

VR Research and Innovation

Newsletter August 2025

Sent to:

UniBE professors, lecturers and intermediate staff
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This official monthly newsletter provides you with the latest news, calls and events on research and innovation. You can find all our previous newsletters at:

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ERC Starting Grant – 2026 call is open

Funding for talented early career researchers (2-7 years after PhD) who show potential to become research leaders. EUR 1.5 million for 5 years for an independent project. Grants Office support is available.

Deadline: 14.10.2025

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Science Roundtable: New discussion forum

This series of four thought-provoking forums brings together UniBE researchers from diverse disciplines to explore overarching themes in science. Join the discussions, get inspired and expand your network.

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Citizen Science at UniBE: Looking for a contact person?

Citizen science (active participation of the public in research processes) is gaining momentum at UniBE. If



you are already involved in citizen science projects or are interested in this field, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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Calls

UniBE Doc.Mobility

Deadline: 01.09.2025

Funding: PhD salary (year 2)

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Switzerland–Africa Research Partnerships

Deadline: 30.09.2025

Funding: CHF 15,000 - 40,000

→ [more](#)

Bern Medtech Collaboration Call 2026

Deadline: 03.10.2025

Funding: CHF 300,000

→ [more](#)

UniBE Promotion Fund (networking activities)

Deadline: 16.10.2025

Funding: CHF 5,000

→ [more](#)

SNSF Ambizione 2025

Deadline: 04.11.2025

Funding: CHF 250,000 + PI salary

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ERC Synergy Grant 2026

Deadline: 05.11.2025

Funding: EUR 10 million (2-4 PIs)

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Events

Monday
18.08.2025

Euresearch

ERC Starting Grant 2026 – National Info Event

12:00 - 13:30

online, registration required

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Tuesday
19.08.2025

Euresearch

ERC Synergy Grant 2026 – National Info Event

11:30 - 13:00

online, registration required

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Tuesday
09.09.2025

Welcome reception for newly employed researchers
16:00 - 18:15
on-site, registration by 02.09.2025



Wednesday
17.09.2025

Innosuisse
Female Founders – FinTech Edition
18:00 - 21:00
on-site, registration required



November
2025

bench2biz
bench2biz workshop
6-day workshop, various times
online & on-site, registration by 01.10.2025



 [all events](#)

Information

"Research Integrity" online course – This course guides you through the complex ethical aspects of the research process. It can be completed with a certificate that most funders/journals recognize as proof of knowledge about research integrity.

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Nature: Free OA quota reached – The annual article quota for Nature Research Journals under the Read-and-Publish Agreement with Springer Nature has been reached. With immediate effect, no further APC costs can be covered under this agreement.

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Wiley: Read & Publish Agreement – A comprehensive Open Access Agreement has been signed with Wiley. From 01.01.2025, UniBE researchers can continue to publish in hybrid titles and now also in full open access journals. As before, the quota of articles is capped.

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ERC: Change in eligibility – From the 2027 calls on, eligibility is 0-10 years after PhD for an ERC Starting Grant and 5-15 years after PhD for an ERC Consolidator Grant. Researchers can be awarded no more than one Starting Grant and one Consolidator Grant.

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Nacht der Forschung – We are looking for helping hands for the "Nacht der Forschung", which will take place on 06.09.2025 on the Grosse Schanze. Please

contact us if you would like to help, and help spread the word using the communication package on our website.

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