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

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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

Gender Equality Commission
independent advisory body with international members

Gender Equality Office
supports internal bodies in implementing necessary measures

Data Team
statisticians and data scientists supporting the office

Gender Equality Office advises
reports to

Gender Equality Commission

Gender Equality Commission mandates

Lockdown: Are women submitting fewer grant proposals?

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

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

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

Gender inequality in publishing during the COVID-19 pandemic

Alana K. Ribaurovskia, Mark R. Hutchinson, Quentin J. Pittman, Carmine Pariante, and Sarah J. Spencer
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.

Note:

• 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
The SNSF also funds indirect research costs of universities

Since 2009, the SNSF has financed a portion of the indirect research costs incurred by SNSF-funded projects at research institutions. In 2021, 102 million Swiss francs are available for these "overhead" costs.

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Thank you!

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