

## Call for Mandate

The National Research Programme “Plant Breeding Innovation” ([NRP 84](#)) aims to identify and test new plant breeding technologies (NBTs), which involve targeted mutagenesis, DNA editing and cisgenic insertion of DNA constructs. The Programme will also evaluate their application from agronomic, social, ethics, economic and regulatory perspectives in Switzerland.

Starting in January 2025, various research teams will work under the umbrella of NRP 84 to investigate how existing and newly developed NBTs could contribute to addressing food security challenges in Switzerland in an economically viable, ethical, socially acceptable, and environmentally sustainable way over the next 5 years. The individual projects will be coordinated over the entire duration of the NRP 84 through accompanying activities. In the second part of the programme, a synthesis phase begins with the aim of gaining new insights and drawing joint conclusions that go beyond the results of the individual research projects.

For the programme-specific public relations work as well as the conception and realisation of concrete activities in the field of knowledge exchange and technology transfer, we are looking for a

### Head of Knowledge Exchange and Technology Transfer

#### Duties and Responsibilities

- Develop and implement an overall strategy and innovative approaches for knowledge exchange and technology transfer between the scientific community and stakeholders from civil society, public and private sectors
- Identify implementation-relevant results from the research projects and integrate the findings into communication and implementation measures
- Plan, budget, and monitor the specific measures
- Organise and implement programme events and stakeholder workshops
- Develop concepts for program synthesis and actively contribute to their implementation
- Ensure the communication and dissemination of findings and results to the general public through media work, including media reports and conferences
- Maintain the trilingual website [www.nrp84.ch](http://www.nrp84.ch) (German, French, English), as well as channels on social media
- Advise the Steering Committee and researchers on issues relating to knowledge exchange and technology transfer, as well as with regard to communication activities

**Profile, Competences and Experience**

- Proven experience in developing strategies and implementing measures for knowledge exchange and technology transfer
- Established national network, both in German- and French-speaking Switzerland, with relevant stakeholder groups (such as authorities, associations, the private sector, and the media)
- Experience in dealing with and managing politically sensitive issues
- Strong communication skills in face-to-face contact with researchers and stakeholders, in writing and on social media
- Working knowledge in the subject area of plant breeding is an advantage
- Fluency in English and very good knowledge of written and spoken German and French
- Pronounced teamwork skills

This position will be filled on the basis of a seven-year personal mandate, which will be taken up by mutual agreement in late summer 2024, but no later than 1 October 2024. Depending on the programme phase, the workload in full-time equivalents may vary considerably. On average, it is likely to be around 30%.

Send your electronic application with complete documentation by 30 April 2024 to [nrp84@snf.ch](mailto:nrp84@snf.ch). The NRP 84 Programme Managers Martin Christen (tel. 031 308 24 51) and Marjory Hunt (tel. 031 308 23 79) will be happy to provide you with further information.

Please note: the person recruited for this mandate may not participate in funded projects of NRP 84.

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