

LS² ANNUAL MEETING 2025

THE COMPLEXITY OF LIFE: FROM MOLECULAR ASSEMBLIES TO NETWORKS

12 – 13 FEBRUARY 2025, UNIVERSITY OF FRIBOURG
& YOUNG SCIENTISTS' SATELLITE ON 11 FEBRUARY

[On behalf of Life Sciences Switzerland (LS2), we would highly appreciate it if you could circulate the below call among its target audience, or alternatively publish it online on your news sites/social media]

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 2025** which will be held in **Fribourg, 12-13 February 2025**. 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.**

Two prizes will be awarded, by the Jury and by the Public. As well, all finalists presenting in the session will receive feedback from the jury in a one-on-one private session afterwards focused on career development and advice. In addition, finalists will have their costs covered to attend the LS2 Annual Meeting 2025, taking advantage of 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** (following SNSF age regulations to take into account career breaks, maternity/paternity leaves, etc: 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).

3. **Currently not in a permanent or tenure track position.**

For all requirements, the relevant date is that of the deadline (06.10.2024 at 23:59 CET).

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/statement.** Please provide a research plan or statement from a recent application/proposal (e.g. Research plan for ERC grants, SNSF Ambizione, academic position applications, etc.) Recommended 1 page (excluding references and figures) but flexible up to 3 pages to match the format of the call they were originally intended for.

3. **Graphical abstract**, overview of the proposed project/research plan (max. 1 page)

4. **Curriculum Vitae**, including information about grants, research mobility, teaching and supervision experience, collaborations, outreach activities, and major scientific achievements (max. 3 pages). Both

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traditional format and the new SNSF CV format (<https://snf.ch/en/gKcnwW6aEft4bMPF/page/your-curriculum-vitae-all-about-the-cv-format>) are allowed.

For cover letter and research plan, use the text formatting as a standard font (Arial, Calibri, Times,...) 12pt, 1.5 paragraph spacing, and justified alignment.

Selection criteria:

- Scientific quality of proposed research
- Novelty and creativity
- Relevance and impact
- Research output
- Collaborations, networks and outreach
- Teaching and leadership
- 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 6th, 2024 (23:59 CET).

For questions on the session, contact postdocsession@gmail.com. We look forward to your application and hope to welcome you in February 2025 at the LS² meeting!

Yours sincerely,

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