

3RCC Call for Projects (3R Open Call 1)

Open date: 22 November 2018

Application deadline: 21 January 2019

The Swiss 3R Competence Centre opens its first Open Call for funding research projects dedicated to the Replacement, Reduction or Refinement of animal experimentation (so called principle of 3Rs). Note that the present call is part of a series of open and targeted calls that will be published regularly on a yearly basis.

The 3RCC Open Call for Projects addresses applied and basic research projects that support the development, optimization, application and implementation of new or modified 3Rs approaches, methods and technologies. The selected projects are expected to:

- Have high impact on the implementation of the 3Rs;
- Improve for a given purpose(s), the reliability (e.g., reproducibility, robustness), relevance (e.g. accuracy, mechanistic, complexity, species of interest) and/or animal welfare as compared to existing methodologies;
- Have a clear dissemination plan to the scientific community and lay audience.

The 3RCC Open Call aims at subsidising at least one project for each of the 3Rs (Replacement, Reduction or Refinement). High quality projects that have impact on the 3Rs and bring clear benefits as compared to existing methodologies will be favoured. Collaborative projects between institutions are encouraged, albeit the lead organization should be a Swiss-based public research institution.

The maximum funding duration is foreseen to be of three years. The proposed budget should be clearly justified and below the indicative maximum CHF 400'000. Infrastructure and overhead costs will not be covered by the 3RCC grants.

The applications received within the application deadline will be evaluated in a one-stage process. The number of projects funded will depend on the selected projects and their budgets. The necessary ethical approvals (e.g., licenses for animal testing, for the use of embryonic stem cells, etc.) must be in place for funds to be released.

Applicants are invited to consult the [Application Guidelines for Project Grants](#) for more details on the information to be provided, and send an electronic version of the completed [Application Form for Project Grants](#) (in English) to the 3RCC secretariat at secretariat@swiss3rcc.org. For further information or questions, please contact us at secretariat@swiss3rcc.org or phone 031 631 5622.