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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 Program Open Science I, with an allocated budget of 11 mCHF for the period 2021-2024, will match another 11 mCHF invested by the Swiss higher education institutions themselves on their way to achieve the goals of this Action Plan. The program will be completed by an additional phase starting in 2022 on Open Research Data, with a preliminary budget allocation of about 30 mCHF.

The Delegation Open Science of swissuniversities is in charge of managing this program. It is recruiting experts in Open Science to compose the "Reviewers Pool" whose mission will be to assess proposals and monitor the performance of projects for the program.

Competences and Skills requirements:

The Reviewers pool will be starting to operate with about 20-25 independent experts having expertise in at least two to three of the following OA related topics¹: Policies, Monitoring, Communication & Awareness raising, Set-up of shared services & e-infrastructures, International cooperation, Alternative forms of publications, Research Assessment, Diversity. Additional applications will be called for in 2021 to complete the pool based on the ORD Action Plan (to be validated in may 2021).

Required skills for all members: analysis, synthesis, negotiation, initiative, constructive feedback, team spirit.

¹ For details, please look into the National Open Access Action Plan:

In German: https://www.swissuniversities.ch/fileadmin/swissuniversities/Dokumente/Hochschulpolitik/Open_Access/Plan_d_action-d.pdf

In French: https://www.swissuniversities.ch/fileadmin/swissuniversities/Dokumente/Hochschulpolitik/Open_Access/Plan_d_action-f.pdf

Language skills, English is required (in writing and speaking). A good comprehension of German and French is necessary during the consensus panel meetings.

More than half of the reviewers pool members should still be active users of OA services themselves, for instance as researcher.

Additional required skills for the president of the reviewers pool: consensus building, diplomacy, overview of the portfolio

Independence and Integrity requirements:

- reviewers pool members are nominated ad personam
- assignments will be proposed to them by the program coordination based on their competence profiles
- reviewers pool members have to self-declare potential conflicts of interest to the program coordination.

Tasks for the reviewers pool members:

- reading of project proposals
- drafting of individual evaluation reports
- participating in the reviewer's consensus panels
- monitoring of the projects' performances (intermediary and final project reviews)
- *Specific for the Reviewers Pool President:* informing the Delegation Open Science about the recommendations of the reviewers pool.

Remuneration for the reviewers

- a fixed amount of EUR 250 per half-day for preparation work and participation in the reviewers' consensus panels will be taken in account
- travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the program coordination budget

Recruitment Process

A first draft of the "Reviewers pool" will be proposed by a screening committee mandated by the Delegation Open Science, following this timetable:

- 16.7.2020: Deadline for swissuniversities members, SNSF, SLiNER & NICT to nominate applications
- 17.8.2020: Deadline for individual applications
- 31.8.2020: Selection committee has assessed all CVs and drafts the pool²
- 18.9.2020: Delegation Open Science validates the selection committee proposal
- 22.9.2020: Candidates are informed about the status of their application.

Please submit nominations of applications and/or individual applications (CV and application form) to openaccess@swissuniversities.ch.

² The selection committee will use the following criteria in composing the pool:

- more than 25% women
- more than 25% international members
- more than 50% users/researchers
- diversity in roles and stages of the career
- regional representation within Switzerland
- more than 25% with expertise in service or e-infrastructure management
- minimum of 2 reviewers should have expertise in diversity issues