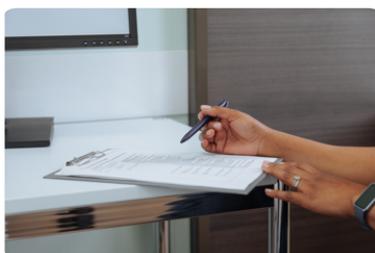


Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials (IICTs) application 2026: How to successfully address the PPI requirements

Online course on patient and public involvement (PPI) for Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials (IICTs) grant applicants

Tuesday, 3 March 2026, 16:00-18:00



About this online course

Since 2020, applicants to the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) programme for Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials (IICTs) have been required to submit a patient and public involvement (PPI) plan as part of their funding application.

This online course is aimed at clinical research professionals who are considering applying for an SNSF IICT 2026 grant. It explains the value of PPI in the planning and development of clinical trials and provides guidance on when and why it is advisable to involve experts from the Clinical Research Centres (CRCs). The course offers practical advice and examples of effective and meaningful PPI, along with additional tips to help applicants successfully meet the PPI requirements.

The course is aligned with the SNSF IICT 2026 programme.

Learning objective

At the end of this online course, participants will be able to:

- understand the overall concept of patient and public involvement (PPI)
- identify when and how PPI can be used in the planning and development of clinical trials
- develop a PPI plan for their clinical trials
- apply the PPI requirements of the IICT programme
- recognise the value of their Clinical Research Centre (CRC) as a project partner
- anticipate and avoid potential pitfalls

Programme

16.00	Welcome and introduction Sabine Rütli Roch , Head of Communication and Stakeholder Management, SCTO
16.05	Introduction to PPI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept of PPI • Possibilities for PPI • Useful resources for researchers Sabine Rütli Roch , Head of Communication and Stakeholder Management, SCTO
16.15	PPI in practice



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- Hands-on advice and best practice
 - Lessons learnt
 - Q&A

Cindy Allenbach, Research Consent Unit Manager, University Hospital Lausanne (CHUV)
Centre de recherche clinique

Marie Méan, Senior physician and Director of LUCID NDS, Lausanne University Hospital (CHUV)

16.45 **Break**

17.00 **Useful information for applicants**

- SNSF IICT panel: What do PPI experts evaluate
- Practical recommendations for researchers

Caroline Krüger, Programme coordinator IICT, Swiss National Science Foundation

Larisa Aragon, SNSF IICT evaluation panel member

17.20 **PPI in the IICT call & Clinical Research Centre (CRC) support**

- Process and timelines
- PPI requirements
 - in the Letter of Intent (LOI)
 - in the proposal template
- CRC support
- Q&A

Sandra Kohlmaier, Senior Scientific Officer Training & Education, PPI Project Lead,
University of Basel, Department of Clinical Research

17.40 **Q&A**

Registration

Participation for this online course is **free of charge**, but **registration is compulsory**. The course language is English.

Register now: https://live.eventtia.com/en/ppi_snsf_iict_course_2026



Registration deadlines: Register by **2 March 2026**