

List of Funding Opportunities

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Name	Organisation	Description	Type	Area	Eligibility	Frequency	Max cash [k]
Ask the Entrepreneur	Venturelab	Workshops covering the know-how and tools required to accelerate the development of your project.	workshops	any discipline	High-tech innovation business based in Switzerland	2 times per year	-
Baselaunch	Baselaunch (backed by J&J, Novartis, VF and Pfizer)	Support and accelerate the most promising and ground-breaking healthcare companies. 2 phases, which extend over a total of 15 months. Phase 1: up to 10k Chf - Phase 2: up to 250k Chf	accelerator	life science	- projects at the pre-seed to seed funding stage - Strong innovation in healthcare - From anywhere, willing to establish in Basel	annual	260
Best of Swiss Apps	Best of Swiss Apps	Promote quality of Swiss app and mobile ecosystems	competition	IT	Native apps and web apps that: - have been released within the last 12 months (June 2022 at the earliest) or have undergone a major update within the last 12 months - have not already participated in the 'Best of Swiss Apps Award' within the last three years have been developed for Swiss clients or by Swiss contractors - have been programmed for at least one of the leading mobile operating systems or can be fully used with mobile devices.	annual	-
Bridge - Proof of Concept	Innosuisse / SNF	Support for young academic persons developing an innovative application based on their work. Max 12 months renewable for 6 more months. Can pay salaries and material costs.	competition	any discipline	- Young researchers (Bachelor degree minimum) - degree less than 4 years old - support of a Swiss reasearch institution for the whole project period - application as single person, not as part of a group - based on academic research	rolling basis	130
Bridge - Discovery	Innosuisse / SNF	Support for more experienced academic persons developing an innovative application based on their work. Only high impact projects Max 4 years. Salarie of project staff and project-related materials. The salaries of project leaders are generally excluded.	competition	any discipline	- Experienced researchers - employed as researcher at a Swiss research institution - application as single person or as part of group of max. 3 people	rolling basis	Not defined
Coup de Pouce de la Fondation Liechti	Fondation Liechti	Suport entrepreneurial projects in economy, ecology or preferably humanitarian fields that forster sustainable progress in view of improvement of health or against poverty. CHF 50'000 as grant	grant	economy, ecology, humanitarian fields	Early stage projects not benefiting yet of other important supports or funding	annual	50
Create Challenge	IDIAP	Programm objective is to bring 10 teams to work 3 weeks to work on their product with support of IDIAP. 5k CHF for 3 winners + services and housing from The Ark in Valais.	training/accelerator	ICT	- projects using ICT tech developed at IDIAP - Not incorporated	annual	5

Debiopharm Inartis Challenge	DebioPharm foundation	Competition with the objective to improve patient quality of life. 25k chf for winner, 25k among remaining finalists.	competition	life science	Experienced management team Innovative technology Fit with Debiopharm Group's interests Strong execution plan	annual	25
Digital Health Incubator	Digital Health Center	Start-ups will benefit from a 4-month dedicated incubation program which will provide the participants with key industry contacts, prepare their start-ups for their first investment rounds and valuable proof-of-concepts and gain crucial knowledge to access the market and scale fast.	incubator	digital health	Focus on Digital Health Early-Stage Founding Team	annual	-
DIZH Call for Project Proposals	DIZH	The call promotes projects in which solutions to relevant practical questions and current societal challenges are developed	accelerator	any discipline	- projects in which solutions to relevant practical questions and current societal challenges are developed - also risky/uncertain ideas - focus on cooperation between universities and practice partners - project duration 1-3 years	annual	300
Switzerland Innovation Tech4Impact Initiative	SI Tech4Impact	facilitate the realization of innovation projects that tackle society's most pressing environmental and societal challenges, focusing on selected themes of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	accelerator	any discipline	- projects facing the most pressing environmental and societal challenges - between TRL 4 and TRL - cooperation with one of the innovation parks of Switzerland - deal with a technological innovation	annual	85
Entrepreneur Of The Year	EY	Entrepreneur Of The Year is highly respected across the globe	competition	any discipline	entrepreneur with a forward-looking view that positively influences markets and people	annual	-
Global Challenge	Hello Tomorrow	100k equity free	accelerator	Deep tech	- In the early-stage of development or the beginning of their commercialization phase (up to series A) - Based on a new technology, a scientific discovery or a complex engineering process - Addressing an industrial, societal or environmental unmet need or creating a new market - Composed of a team of at least 2 people - Not a subsidiary or spin-off of an existing company	-	100
ESA Business Incubation Center	ESABIC	support package to entrepreneurs with innovative ideas and some space connection in order to develop their business in space or on earth	accelerator	Space tech	- incorporated in Switzerland - less than 5 years old - space connection	annual	200
Falling Walls Lab Switzerland	Falling Walls	Falling Walls Venture is a global platform for the most promising science start-ups nominated by academic institutions from across the world	competition	any discipline	applicant resident in CH/Liechtenstein - University student and early-career professionals of all disciplines	annual	-
First Ventures	GRS	Preference will be given to projects with a budget of CHF 50,000 to a maximum of CHF 150,000 running from one to a maximum of two years.	grant	Technology in general	Bachelor's and master's students of universities of applied sciences UAS who are developing an innovative business idea as their thesis topic	twice/year	150
Future of Health Grants	Future of Health Grants	The 3-level grant program will benefit all early stage digital health projects	grant	digital health	digital health startup projects (incorporated or not) in Switzerland from the individual PhD still in a lab and wannabe-entrepreneur, to seed-stage startup building its solution.	annual	50

