



DSI Info Event – DIZH Project Call

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Agenda

- General information on the DIZH Project Call 2022 (including relevant dates)
- Key Aspects for successful DIZH projects
- Budget & Matching Funds @ UZH
- Discussion
- Further information





General information on the DIZH Project Call 2022 (including relevant dates)





What is the DIZH Project Call?

- Projects focus on forward-looking and beneficial solutions to relevant questions and problems from
 practice in the context of digital transformation => contribution of practice partner stated in the Letter of
 intent or (in justified cases) impact on practice
- Projects have a disruptive and forward-looking character and pursues radically new approaches
- Projects with different forms of cooperation between the participating universities and practice partners
 inclusion of at least one more DIZH universities or «super-interdisciplinarity» within one DIZH university
- Duration from 1 to 3 years and between CHF 100'000 and CHF 300'000
- Total project funds available for distribution: 3.5 million CHF
- Eligible applicants need to be employed by one of the 4 DIZH institutions for the period of the proposed project





Relevant dates for the DIZH Project Call 2022

- Fix your cooperation with the other DIZH universities latest by 25 October 2022
- Note: ZHAW and ZHdK have to apply internally for their matching funds latest by 30 October 2022
- Application deadline: 4 November 2022 12 noon
- Evaluation until January 2023; final decision mid February 2023
- Earliest start of projects: 1 March 2023
- Latest possible start: 1 September 2023





Key Aspects for successful DIZH projects





Key aspects for successful DIZH projects

- 1. Fulfill basic requirements: good to read, within the provided template, maximum length, ...
- 2. Demonstrate the **impact on Practice (Praxis)**: questions/problems addressed should be relevant for defined stakeholders (not just "academic" questions): Clarify the stakeholder group, sketch a plan how to interact with them, don't forget outreach activities, etc...
- 3. Clarify the **innovation** of the project: show how the question/problem is novel and risky (i.e., possibility of failure is not a "killer criterion")
- 4. Make sure that the question (and team) is sufficiently **interdisciplinary**: both regarding involved disciplines and DIZH universities.
- 5. In this call, the focus is on **social**, **artistic**, **pedagogical projects or from the humanities**: this concerns both the question/problem addressed and the disciplines represented in the team.





Budget & Matching Funds @ UZH





Budget

- You have to budget the total project first, then decide what should be funded by DIZH (50% of the total project costs) and what is your contribution.
 - => Your **own contribution** must be included in the cost section (personal costs, material etc.)
- Calculatory overhead (20% of the total project costs) counts as «matching funds»
- Cost for assets are not allowed, not even as matching funds. (Asset @ UZH = can be used more than
 one year and cost more CHF 10'000; everything with a useful live over one year and up to CHF 10'000
 is considered as «Device/Equipment» in the DIZH budget template.)
- Subcontracting (services from third parties) are only allowed up to CHF 100'000 or the maximum of 20% of the total project costs.
- Practice partner can only provide cash contributions (as third-party funds).
- Canton of Zurich expects a 1.9% increase on salaries final decision is due after the call
 therefore calculate a lump sum for those increases.





Matching Funds @ UZH

- UZH does not provide a pot for Matching Funds, you have to provide it yourself!
- Matching funds can be in the form of preliminary work from projects related to the submitted project, dating back no longer than 12 months from the planned starting date

Matching from university funds = «Redeployment of existing funds»:

- Direct funds from Betriebskredit, Einrichtungskredit or other university funds from the contributing profit centers or institutes
- Time of researchers/staff funded by Betriebskredit or other university funds; as well: your salary! or from the professor

Matching from third-party funds = «Third-party funds acquired» (content must be related and relation must be demonstrated):

- Direct funds from third-party funds not "earmarked" (not used as matching for other projects)
- Time of researchers/staff funded by third-party funds





Discussion





Further information

FAQs on general questions:

https://dizh.ch/en/activities/innovationprogram/f-a-q/

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