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Call for Open Research Data (ORD) Reviewers

Introduction

On behalf of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), swissuni-versities, the ETH Domain, the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences developed the Swiss National Strategy for Open Research Data (ORD) and the associated ORD Action Plan, published in 2021 and 2022 respectively. The Action Plan covers the years 2022 to 2028.

The programme Open Science I, Phase B – ORD implements the action lines of the ORD Action Plan which are under the responsibility of swissuniversities. The Delegation Open Science leads the implementation of the programme on behalf of the swissuniversities Board. Current calls for proposals can be viewed here.

The Delegation Open Science of swissuniversities is recruiting ORD experts to expand the existing Open Science Reviewers' Pool, whose task is to assess the quality, impact and rel-evance of proposals using an anonymised open peer review process.

To expand the Open Science Reviewers' Pool, we are looking for two different profiles:

Profile I: Senior Experts in the Field of ORD

Expertise and Skills Requirements
We are looking for well-established reviewers who have a well-founded expertise in one or several of the following related topics: ORD Training, Data Stewardship, Professionali-sation of ORD Specialists and related Services, Legal and Ethical questions related to ORD. Applicants are required to have strong analytical and critical thinking skills, a posi-tive and collaborative mindset, and a very good command of written and spoken English.

Expectations .
- reading of project proposals
- writing of individual evaluation reports and consolidated evaluation reports
- actively participating in the call evaluation workshop with the reviewers' pool
- monitoring of the projects' performances (intermediary and final project reviews)

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Profile II: Junior Researchers with Expertise in ORD

Expertise and Skills Requirements
We are looking for junior researchers from Europe with expertise in ORD, specifically with regards to software and hardware development, data curation, community services such as the organization of workshops or developing standards and best practices. We expect candidates employed at universities to hold postdoctoral positions, in the case of employment at universities of applied sciences or at universities of teacher education, we expect a comparable position with a dedicated research profile. In addition, applicants are required to have strong analytical and critical thinking skills, a positive and collaborative mindset, and a very good command of written and spoken English.

Expectations
- Participation in an online introductory workshop in January 2023
- Critical reading and evaluation of short project proposals (initial work – including concise written assessments – is expected in February and March 2023, with additional calls to follow as appropriate)
- Actively participating in one online evaluation workshop per call
- If applicable for the concerned call, monitoring of the projects' performances (intermediary and final project reviews)

Independence, Transparency, and Integrity Requirements

- Reviewers' pool members are nominated ad personam
- Assignments will be proposed to them by the programme coordination based on their area of expertise and skills
- Reviewers' pool members must declare potential conflicts of interest to the programme coordination and sign their contracts with swissuniversities before they can start their work as reviewers
- Remuneration is provided based on assignments
- Duration of the contract: 01.01.2023–31.12.2024

Timeline for the Recruitment Process

- 07.10.2022: Deadline for receiving completed individual applications
- October-November 2022: The selection committee reviews the applications and issues recommendations to the Delegation Open Science
- 09.12.2022: The Delegation Open Science selects the reviewers based on the selection committee's recommendations
- Mid-December 2022: All candidates are informed about the status of their applications

Please make sure to submit your applications including your CV and relevant cover letter explaining why and to what extent your professional expertise, experience, and skills match with the Profile I or Profile II of this call **by 7 October 2022**. Applications are to be sent to open-science@swissuniversities.ch with the subject line "Call for Reviewers Profile I" or "Call for Reviewers Profile II".