

LS² Annual Meeting 2027

"Biological interactions: from molecules to organisms."

[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 2027**, which will be held at **Amphimax/Amphipôle, University of Lausanne, on February 10-11, 2027**. This session offers an **opportunity for postdocs and junior researchers** interested in pursuing an academic career **to present a talk in a similar format to a professorship application interview**.

Three finalists will have the chance to deliver a **presentation** to a broad audience **highlighting their future research plans**, as well as their **current achievements**. A jury panel of professors will evaluate the presentations and provide feedback in a one-on-one session afterwards.

Two prizes will be awarded: the Jury prize and the Public prize. In addition, all finalists presenting in the session will receive feedback from the jury in a one-on-one private session, focused on career development and advice. Finalists will also be invited to attend the LS² Annual Meeting 2027 free of charge and have the opportunity to network with Swiss and International attendees.

Eligibility criteria:

1. **Early career post-PhD researcher with a net academic age of max. 6 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 (eligible positions: post-doc, maitre-assistant-e, Ambizione fellow...).**

For all requirements, the relevant date is that of the call deadline.

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. *For cover letter and research plan, use Arial font 11pt, 1.5 line spacing, and justified.*

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

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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/261665797916375>

Applications must be received by **October 5th, 2026 (23:59 CET).**

For questions on the session, contact postdocsession@gmail.com. We look forward to your application and hope to see you in February 2027 at the LS² meeting!

Yours sincerely,

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