

# Communicating the effect of gender in research funding, during lockdown and beyond

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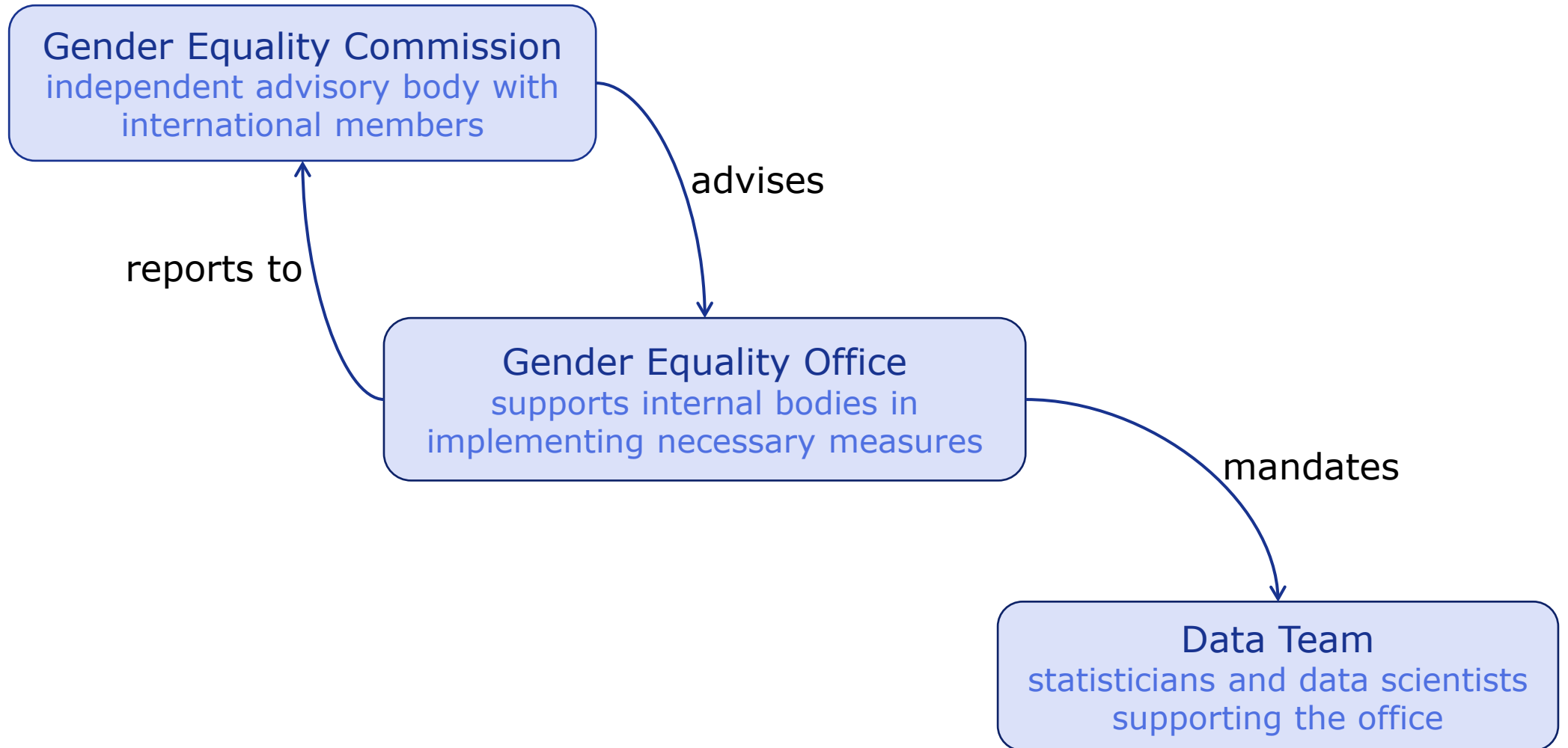
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# The Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

- Switzerland's main public funding agency
- Funds mostly bottom-up research
  
- Gender equality = key concern for the SNSF!
- Chronic underrepresentation of women in Swiss research

# Gender Equality at the SNSF



# Lockdown: Are women submitting fewer grant proposals?

From COVID «gender publication gap» to «gender application gap»


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## Are women publishing less during the pandemic? Here's what the data say

Early analyses suggest that female academics are posting fewer preprints and starting fewer research projects than their male peers.