Gebert ruf Stiftung grants	GRS	innovation for the benefit of Switzerland's economy and society. It makes science effective by initiating impact-oriented innovation, research and education projects	accelerator	Technology in general	Must be pilot projects of highly qualified young scientists - New projects and ideas only - Preferably linked to a Swiss academic inst. Without support from other funds	4 times per year	500
Green Tech Startup Battle	Swiss Digital Days	regional and particularly sustainable project ideas from driven entrepreneurs that preserve and protect natural resources	competition	Green tech	must be a swiss startup - focus on protection of natural resources	annual	10
Hasler Stiftung	Hasler Stiftung	Promote Information & Communication Technologies (ICT) in Switzerland. CHF 50'000 maximum per project Other rewards: Coaching & Training for students - PR & Visibility	grant	IT	For educational, research and innovation projects developing ICT technologies (real innovation, Not just application) - University and other Swiss academic institutions - Non commercial organisations - Individuals and start-ups resident in Switzerland	4 times per year	50k
Impact Hub Fellowship Energy-CleanTech	Impact Hub	Award given to the most innovant projects in cleantech. Winners win also coaching and housing. 28k for winner and 4k for other finalists	grant	cleanTech	Projects linked with cleantech in CH	annual	28
InnoBooster	GRS	Grant of up to 150k over 1.5 years max granted to high-tech projects with high potential. Money is given to lab as a grant.	accelerator	Deep tech	Select in Venture Kick program - Project rooted in a Swiss academic institution - other proofs of excellence: LOI From potential customers, major grants (Bridge, Innogrant, ETHZ Fellow Pionnership, etc...)	4 times per year	150
Innosuisse innovation cheque	Innosuisse	The innovation cheque gives you access to over CHF 15'000 worth of R&D services from a public research partner.	grant	any discipline	Your SME or start-up is based in Switzerland (incorporated) Your SME or start-up has fewer than 250 employees	open call	15
Innosuisse innovation projects	Innosuisse	To be developed with a company (can be a startup). Pay half of the research costs, usually costs on the academic institute side. Company other half can be paid in-kind but usually, some cash should be paid also to academic partner (~10%). 350k Chf in average, can be more or less.	grant	any discipline	SMEs, large companies, start-ups, administrative bodies, non-profit organisations, other private and public institutions scientific researchers	open call	350
Innosuisse start-up training	Innosuisse	The Innosuisse start-up training programme helps the businesspeople of tomorrow in four specialist modules. There is 4 modules: Module 1: business idea - motivational event Module 2: business concept - for future founders Module 3: Business creation - for those ready to found a company Module 4: Growth: to grow your startup	training	any discipline	Module 1 & 2: for people with an academic link. Module 3 & 4: for people building a startup	open call	-
Innosuisse Start-up coaching	Innosuisse	You receive vouchers in 3 steps to get coaching. 1st level is Business idea reviewed (5k CHF in coaching). 2nd level is develop strategy, enter markets (50k CHF in coaching). Last and 3rd level is being ready to grow (75k CHF in coaching).	training	any discipline	Swiss startup with a tech component.	open call	-
InnoPeaks Innovation Lab	Innopeaks	An intense 3 month program designed to support entrepreneurs scale their industry-changing technology businesses	Venture program	Life Science InsurTech	HealthTec or InsurTech startup	rolling basis	-

