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## Programme Open Science I, Phase B – ORD 2022–2024 Call for proposals C1.3: Mobilise and facilitate participation in relevant international initiatives

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### 1. Context

#### 1.1 Open Research Data Strategy and Action Plan

In January 2020, the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) charged swissuniversities with drafting a [Swiss National Strategy for Open Research Data](#) and an associated action plan. The [Action Plan for Open Research Data](#), published in January 2022, details the measures of the ORD Strategy (2021); the Action Plan was developed jointly by swissuniversities, the ETH Domain, the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

The Open Science Delegation manages the Open Science I, Phase B – ORD programme on behalf of the Board of swissuniversities. The programme implements all action lines of the ORD Action Plan that fall under the responsibility of swissuniversities; this work is financed through federal project contributions (PgB).

1.2 Measure C1 of the ORD Action Plan: Raising awareness for FAIR principles and ORD practices in the scientific community

As defined in the ORD Action Plan, Measure C1 aims to raise awareness among researchers for the benefits of ORD practices and to promote FAIR principles. This measure is therefore designed to facilitate appropriate training and further education, encourage the networking of data stewards and other experts, and foster international exchange and participation in European and international networks.

**2. Call for proposals C1.3: Mobilise and facilitate participation in relevant international initiatives**

Action line C1.3 addresses adequate representation of Swiss researchers in international forums and initiatives. The call for proposals is directed towards Swiss higher education institutions or initiatives [eligible for funding](#).

2.1 Goals

The aim of the call is to enable eligible institutions to participate in relevant European and international initiatives by funding membership fees. In justified cases, further expenses for coordination tasks may be financed. However, personnel costs, meeting fees, travel expenses, and the purchase of fixed materials are not eligible for funding.

It is strongly encouraged that proposals promote or coordinate collaboration between institutions.

2.2 Selection procedure

The General Secretariat of swissuniversities evaluates the proposals. Rolling applications are accepted until the available funds are exhausted, as the call for proposals operates on a "first come, first served" basis. When the amount of requested funding reaches the amount budgeted, a notice will appear on the website. If funds become available again at a later date, the call will be reactivated.

Collaboration with other [Swiss higher education institutions eligible for funding](#) is desirable. The extent to which a proposal adequately addresses and incorporates the needs of the different institutions, types of higher education institutions, and research communities is therefore given particular weight in the evaluation.

The selected applications are then submitted to the Delegation Open Science, the decision-making body, for approval at the quarterly meetings.

2.3 Formal requirements

<b>Submission</b>	The <a href="#">application</a> and budget form ( <a href="#">individual institution</a> , <a href="#">multiple institutions</a> ) must be sent with the subject "Action line C1.3: <i>Title of proposal</i> " to the following address: <a href="mailto:open-science@swissuniversities.ch">open-science@swissuniversities.ch</a>
<b>Signature</b>	The application must be signed by the president or rector of all participating higher education institutions
<b>Duration</b>	End of 2024, at the latest

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<b>Budget</b>	Up to CHF 60,000 in federal funding (coordination funds, see “3. Regulations for federal project contributions [PgB]”)
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#### 2.4 Content requirements

Proposals must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Align with the explanations on Action Line C1.3 of the [National ORD Action Plan](#) (pp. 25–26)
- (2) Describe the initiative, the timeline, how participation promotes ORD, and the added value it has for the Swiss higher education and research landscape.

### **3. Regulations for federal project contributions (PgB)**

#### 3.1 No matching funds principle

Subject to the budgetary decision of the Federal Assembly, federal funds are allocated by the State Secretariat for Education, Research, and Innovation (SERI) and awarded to the higher education institutions via swissuniversities; the regulations for federal project contributions (PgB) therefore apply. However, for this particular call, the matching funds principle does not apply. Nevertheless, the higher education institutions are encouraged to invest their own funds.

More information is available in the Guidelines for the PgB-funded programmes managed by swissuniversities ([German](#) | [French](#) | [English](#)).

#### 3.2 Reporting

The project leaders must submit to swissuniversities an annual as well as a final content and financial report. Detailed information on reporting can be found in the Guidelines for the PgB-funded programmes managed by swissuniversities ([German](#) | [French](#) | [English](#)).

Additionally, a report that describes the outcome and the experiences for the community must be provided by December 2024 at the latest.

### **4. Contact**

In case of questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Katja Fiechter, policy officer in the division Higher Education Policy:

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