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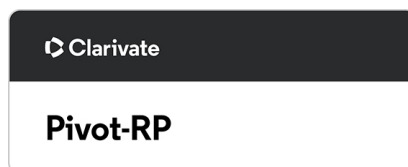
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Focus



New funding search database

From 1 November 2025, UniBE will switch from the "Research Professional" funding search database to its successor "Pivot-RP". You are welcome to start using Pivot-RP now and are invited to an online training on 3 November to explore the new platform.

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New PhD and postdoctoral agreements

Since the 2025 fall semester, framework conditions for the doctorate and postdoctorate are being defined independently of the annual employee appraisal (MAG). Further information, templates and forms are now available (see "Doktorat" and "Postdoktorat" tabs).

→ [more](#) (internal link)

ERC Consolidator Grant – 2026 call is open

Are you 7-12 years post-PhD and ready to advance your independent research career? EUR 2 million for 5 years is available to researchers of any nationality to lead an innovative project. Grants Office support is provided.



Deadline: 13.01.2026

→ [more](#) (internal link)

Calls

CIFAR Global Scholars – Early-career researchers

Deadline: 05.11.2025

Funding: CA\$100,000

→ [more](#)

STAGE UP– Share your business idea

Deadline: 01.12.2025

Funding: CHF 3,000-10,000

→ [more](#)

BRIDGE – Early-career researchers

Deadline: 01.12.2025

Funding: CHF 130,000

→ [more](#)

UniBE Venture Fellowship

Deadline: 11.12.2025

Funding: CHF 100,000

→ [more](#)

→ [all open calls](#)

Events

Tuesday-
Thursday
21.-23.10.2025

University Library of Bern

Open Access Week 2025: Who Owns Our Knowledge?

various times

hybrid

→

Tuesday
28.10.2025

Bern Data Talks

Workflows and Challenges in Data Anonymization

16:15-17:15

onsite

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Tuesday
11.11.2025

Good Research Practice Contact Point

**Complying with the Nagoya Protocol: What Researchers
Need to Know**

12:30-13:30

online

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Monday
17.11.2025



InnoForum
From Ideas to Impact: UniBe Venture Fellows present
16:30-18:00
onsite, registration required

Thursday
04.12.2025



Euresearch
Horizon Europe Collaborative Projects – Proposal Writing Training
09:15-16:00
onsite, registration required

Wednesday-
Thursday
28.-29.01.26



Academic Careers Office
Training for PhD supervisors (in German)
09:00-17:00
onsite, registration by 26.01.2026

 [all events](#)

Information

UB Database Directory – The University Library of Bern's new database directory lists all licensed databases accessible at UniBE and for the most part at PHBern as well as many freely accessible databases. Filter options and a search field allow you to locate specific databases.

 [more](#)

SNSF: Spark and SPIRIT suspended – The SNSF calls for Spark and SPIRIT grants will be suspended until at least the end of 2027 and 2028, respectively. This is part of the SNSF's response to planned budget cuts by the Swiss federal government.

 [more](#)

Talent Kick: Masters and PhD Students – Receive up to CHF 20,000 for your entrepreneurial path as well as an extensive support package.
Deadline: 23.11.2025

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