Freiburger Innovationspreis	Technology Foundation BioMed Freiburg	Exemplary and innovative achievements in the development of new products or processes will be taken into consideration	competition	Technology in general	based in Region of Freiburg (GER)	annual	10
Innosuisse innovation project without implementation partner	Innosuisse	Innosuisse funds innovation projects of researchers who have come across an innovative idea with great market potential in the course of their research work, but have not yet found a partner for the implementation on the market	grant	Technology in general	scientific researchers	several times a year	Not defined
Kickstart Accelerator	Kickstart Accelerator	Kickstart Accelerator is one of the Europe's largest multi-corporate, zero equity accelerators. For 11 weeks it brings 30 of the most promising international startups to Zürich. CHF 15'000 seed funding and chance to get an additional grant of up to CHF 25'000.	accelerator	Healthcare Food FinTech Smart Cities and Robotics & Intelligent Systems	Innovative startup in the field of Healthcare, Food, FinTech, Smart Cities and Robotics & Intelligent Systems	annual	40
Mass challenge Switzerland		MassChallenge is a startup accelerator. It awards up to 1MCHF each year to 10 to 20 startups. Also provide in-kind award in the shape of advisory, working space, etc...	accelerator, grant	food sustainable industry climate solutions health tech	Any project with high innovation potential, based in CH	annual	100
National Centres of Competence in Research (NCCRs)		Several grants and call for proposals. Example: NCCR robotics spinoff fund: up to 150 K CHF for 12 months project.	grants	Technology in general	link to University - Relevant field of application - Additional criteria variable depending on the grant / call For proposal	often	150
Pax Sustainability Awards	FHNW	supporting students and young people in developing and implementing their ideas and projects, to help them succeed in their commitment to the good of their community.	competition	Ideas relating to social matters	students and young people commitment to the good of their community	annual	20
Prix Fondation Dalle Molle	Fondation Dalle Molle	Award for research / projects helping to improve life quality in general.	grant	ideas relating to quality of life	Project linked with well-being of humans - linked with a research Project in CH or IT started or already validated.	annual	10
Rare Diseases	GRS	Promote development and implementation of innovative technologies or approaches in the diagnosis and treatment of Rare Diseases. Improve the transfer of basic research findings into clinical practice. CHF 2 Millions per year as grants of CHF 500'000 maximum per project + PR & Visibility	grant	rare diseases diagnosis & treatment	- For researchers at Swiss universities and academic institution (including hospitals) - Budgets of under CHF 500'000. Projects 3 years max - No gap funding	open call	500
Red Herring 100 Euro Award	Red Herring (GB)	As the most important European Award and one of the most known globally, Red Herring wants to promote the top 100 hightech companies in three global regions : Asia, North America, Europe.	award	Technology in general	a technology/life science company - Headquartered in the specific region - Privately held	annual	-
Rolex Awards	Rolex	100'000 Chf for each of the 5 winners	competition	environment, applied science and technology or exploration	- environment, applied science and technology or exploration - between the ages of 18 and 30 years old	annual	100
SEIF Tech for Impact Awards	SEIF	European impact entrepreneurs who develop or make innovative use of technologies to contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals	competition	UN Sustainable Development Goals	Europe based entrepreneurs operations can be worldwide positive impact dimension	annual	30

Startup Accelerator	Boldbrain	accelerator program aimed at early stage startups and innovative ideas in tech innovation	accelerator	Technology in general	early stage startups	annual	120
Startup Space	IFJ	provides various working spaces and offices on 1'500 m2 in the new #startupspaceZH directly at the railway station in Schlieren.	incubator	Technology in general	For young startups, to rent or can also win some space there with PostFinance: https://www.postfinance.ch/en/biz/offer/startup/workplaces.html	-	-
Swiss Cancer League	Swiss Cancer League	Research grants for cancer related projects.	grant	cancer related	Part of a Swiss academic institution and having a strong research background. Project is related to research against cancer.	open call	500
Swisscom Startup Challenge	Swisscom /Venturelab	Business acceleration program in Silicon Valley for 5 winners	accelerator	IT FinTech	Startup with high potential in the fields: Artificial Intelligence, eCommerce, Smart Cities, Internet of Things, FinTech and Telecommunications	annual	-
Swiss Economic Award	Swiss Economic Forum	Promote entrepreneurship in Switzerland 25'000 Chf for each category	competition	life science	Three categories: 1 - Manufacturing & Trade 2 - Hightech & Biotech 3 - Services - Foundation not more than six years preceding the award - Based in Switzerland	annual	25
Swiss ICT award	SICTIC	Honor outstanding ICT performances of Swiss companies	award	IT	Company based in Switzerland - Three categories: 1- Champion 2- Newcomer 3- Public	annual	2000
Swiss MedTech Award	Swiss MedTech	To support innovation and competitiveness in the Swiss Medtech sector and stimulate the transfer of knowledge between research, medtech firms, start-ups and SMEs. 10k CHF	competition	medtech	Swiss project based on medical technology using high-tech	annual	10
Swiss Startup Factory	Swiss Startup Factory	leverage opportunities for innovation in Switzerland to create value and market-leading companies.	accelerator	Technology in general	based in CH	rolling basis	Not defined
Swiss Technology Award	Swiss Innovation Forum	Reward specially innovative innovations that have unique technological, economic and market potential in implementation	competition	Technology in general	- Three categories: 1 – Inventors 2 – Start-ups stage 3 – Companies in maturity stage - Swiss based innovation and cie	annual	-
Tenity Pre-seed incubator	Tenity	Swiss pre-seed incubator for exceptional founders and scalable ideas across all areas of FinTech and InsurTech.	incubator	FinTech InsurTech	You are pre-revenue, are in ideation stage, have a prototype or MVP. You do not need to be incorporated before the start of the program.	annual	-
UZH Entrepreneur Fellowships	UZH	funding, coaching, training and lab facilities to young researchers who intend to start up a company based on UZH research	program	BioTech MedTech Digital	based on UZH research enrolled at UZH as PhD or Post-Doc	Semi-annual	150
UZH Innovation Grants	UZH	early-stage funding support for research-based innovations developed at UZH	grant	any discipline	project must be based on a novel idea, be rooted at UZH and clearly benefit from the UZH environment.	annual	10

