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Call for reviewers for the National Program Open Science I (2021-2024)

Introduction:

At the request of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SEFRI), and in collaboration with the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF), swissuniversities has developed a national [Open Access Strategy and its related Action Plan](#) for the period 2018-2024. The vision sets the goal that by 2024 at the latest, 100% of scientific publications resulting from public funding should be available in open access.

The National [Open Science Program](#), with an allocated budget of 11 million CHF for the period 2021-2024, will match another 11 million CHF invested by the Swiss higher education institutions themselves on their way to achieve the goals of the Open Access Implementation Plan. The phase A of this program focusing on Open Access (OA) will be completed by a phase B focusing on Open Research Data (ORD) starting in 2022.

The Open Science (OS) Delegation of swissuniversities is in charge of managing this program and is recruiting between 15 and 20 experts in Open Science to expand the existing [Open Science Reviewers' Pool](#) whose mission is to assess the quality, impact and the relevance of proposals using an anonymized [open peer review process](#).

Expertise, Fit and Skills Requirements:

We are looking for well-established reviewers having expertise in the following related topics:

Open Access: Alternative Forms of Publication, Setting-Up of Shared Services & E-Infrastructure, Participation to Open Access International Initiatives,
Research Assessment: Optimizing & Reforming Research Assessment and Diversity,
Legal expertise in OA and Copyright (Secondary Publication Rights, more specifically)
ORD: Training, Data Stewardships, Professionalization of ORD Specialists and related Services
Legal and Ethical questions related to ORD

Required skills for all experts: analytical and critical thinking, negotiation and writing skills, positive mindset and constructive feedback, collaborative and team spirit.

English is essential and required (in writing and speaking). A good understanding of German and French can be helpful for the evaluation panel workshops.

Independence, Transparency and Integrity Requirements:

- reviewers pool members are nominated ad personam
- assignments will be proposed to them by the program coordination based on their area of expertise and skills
- reviewers pool members have to declare potential conflicts of interest to the program coordination and sign their contracts with swissuniversities before being able to start working as reviewers.

Expectations for the Reviewers Pool Members:

- 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)

Remuneration for the Reviewers

- A maximum of 5 working days per project, with a fixed amount of EUR 500 per working day, has been set to prepare the evaluation, participate to the reviewers' evaluation workshops and conduct the intermediary and final reviews.
- travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the program coordination budget in case the reviewers' evaluation workshops take place in Switzerland.

Recruitment Process Deadlines:

- 12.02.2022: Deadline for swissuniversities members and partners such as the SNSF, the Academies, SLiNER & NICT to nominate reviewers applications
- 14.02.2022: Deadline for receiving completed individual applications
- 14.03.2022: Selection committee has reviewed all applications & made its selection
- 18.03.2022: The OS Delegation validates the selection from the committee
- 25.03.2022: All candidates are informed about the status of their applications.

Please make sure to submit nominations of applications and individual applications including CV and relevant cover letter addressed to Dr. Aude Bax de Keating explaining why and to what extent the professional expertise, experience and skills match with this call by the respective deadline to:

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