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Dear postdoctoral fellows,
We are pleased to announce the call for applications to the

“PIs of tomorrow: The Future of Swiss Research”

session at the next **LS² Annual Meeting 2024** which will be held in **Lausanne, 14-15 February 2024**. This session offers **postdocs interested in an academic career an opportunity to present a plenary talk similar in format to a professorship interview seminar.**

Selected participants will have the chance to deliver a **12-minute presentation** which should appeal to a broad audience. This talk should also highlight the current achievements of the researcher alongside their proposed future research ideas and aspirations. The talk will be followed by a **14-minute discussion** on various aspects of the proposed activity, alongside career-oriented aspects of the presenter. **A knowledgeable jury panel of professors will evaluate the presentations.**

The **best presentation will be awarded a prize.** However, everyone is a winner, as **all presenters in the session will receive feedback from the jury in a one-on-one private session afterwards.** Moreover, as a participant in the LS² Annual Meeting 2024, you will have the opportunity to expand or refresh your network in Switzerland via interaction with scientists in and outside your field.

Eligibility criteria:

1. **Early career post-PhD researcher with a net academic age of max. 5 years** (please follow the regulations given by the Swiss National Science Foundation https://www.snf.ch/media/en/Of9kzylTRoaTlliN/SNSF_net-academic-age.pdf)
2. **Ties to Switzerland** (i.e. Swiss citizenship, Swiss residency, past or on-going affiliation with a Swiss institution of at least two years by the 2024 meeting)
3. **Independent position holders are not eligible** (i.e. researchers holding grants covering their entire salary and/or allowing them to hire students/technicians and pay bench fees, researchers supervising a small group within a larger lab, researchers supervising post-doc(s)).

The following documents are required for the application:

1. **Cover letter** highlighting your career path, research interests and motivation to become an independent researcher (**max. 1 page**)
2. **Research plan** including feasibility (e.g. tentative timeline, technical expertise), methodology, significance of the proposed research and its societal impact (**max. 3 pages including references**)
3. **Graphical abstract** – overview of the proposed project/research plan (**max. 1 page**)
4. **CV** including information about grants, research mobility, teaching and supervision experience, collaborations, outreach activities, and up to 5 major scientific achievements (**max. 3 pages**)

For cover letter and research plan, use the text formatting as Arial 12pt, 1.5 paragraph spacing, and justified aligned.



Selection criteria:

- Scientific quality of proposed research;
- Novelty and creativity;
- Relevance and impact;
- Research output;
- Collaborations, networks and outreach;
- Teaching and supervision;
- Independence and maturity;
- Mobility

To **apply**, please follow the guidelines in the application **link below** to upload your documents **in a single pdf file (max. 5 MB)**:

<https://form.jotform.com/211792813615356>

Applications must be received by **October 15th, 2023 (23:59 CET).**

Questions to the application should be addressed to postdocsession@gmail.com. We are looking forward to your application and hope to welcome you at the LS² Annual Meeting 2024!

Yours sincerely,

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