Mandatory requirements

All NRP thematic proposals must meet the following NRP criteria (Art. 3, para. 2 RIPO) and formal requirements described below.

I. NRP criteria
(Art. 3 para. 2 and 3 RIPO)

Art. 3 ‘Definition, Purpose and Object’

2 The most suitable themes for NRPs are those where:
   a. the Swiss research community can make a substantial contribution towards finding a solution;
   b. research contributions from various disciplines are needed in order to find a solution;
   c. the research activities carried out over around a five-year period are likely to produce findings that can be put into practice.’

3 The selection will also take into account whether:
   a. the expected results of proposed NRP can provide as a scientific basis for government and administrative decisions;
   b. the proposed NRP can be implemented through international cooperation.’

II. Formal submission requirements

1. Submissions are expected to contain formulated and justified thematic proposals for a new NRP.
2. Please use only the submission form provided for this purpose.
3. The closing date for submissions is Wednesday, 23 March 2022.

Note: Submitting a thematic NRP proposal has no impact whatsoever on your eligibility to apply for NRPs that are effectively launched.