

## **Recent changes in research grant applications.**

- Applications will be made via the HFSP extranet website which will be operational from mid-January 2017 onwards. Instructions and tips are posted on the relevant pages of the application. Returning applicants should note that the method of password management has changed. This is particularly important if you have forgotten your password and need to request a new password.
- To clarify the procedure of initiation of the letters of intent, we have removed the term “registration” from the “How to apply” section of the guidelines to avoid any misunderstanding. Applicants are officially in the competition only when they have initiated a new application.
- The notion of “risk” as it is evaluated by our reviewers has been developed in the guidelines and FAQs.
- The Board of Trustees has agreed that manuscripts deposited on public preprint servers may be included in publication lists (see [preprints](#)).
- In addition to the FAQ, last year we have posted a new document “Writing a letter of intent” to try and reduce the number of inappropriate submissions. This follows a large increase in the number of applications that do not respond to the call for innovative projects involving new lines of research for the candidates.