible if their scientific research and teaching activities are usually carried out as part of another professional activity, e.g. physicians
Eligibility requirements for project funding

• Professional researchers with at least 4 years' experience after the doctorate (or an independent research position) who are in employment for the duration of the project* will be able to submit applications.

• Researchers with less research experience can apply to the Ambizione scheme.

*Exceptions possible for young researchers
Grant conditions in project funding

• Within **project funding**, researchers in principle **hold only one grant during the same funding period**.

• The SNSF may award a **second grant** if the overlapping research project is **clearly different** from the first in terms of **topic, aim, object of study and research question** and if the applicant can make a **substantial contribution**.

• **Two or more applicants** are allowed if this is **essential** for successful completion of the project and if **each has responsibility and makes a major contribution**.

• **Lead Agency projects** are regarded as applications for project funding; Sinergia and ERA-Net projects are not.
Eligible costs

- **Salaries** and social security contributions
- **Conferences** and **workshops, collaborations** (national & international)
- **Direct costs** for using infrastructures
- Costs of scientific **open access** publications
- **Research costs:**
  - Material of enduring value, equipment
  - Travel
  - Third-party expenses Costs for project partner - Subcontracting
  - Computing time and data
- Costs for **career** measures
- ORD
Project partners - Subcontracting

- **Project partner** = makes a scientific contribution; at a public, private or commercial research institution/company in CH or abroad under the condition that the contribution does not result in a direct monetary benefit for the employer

- Usually max. 20%, exceptions are possible

- Employees of project partners cannot be employed as staff members in SNSF projects

- **Subcontracting** = buy-in of services, often from companies

- Usually max. 10%, exceptions are possible

- **Costs** of project partners and of subcontractors

- Services and costs should be proportionate and economical.
## Employment duration in SNSF projects

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- **Doctoral students**: A max. of 4 years in an SNSF grant.
- **Postdocs**: A max. of 5 years in an SNSF grant.
- **Academic career**: Matriculation to PhD defense.
- **Further employees**: No eligibility windows.
- The **conditions of the universities** must be respected.
- The SNSF does not finance **permanent positions**.
How to submit an application?

Important facts in a nutshell:

- Submission via [www.mySNF.ch](http://www.mySNF.ch)

- Evaluation:
  1. Formal
  2. Peer Review
  3. Selection in a competitive procedure by National Research Council

- Decision: about 6 months after submission
Evaluation criteria

with regard to the proposed project
• relevance, including broader impact for use-inspired projects
• originality and topicality
• suitability of methods
• feasibility

with regards to the applicant
• scientific track record and
• expertise in view of the proposed project
Some advice

- Start planning your submission **early** : deadlines are strict
- Read and follow the **guidelines**
- **Invest enough time** for preparing all required documents
- **Register on mySNF** as early as possible
- Question “**rumors/myths**” from third parties: If you have questions, contact the SNSF
Typical rejection reasons

- Lack of details w.r.t. to **evaluation criteria**
- **Competence or expertise** of applicant
- Lack of coherence, lack of focus,
- Unclear progress of **state-of-the-art** or unclear impact
- Missing references to sources, archives, literature or competitors
- Background, concept, aims, research questions or hypotheses not clear
- Not enough details about how the questions will be answered
- Unclear, inappropriate **methods** (Power analysis, statistics)
- Too ambitious, too much to do, unrealistic approach
- No preliminary studies, no fall-back plan, no validation planned
If you are not successful...

... first read carefully ...
- the rejection letter
- the peer reviews

... then, if you consider a resubmission, ...
- ask the SNSF administrative office if you have questions
- improve your application and resubmit a significantly revised version, provided that you fulfil the formal requirements
- list and explain your adjustments in a cover letter

... or, if you strongly disagree with the decision, ...
- you can ask for reconsideration or appeal against the decision
If you are successful...

Conditions for the release of funds:
- The project must start within 12 months after approval letter
- DMP
- Lay summary
- Request for personnel change
- Project specific conditions, budget

During the project:
- Extensions possible
- Yearly financial report
- Output data

At the end of the project:
- Output data
- Scientific report
- Financial report
- DMP
Sinergia

Aim
• Promote **interdisciplinary** and **collaborative** research projects that propose breakthrough research

Requirements
• Research across disciplinary boundaries and beyond existing models, theories or methods
• Goals can only be reached through the integration of elements from two or more disciplines
• Joint research approach of applicants with complementary expertise and knowledge
• Similar importance of all disciplines and applicants involved
Sinergia

Grant conditions
• 2 to 4 applicants and their groups collaborate closely in a network
• When 3 or 4 applicants, 1 can be based abroad, if expertise is not available in CH
• Eligibility and eligible costs as in project funding
• Only one Sinergia grant per person and period for all applicants
• Only one Sinergia application per applicant and deadline

Duration
• 1 to 4 years

Submission deadlines
• 1 June and 1 December
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National Centres of Competence in Research

NCCRs promote innovative, top-tier research networks in strategically important fields. The goals of the instrument are:

- to strengthen Switzerland’s position in research
- to develop innovative research structures
- to promote national and international collaboration and coordination
- to promote knowledge and technology transfer, science communication, the training of young talents and gender equality
National Centres of Competence in Research

- Can run for 12 years (in 3 phases of 4 years). Currently, 16 NCCRs are active.
- Hosted by one or more Swiss HE institution as home institutions.
- Run a yearly budget of up to 10 mio CHF. The SNSF contributes ca. 50% of the funds, the home institutions ca. 25%.
- Consists of between 10 and 30 research groups and are led by experienced and internationally renowned researchers.