## Gender Disparity in the Authorship of Biomedical Research Publications During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Retrospective Observational Study

Goran Muric <sup>1</sup> ; Kristina Lerman <sup>1, 2</sup> ; Emilio Ferrara <sup>1, 2, 3</sup> 

Longitudinal analyses of gender differences in first authorship publications related to COVID-19 

 Carolin Lerchenmüller <sup>1, 2</sup>,  Leo Schmallenbach <sup>3</sup>, Anupam B Jena <sup>4, 5, 6</sup>,  Marc J Lerchenmueller <sup>3</sup>

## Gender inequality in publishing during the COVID-19 pandemic

[Alana K. Ribarovska](#),<sup>a</sup> [Mark R. Hutchinson](#),<sup>b,c</sup> [Quentin J. Pittman](#),<sup>d</sup> [Carmine Pariante](#),<sup>e</sup> and [Sarah J. Spencer](#)<sup>a,b,\*</sup>



## Lockdown: Are women submitting fewer grant proposals?

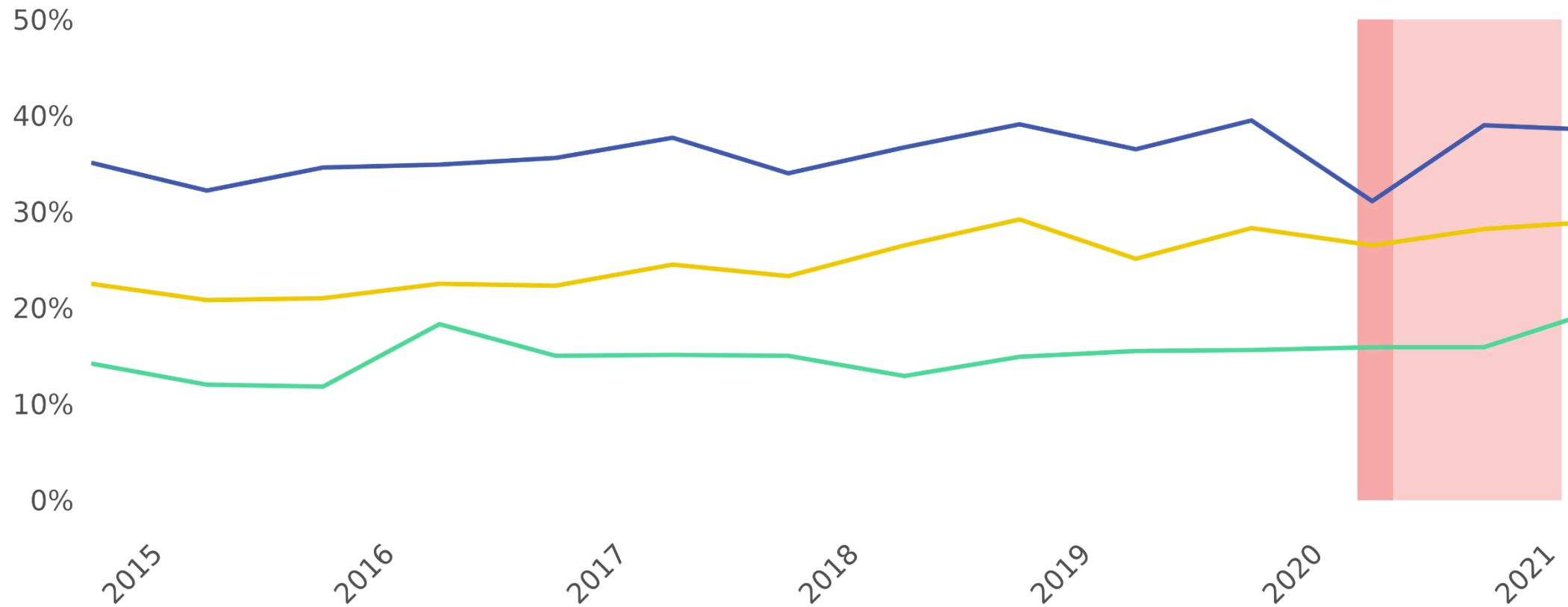
Analysed the share of female applicants applying to funding schemes with deadlines during or shortly after the lockdown.

