

Recent changes in research grant applications.

The guidelines for the 2019 awards have been updated to reflect HFSP's mission to promote new interdisciplinary collaborations across the world. Team members are expected to have their labs in different countries; they should not have collaborated before and should propose a project significantly different from their ongoing research.

In consequence, teams should normally have only one member with a laboratory in any one country unless an increase in the number of members from one country is clearly critical for the interdisciplinary nature of the project. Two team members in the same country are discouraged. In particular, two applicants from the same institution are strongly discouraged (see 3.3 and 4.6 of the [guidelines](#)).

- Applications will be made via the HFSP extranet website which will be operational from mid-January 2018 onwards. Instructions and tips are posted on the relevant pages of the application.

- To clarify the procedure of initiation of the letters of intent, we have removed the term "registration" to avoid any misunderstanding. Applicants are officially in the competition only when they have initiated a new application (see section 8 of the [guidelines](#)).

- The notion of "risk" as it is evaluated by our reviewers has been developed in the [guidelines](#) and [FAQs](#).

- Since 2017, the Board of Trustees has agreed that manuscripts deposited on public preprint servers may be included in publication lists (see [preprints](#)).