

Call: Board Members 2026

If you are a regular member of LS² or wish to become one and have been eager to participate in decision-making, this is your opportunity!

As the largest life sciences society in Switzerland, LS² plays a pivotal role in uniting researchers across the life sciences, advancing science, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and representing the Swiss life sciences community at national and international levels.

If you are passionate about shaping the future of life sciences in Switzerland, please seize this unique opportunity to influence the strategic direction of LS², support our scientific community, and promote excellence in research and education.

Please apply if you:

- Are located in Switzerland or plan to relocate before 2027, and have experience within the Swiss academic environment.
- Are, or aim to become, an LS² member;
- Are at a postdoc or higher academic level (= everyone at “regular” member level);
- Share LS²’s commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and scientific outreach;
- Bring fresh perspectives and are motivated to contribute your expertise and ideas;
- Could remain on the Board for at least 2 years;
- Have an interest in organizational governance, event planning, communications, or Swiss science policy (previous experience is highly appreciated, but not obligatory).

Section-specific criteria: Some of our sections have additional criteria or are not accepting new Board members in 2026; please see the information below. If the section is not listed, the general criteria apply.

- Sections Autophagy, ICMT, MCB, and Physiology are not accepting new Board members in 2026
- Section Microscopy – applicants must be:
 - Member of or interested in the Swiss microscopy community
 - Experienced in or having a strong interest in microscopy or image analysis
 - Interested in participating in and organizing microscopy events or symposia
- Section Systems Biology: applicants must be PIs (professors, group leaders) in academia.

Board responsibilities include:

- Participating in regular board meetings, Delegate and General Assemblies (mostly online);

- Supporting the organization of the LS² Annual Meeting, Section meetings, and other events, e.g., developing meeting concepts, inviting speakers, on-site organization, symposia proposal preparation;
- Contributing to our strategic initiatives and working groups/juries/committees, e.g., evaluation of travel grants, SCNAT funding application preparation, and selection of various prize winners.
- Representing LS² within the broader scientific community.

LS² values diversity and welcomes applications from scientists of all backgrounds, career stages, and regions of Switzerland. However, due to current underrepresentation, we especially encourage young PIs and female scientists to join the Boards.

Application and selection procedure:

- Submit your application [HERE](#) until the **18th of October**, indicating which Section board you would like to join. You will have to provide a brief biosketch, CV, and explain your motivation.
- The Board will review the applications. You will be notified about the outcome by the end of the year.
- All new Board members will have to be approved at our General Assembly (January).
- All approved Board members can start their term after the GA vote.

Help to shape the future of life sciences in Switzerland by joining our Section Board!