

PRESS RELEASE

BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation renews its partnership with the Swiss Polar Institute



BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation has the pleasure to announce the renewal for three additional years (2024-2026) of its partnership with the Swiss Polar Institute (SPI).

Since 2016, BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation has been accompanying the Swiss Polar Institute in financing polar and high-altitude regions research in the field by young Swiss scientists through the Polar Access Fund.

This programme enables doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from the Swiss universities and research institutions to undertake field trips to polar and high-altitude regions. Understanding the functioning of the poles is a crucial element of climate research as they are playing a central role in the earth's climate balance. In that way climate research is a core pillar to face global warming and progressively mitigate climate change.

So far, the Polar Access Fund has supported 38 projects. This successful collaboration also generates increased visibility and knowledge about the work of the Swiss Polar Institute. With the Swiss Polar Class initiative, the SPI raises awareness of polar science amongst children by offering schools educational content adapted for younger audience and in-house workshops.

A long-standing partnership in line with BNP Paribas' commitment to environmental responsibility.

This partnership of BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation underscores BNP Paribas' Group vision of placing sustainability as a core component of its global strategy.



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“Sustainability is a pillar of BNP Paribas’ long-term strategy. By renewing the Foundation’s support to the Swiss Polar Institute, we reaffirm our long-term commitment in engaging in projects with positive environmental impact”, comments Enna Pariset, Chairwoman of BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation’s Board, CEO and Head of Territory for BNP Paribas Group in Switzerland.

“Our long-standing partnership with BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation enables us to empower early-career scientists who undertake meaningful and impactful scientific projects in polar and high-altitude regions. Beyond bringing back valuable data and findings, they also form a close-knit community leading to new networks and learnings”, says Danièle Rod, Executive Director of the Swiss Polar Institute.



About BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation

Since 2002, BNP Paribas Swiss Foundation has been supporting projects in cultural, social, and environmental fields. The Foundation also owns an art collection of around 600 pieces, that includes both established 20th century art and young Swiss artists.

About Swiss Polar Institute

The Swiss Polar Institute is a foundation under Swiss law and is recognised by the Swiss Confederation as a research institution of national importance. The SPI acts as a focal point for Swiss research in polar and remote high-altitude regions, enhancing opportunities, promoting collaborations, and providing key services. The SPI helps position Switzerland as a key player in polar science, through research-driven national and international collaborative initiatives and the provision of new opportunities to access or develop infrastructure.

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