

Fact sheet: Application for a research project in the STCS

Please refer to the STCS Guidelines for further information.

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Who can apply?

- Any interested researcher
- It is advisable to discuss the project with an STCS investigator to ensure feasibility, and learn about the submission process¹
- Ideally, the study should take advantage of the multicenter character of the STCS

What kind of projects are supported by the STCS?

Any research project that uses data and/or samples generated within STCS.

Following types of project are eligible:

- Nested projects that make use of preexisting STCS data/ infrastructure **with or without samples**
- Nested projects that make use of the STCS data/ infrastructure **but require collection of additional data** with or without samples
- Investigational trials that make use of STCS data/ infrastructure
- International collaborations²
- Monocentric studies² - (multicenter studies are preferred)
- BSc/ MSc/ MD thesis²
- Amendments of existing STCS projects²

How much funding can be provided?

- Since 2021, no additional funding from the STCS is available. The STCS however provides high quality data, samples and networks in place to guarantee **a successful outcome of the research proposal**.

How are proposals submitted?

- 2-step submission for regular projects¹:
 1. Letter of Intent (LoI) (max. 2 pages)²
 2. In case of positive decision on the LoI by the STCS Scientific Committee:
Submission of Full proposal (FUP)²
- Submission deadline 4 times per year, published on www.stcs.ch.

How are proposals evaluated?

- Review of the FUP by two experts and one statistician of the STCS Scientific committee (SC)²
- Panel discussion with presence of the Principle investigator at STCS SC meeting
- Decision (approval, approval with minor revisions, major revisions, rejection)

Progress report and publication

- The project starts with receipt of the acceptance letter
- Submit progress report 18 months after acceptance²
- Publication of the project, respecting publication rules, is considered as final report
- A lay summary of each publication has to be submitted to the STCS

¹ All templates and documents are available on <https://www.stcs.ch/>

² Simplified application and evaluation procedure may apply according to STCS Guidelines