

# Call for applications for collaboration on synthesis products of the NRP 80

The National Research Programme “Covid-19 in Society” (NRP 80) consists of 25 research teams that are currently analysing social and cultural factors and dynamics that played a role during the Covid-19 pandemic in Switzerland. The research phase is running until April 2026. The goal is to understand which societal dimensions and processes influenced the course of the pandemic and what impacts resulted from them. The findings are intended to contribute to effectively managing future pandemics in Switzerland. To this end, researchers are currently developing knowledge to guide decisions and practices.

To share the results of this multi-year research effort with the numerous stakeholders of the NRP 80, a programme synthesis in form of various synthesis products is planned. For the preparation/implementation of these individual products the NRP 80 is hiring experienced

## Science Writers with a background in social sciences

### Project specifics

- Participation in the annual conferences of the NRP 80 in 2025 (March 6-7, 2025) and 2026 (attendance on these dates is mandatory)
- Participation in an “*Impulse platform*” event in autumn 2025 and 2026 (attendance is mandatory)
- Collaboration in the creation of the synthesis products of the NRP 80 from March 2026 until November 2026 (text creation)
- The scope and length of the texts is left open and will be determined in agreement with the Head of Knowledge Exchange of the NRP 80.
- The synthesis products are primarily aimed at decision-makers that are active at national, inter-cantonal, cantonal and local level, particularly in the areas of health, statistics, social affairs, education, economy, crisis management and human rights. However, they should also be accessible to the general public.
- The texts must be written in English and will be translated in further languages by the NRP 80.
- The remuneration is based on the rates of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNFS).

### Profile, skills and experience

- Background in social sciences
- Proven experience as a science writer
- Experience in working with interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research
- Excellent communication skills in direct contact with researchers
- Reliability and compliance with delivery deadlines



Please submit your application, including writing samples, **by January 15, 2025**, to Xavier Pilloud, Head of Knowledge Exchange of the NRP 80, under [pilloud@virtupublicaffairs.ch](mailto:pilloud@virtupublicaffairs.ch). For further information, Mr. Pilloud will be happy to assist you by e-mail or phone.

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