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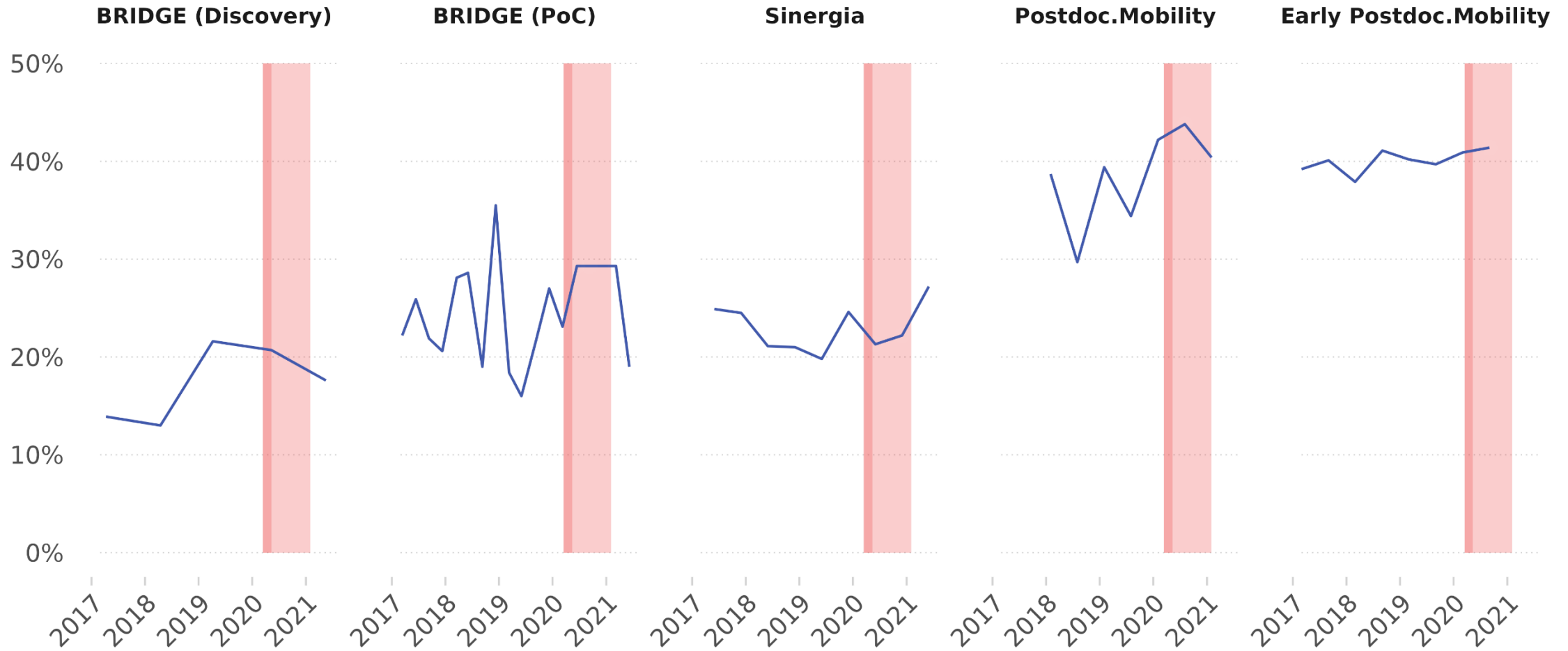
- Lockdown with school closures in March 2020
- Postponement of Project Funding deadline from the 1 to 8 April

# Female shares: Normal Project Funding

● Social Science and Humanities ● STEM ● Biology and Medicine



# Female shares: BRIDGE, Sinergia, Fellowships



# Data Stories

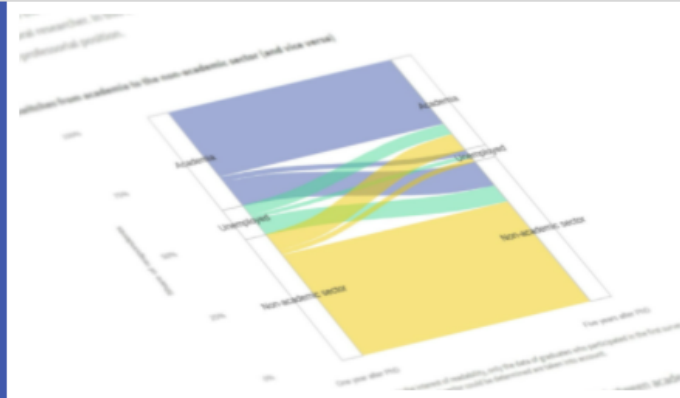
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## The SNSF also funds indirect research costs of universities

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