

Recent changes in research grant applications

The guidelines for the 2020 awards have been updated to reflect HFSP's mission to promote new interdisciplinary collaborations across the world. As last year, 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 2019 onwards. Instructions and tips are posted on the relevant pages of the application.

- As concerns the procedure of initiation of the letters of intent, applicants are officially in the competition only when they have initiated a new application (see 8. of the [guidelines](#)).

- HFSP is increasingly committed to the use of ORCID identifiers and all applicants (Principal applicants + Co-applicants) will be asked to provide these when completing their personal details.

- The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) respects the privacy of its applicants, reviewers, contacts, and partners. To protect online privacy, the HFSP has implemented a [policy](#) that explains how HFSP uses the information collected via its website (www.hfsp.org) and via the proposal submission process based on the online application tool. You will have to give your consent when you access/create your HFSP account to participate in the application process. This applies to ALL team members.

- Certain applications reference a large number of co-publications between team members. As the HFSP mission is to create new collaborations, teams are requested to declare the number of co-publications between team members (see 4.1. of the [guidelines](#), last paragraph).

- The notion of "risk" as it is evaluated by our reviewers has been developed in the [guidelines](#) (see 2.2.e.) 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](#)).