

# Recent changes in research grant applications

Last year's guidelines for the 2022 awards were 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 essential for the interdisciplinary nature of the project. Therefore, two team members in the same country are discouraged and two applicants from the same institution are ineligible (see 3.6 the [guidelines](#)).

This year, HFSP requires all applicants to declare all their academic and research affiliations explicitly in the application forms. This request for information is reinforced in the instructions.

The Young Investigator awards is now named "Program Grants – Early Career". The Board of Trustees has suggested this change so as to better explain HFSP support for early career scientists in line with a number of national funding agencies. Eligibility criteria will remain unchanged.

- Applications will be made via the HFSP extranet website which will be operational from mid-January 2021 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 item 8. of the [guidelines](#)).

- HFSP is committed to the use of ORCID identifiers and all applicants (Principal applicants + Co-applicants) must 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 and as required by the General Data Protection Regulation of the EU, the HFSP has implemented a [policy](#) that explains how HFSP uses the information collected via its website ([www.hfsp.org](http://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, these applications will rarely be successful and in any case, teams are requested to declare the number and the titles of co-publications between team members (see 3.1. of the [guidelines](#), last paragraph). Some joint publications may be considered acceptable, for instance a multi-author review summarizing the field or a joint publication in a different field resulting from a much earlier collaboration. More than three co-publications are very likely seen as proof for an ongoing collaboration and strongly reduce the chance of funding.

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

- Manuscripts deposited on public [preprint](#) servers may be included in publication lists.

-The award levels have been slightly increased