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Call for Open Research Data (ORD) Reviewers

Context

On behalf of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI), swissuniversities, 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 those 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 relevance of proposals using an [open peer review process](#).

Junior Researchers with Expertise in ORD

Expertise and Skills Requirements

We are looking for junior researchers from Europe with expertise in ORD within their own field of research or teaching, in specific data communities, in outreach activities as the organization of workshops or developing standards and best practices or in the development of IT solutions enabling ORD research and data curation. 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 or February 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: January/February 2023 - December 2024

Timeline for the Recruitment Process

- 8 December 2022: Deadline for receiving completed individual applications
- December 2022 – January 2023: The selection committee reviews the applications and issues recommendations to the Delegation Open Science
- January 2023: The Delegation Open Science selects the reviewers based on the selection committee's recommendations. All candidates will be informed about the status of their applications immediately afterwards.

Please submit your application with your CV and cover letter explaining why and how your professional expertise, experience, and skills match with the profile of this call **by 8 December 2022**. Applications are to be sent to open-science@swissuniversities.ch with the subject line "Call for Reviewers".