



Swiss Food Research Call 2024 «Proteins 4 Future»

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Proteins 4 Future

Swiss Food Research and the Fourfold Foundation are pleased to launch an Open Call for Applications to the “Proteins 4 Future” Incubator.

This six-month program will support the development of innovative projects on alternative proteins along the value chain.

The scope includes breakthrough innovation in the areas of plant-based protein as well as biomass and biotech solutions.

It aims to nurture early-stage, pre-competitive ideas from the Swiss Food Research community and provides essential support to transition them into market-validated products.



Swiss Food Research Call – Funding Scheme

Funding

- Two projects, selected by the Innovation Group Proteins4Future Jury, will receive full access to a six-month mentoring program and innovation funding in the amount of CHF 25'000.
- Funding can be used according to your purposes as specified and assessed during application phase

Eligibility

- Collaboration between two Research Organization or one Research Organization with one Implementation Partner
- Must be able to demonstrate: Novel Approaches, Out-of-the-Box Solutions, Breakthrough Ideas, New Inputs
- Sustainability considered from economical, ecological and social aspects



All parties benefitting from the Call have to be members of Swiss Food Research
Grant is given by Fourfold foundation – partner for grant contract
Confidentiality ensured by membership contract



Swiss Food Research Calls – What to do?

1. Have an innovative idea
2. Submit a project proposal
 - Describing your idea
 - Describe potential application, market and USP
 - Fill in Application Form: <https://wkf.ms/4cDxyMT>

In case your proposal is accepted and you are nominated to receive a grant:

- Finalize grant contract with Fourfold Foundation – Research Institute will be contract partner
- Work on the project together with your partner from academia or industry
- Present intermediate results at a review with experts
- Write a brief final report (1–2 pages) at the end of your project

Swiss Food Research Calls – What you will get!

- Confidential treatment of your idea ensured
- Receive an assessment of your proposal reviewed by the Jury
- Receive a grant in case your proposal is approved – Grant is given by Fourfold Foundation!
- 25'000 CHF for Research and Market Validation purposes
- Receive tailored Coaching from Swiss Food Research
- Have an intermediate review with experts from SFR
- Receive support in finding industry partners
- Receive support in applying for further funding, e.g. Innosuisse project
- Expose your findings at the larger audiences of our Innovation Groups



Scope & Milestones



The scope of the challenge includes but is not only limited to

- Novel Food & Beverage Solutions
- Plant based Proteins (agricultural as well as process and product solutions)
- Biotech Solutions (Fermentation to improve existing, Precision Fermentation, ...)
- Biomass Solutions (Microalgae, Insects, Yeasts, Mycelium, Bacteria, ...)
- Upcycling Solutions (Avoiding Sidestreams or revalorizing them, Wholesome Solutions, ...)





Our Jury

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