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Open Action Lines for the 2023 Open Access Call for Projects

The Open Science Program from swissuniversities welcomes applications from eligible higher education institutions focusing on the following action lines by Wednesday May 31, 2023.

1. Setting up of shared services & e-infrastructures

Typical Actions:

- ✓ Developing repository solutions as shared services and e-infrastructures for the implementation of Open Access where necessary (preference will be given to the development and further integration of existing solutions in cooperation across different HEIs and HEI types)
- ✓ Promoting the usage of repository solutions compliant with the OA national guidelines and the specialization of staff developing those solutions,
- ✓ Setting-up the necessary researchers' support for using such resources.

Additional requirement:

- ✓ Bottom-up proposals need to foresee the delivery of a business plan for each service or e-infrastructure proposed, including a sustainable financing model following their initial co-funding by the Open Science Program. In addition, proposers of such bottom-up actions are invited to coordinate their efforts at all stages of their projects, including during the proposal preparation phase. The evaluation criteria about impact (see annex C of the [OA Implementation Plan](#)) are designed to prioritize proposals that respond to these additional requirements

2. International participations

Typical Actions:

- ✓ International participation in OA infrastructures/initiatives, implementation of OA standards to enhance interoperability.

There are 3 types of such initiatives, examples are indicative only:

- ✓ Repositories where publications can be published (e.g. ArXiv, BioRxiv, Open Library of Humanities, OAPEN, Zenodo ...)
- ✓ Initiatives/Registries providing data and information on Open Access (e.g. SCOAP3, SHERPA/RoMEO, DOAJ, DOAB, OpenAPC, OpenDOAR, OPERAS, Knowledge Maps...)
- ✓ Central components for handling OA and for monitoring (e.g. ORCID, DOI, Creative Commons licenses...)

Additional requirement:

- ✓ Proposals need to include a provisory business plan for the sustainability of the actions after the funding period by the program

3. Alternative forms of publication

Typical Actions:

- ✓ Flipping of existing journals, setting-up of OA publishing platforms, either disciplinary or nationally, setting-up of innovative revenue models/funds for journals (e.g. platinum OA or joint contributions of libraries and funders), transformation and business models for learned society journals, support for institutional OA repositories in the context of interoperability at national or international level, quality control and compliance with OA metrix and DORA.

Additional requirement:

- ✓ Proposers are expected to assess the possible collaboration of SNSF, Swiss Academies and publishing houses.
- ✓ Proposals need to foresee the delivery of a business plan for each service or e-infrastructure proposed, including a sustainable financing model following their initial co-funding by the Open Science Program.
- ✓ Proposals are expected to focus mainly on the platinum/diamond models.
- ✓ Targeted journals/platforms should be dedicated to research publications (which excludes Open Educational Resources or other types of publications).

4. Research Assessment

Typical Actions:

- ✓ In general: Proposals of research assessment and evaluation procedures that take Open Access and Open Science principles into account; more specific: propositions of best practices of alternative research assessment methods within specific disciplinary or data communities; implementations of career assessment procedures that consider Open Access and Open Science services and outputs of researchers (like the [Open Science Career Assessment Matrix OS-CAM](#)); implementation of the DORA-Declaration within institutions; developing and or / implementing new forms of metrics according to Open Science principles.

Additional requirement:

- ✓ Proposals should address the many dimensions that intervene in the evaluation, be it at the scale of research institutions or for individual researchers, of scientific research output or of Open Science practices. This may include novel ways to implement key aspects of the DORA Declaration, e.g. for the evaluation of research outputs, new forms of metrics ("Altmetrics") or tailored recruitment processes on all academic levels taking into account Open Sciences issues

Application Process Deadline

31.05.2023: Deadline to receive the complete project application and budget form

Please make sure to complete the [project application submission form](#) (period 2021-2024) as well as the budget form ([single beneficiary](#), [multiple beneficiaries](#)) and to send both documents via email until at the latest May 31, 2023 to the following address:

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