New call launched
National Research Programmes (NRPs)

The NRPs generate scientific knowledge aimed at solving Switzerland’s most pressing problems.

The topics are specified by the Federal Council
• New NRPs are launched every 3 years
• Duration: 5-7 years
• CHF 15-20 million for each
• 12 NRPs are currently ongoing
Current NRPs

- **Opportunities and Risks of Nanomaterials**
  National Research Programme NRP 64

- **Resource Wood**
  National Research Programme NRP 66

- **End of Life**
  National Research Programme NRP 67

- **Soil as a Resource**
  National Research Programme NRP 68

- **Healthy Nutrition and Sustainable Food Production**
  National Research Programme NRP 69

- **Energy Turnaround**
  National Research Programme NRP 70

- **Managing Energy Consumption**
  National Research Programme NRP 71

- **Sustainable Economy**
  National Research Programme NRP 73

- **Antimicrobial Resistance**
  National Research Programme NRP 72

- **Smarter Health Care**
  National Research Programme NRP 74

- **Big Data**
  National Research Programme NRP 75

- **Welfare and Coercion**
  National Research Programme NRP 76
International cooperation strategy

• Provide **optimal framework conditions** for international cooperation
  – Facilitate researchers’ mobility
  – Foster institutional cooperation
  – Lower barriers to cross-border cooperation

• Concentration on the **added-value** of international cooperation
  – Remain close to the needs of scientists

• Concentration on **scientific excellence**
• Collaboration with other funding agencies
• Complementarity with other Swiss and international actors
International funding opportunities at SNSF (any country)

- **Partners** abroad in project funding (up to 20% of the project budget)
- **Mobility grants in project funding** (PhD students)
- **Sinergia** (1 applicant from abroad among 3-4 funded applicants)
- **Mobility fellowships**: Doc.Mobility, Postdoc.Mobility
- **Scientific Exchanges** (short and mid-term individual mobility grants)
- **International programmes** (e.g. bilateral programmes)
International programmes: global
International collaboration in Europe

- **Money Follows Co-operation Line**: Reciprocal cross-border funding of bilateral joint research projects
  - **UK**: Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); up to 30% of the overall budget
- **Lead Agency**: Co-funding of activities with mutual recognition of funding decisions
  - **Austria, Belgium, France, Luxembourg**
  - Bilateral scheme with **Germany**
  - Enlargement contribution (**Croatia**)
- **COST Actions** and research **projects**
- **Horizon 2020**
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Agora – Grants for public science communication

**Aim**
- Foster dialogue between science and society

**Grant conditions**
- Project grants between CHF 5’000 and 200’000
- From PhD students to senior researchers
- Communicated topic must be of interest to the target audience and the underlying research must have been peer-reviewed
- Grant includes collaboration with experts in communication, knowledge transfer or culture
Agora – Grants for public science communication

**Duration**
- Up to 3 years

**Submission deadlines**
- 1 September
- From 2018, applications for grants from CHF 5’000 to 50’000 may be submitted all year round

**Optimus Agora prize**
- Rewards Agora grant applications with high communicative potential
- Enables its recipients to consolidate and extend their communication skills

**AGORA projects**
are regarded as research output pursuant to the principles of DORA and accepted by the SNSF as part of an applicant’s track record
Agora – Grants for public science communication

AGORA event map

http://www.snf.ch/agoramap
Scientific Exchanges

- Enables researchers in Switzerland to organise **scientific conferences** and **workshops**, as well as **visits** by Swiss researchers to other countries or visits by researchers from abroad to Switzerland

- Duration of the exchange:
  - Events: 1-5 days
  - Visits: 1-6 months

- Covers the **travel expenses** and **room and board costs** of researchers taking part in the events or of visiting researchers

- Submission at least 4 months before the exchange
Media courses for researchers

- Aimed at researchers in Switzerland
- Master the craft of writing non-scientific texts for a large number of purposes:
  - adapting a research topic for the general public
  - preparing content for a website
  - writing press releases
- Held in German and French
- Dates for 2018 available on our website
Supplementary measures

120% support grant
For the right balance between academic career and family commitments

• will be replaced by a new «flexibility grant»
• for postdoctoral (and doctoral) researchers with child care duties who need more flexibility
• enables temporary part-time employment and hiring of a support person, or grantees can use it to cover child care costs

→ Can be applied for during the project running-time with relative ease
Supplementary measures

**Gender equality grant**

Individual and flexible career support for young women scientists

- aimed at young women researchers (PhD students and postdocs)
- amounts to CHF 1000 per twelve months' approved project running time
- may be used to finance career support measures but does not cover family support measures
Supplementary measures

Mobility for PhD students

Improve your scientific profile by going abroad (for six to twelve months)

- aimed at PhD students who are employed in an ongoing SNSF research project
- can cover travel and living costs as well as fees for conferences and workshops of up to CHF 20,000. It is awarded for six to twelve months
- If the applicant is accompanied by his family, a further CHF 5,000 per family member may be awarded.

→ Can be applied for during the project running-time with relative ease
Further information

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A curated newsletter and database on current science policy issues

www.sciencegeist.com
Knowledge is the key to the future

2008
Computer scientists Marcus Hutter and Shane Legg draw up different definitions of intelligence.

2011
The start-up DeepMind sets out to develop artificial intelligence. The company is sold to Google in 2014, and in 2016 beats the reigning Go world champion.
Knowledge is the key to the future

1957 Immunologists Alick Isaacs and Jean Lindenmann discover a substance that protects chicken embryos against flu viruses.

1983 Viral illnesses are frequently treated with interferon