UZH Life Sciences Fund	UZH	early financing for UZH spin-offs in life sciences, biotech and medtech with business ideas based on intellectual property resulting from research done at UZH	grant	Life Science	must be UZH spinoff based on UZH research	rolling basis	1000
TOP 100 Swiss Startups	Venturelab	Ranking of the TOP100 startups in Switzerland. Need to be registered company and listed in the Startup.ch website.	competition	Technology in general	- Startup (company) created	annual	-
<<Venture<<	Venture	Objective Promote innovative business ideas through a business plan competition in combination with learning support Prize money 150k Chf prizes for other winners + coaching. There 3 verticals: health & nutrition, hardware, and software & services. Altogether, 340kChf distributed per year.	competition	IT LifeScience FinTech InsurTech NPO	- For budding entrepreneurs in Switzerland who have innovative business ideas - Individuals or teams resident in Switzerland	annual	150
Venture Kick	Venture Kick Foundation	Double the number of spin-offs at Swiss academic institutions through early detection and promotion of promising business ideas of in all disciplines.	accelerator	Technology in general	Enrolled in a Swiss University or other academic institutions - Future incorporation of a company in Switzerland - company Not yet started and no Venture capital received	rolling basis	130
Venture Leaders Biotech	Venturelab	investor and business development roadshow to hotspots for biotech innovation	roadshow	biotech	be the founder or manager or a promising bio-tech start-up - Have an innovative technology idea	annual	-
Venture Leaders Cleantech	Venturelab	investor and business development roadshow to hotspots for biotech innovation	roadshow	cleantech	be the founder or manager or a promising clean-tech start-up - Have an innovative technology idea	annual	-
Venture Leaders Medtech	Venturelab	investor and business development roadshow to hotspots for biotech innovation	roadshow	medtech	be the founder or manager or a promising med-tech start-up - Have an innovative technology idea	annual	-
Verve ventures portfolio	Verve Ventures	We invest in the most promising European startups and systematically accelerate their growth	accelerator	Digital Tangible Helath tech	from Seed stage onward	rolling basis	Not defined
W.A. deVigier Award	W.A. deVigier Foundation	CHF 500'000, of which CHF 100'000 for each of five companies per year	competition	Technology in general	Innovative project in CH. CEO is full time and less than 45 years old Already incorporated as AG or GmbH	annual	100
Watt d'Or	Swiss Federal Office of Energy	Reward best energy projects in Switzerland Pay tribute to especially significant and exemplary projects in the energy sector, and to those persons and organisations who played a major role in the realisation of such projects	competition	energy	awarded to the best performers in the previous year - projects realized in the last 12 months - related to CH energy policy - attractive to general public (not only specialists)	annual	-
Wyss Zurich	Wyss Zurich	foster translational projects from ETHZ / UZH	accelerator	Regenerative medicine robotics	Projects with roots at ETH Zurich or University of Zurich		
ZKB Pionierpreis Technopark	ZKB	Award for one particularly innovative, technology-driven start-up from Switzerland	award	Technology in general	for Swiss startups technology-driven	annual	100