

Bois Chamblard Foundation

Call for Proposals

Deadline 30 April 2026, 12:00 (Swiss time)

The [Bois Chamblard Foundation](#) fosters research and education focused on the quality and diversity of the natural environment, its preservation, and humanity's role in shaping it. To support these activities, the Foundation makes available to researchers and educators the Bois Chamblard [site](#) (Route de Chanivaz 19, CH-1164 Buchillon). The 60,000 m² site, on the shores of Lake Geneva, is mostly covered by forest. Educational or research projects supported by the Foundation are expected to make use of the Bois Chamblard site.

Eligibility

Individuals or teams can submit proposals. The lead PI for any project must be based at EPFL, University of Lausanne, University of Geneva, University of Fribourg, University of Neuchâtel, or the University of Applied Sciences of Western Switzerland. In addition, researchers with PI status at cantonal institutions in Suisse romande (e.g., museums) are eligible. Co-investigators can be located at non-research institutions. The PI's institution is financially responsible for the project and must be capable of handling third party funding reporting requirements.

Grants

This call will accept proposals for research or educational projects. Grants can have a duration of up to 3 years. Funding is provided for projects at two different levels:

- Duration less than one year: up to CHF 75,000 per project
- Duration from one to three years: up to CHF 125,000 per project

Eligible Costs

- Consumables and supplies
- Small equipment (up to CHF 20,000)
- Analytical costs
- Publications (Open Access)
- Conferences
- Logistics costs
- Salaries (PIs, e.g., postdocs, holding fixed-term contracts can seek support for their own salaries, otherwise PI/Co-PI salaries are ineligible)
- Travel costs

Overheads are ineligible costs.

Proposals

Proposals should use the template downloadable from <https://bois-chamblard-fondation.ch/>. The template constitutes the authoritative and complete set of requirements for submitted proposals.

Completed proposals should be sent to bois-chamblard-research@epfl.ch.

Proposal evaluation

All submitted proposals will be initially screened for PI eligibility, clarity, and coherence with call criteria (below). Following this screening, proposals will be sent for external review.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Scientific or educational merit and topicality of the proposed project
- Alignment with the Foundation's mission, i.e., "quality and diversity of the natural environment, its preservation, and humanity's role in shaping it"
- Feasibility
- For scientific projects: Originality of the project
- For educational projects: Innovation and size of the target audience
- Extent to which the project utilizes the Bois Chamblard site (including the littoral zone) at Buchillon
- Experience and expertise of the applicants for the proposed project

Proposals will be evaluated by the [Bois Chamblard Foundation Scientific Committee](#). The panel may exercise discretion in the interpretation of the above requirements where appropriate.

It is expected that applicants will be notified of the outcome of the evaluation no later than three months following the submission deadline date.

Requests to visit the Bois Chamblard site for the purpose of proposal preparation should be directed to Mr. A. Pinto (adaofernando.pinto17@gmail.com).

Proposals should be submitted in PDF format : [bois-chamblard-research@epfl.ch](mailto:<u>bois-chamblard-research@epfl.ch</u>).