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DSI Info Event – DIZH Project Call 2023

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Agenda

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General Information on the DIZH Project Call 2023



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 university or «super-interdisciplinarity» within one DIZH university
- Projects are not restricted to a specific research area
- Duration from **1 to 3 years** and between **CHF 100'000 and CHF 300'000**
- Total project funds available for distribution: **3.0 - 3.5 million CHF**
- **Eligible applicants** need to be employed by one of the 4 DIZH institutions for the period of the proposed project



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Relevant dates



Relevant dates for the DIZH Project Call 2023

- Fix your **cooperation** with the other DIZH universities as soon as possible.
- PHZH has to inform about the project title and the project partners Andrea Piga (andrea.piga@phzh.ch) latest by **30 September 2023**. Application deadline for matching funds is **16 October 2023**.
- ZHdK has to apply internally for their matching funds latest by **23 October 2023**.
- ZHAW has to apply internally for their matching funds latest by **25 October 2023**.
- UZH doesn't have an internal pre-approval process.
- **Application deadline: 1 November 2023 - 12 noon**
- Evaluation until January 2024; final decision latest by **end February 2024**
- Earliest start of projects: **1 March 2024**
- Latest possible start: **1 September 2024**

More details on the differences of the DIZH institutions can be found here:

https://dizh.ch/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/20230918_Wichtige-Informationen-der-einzelnen-DIZH-Hochschulen-zum-PC.2023.1.pdf



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Key Aspects for successful DIZH projects



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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”).
For details: https://dizh.ch/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/20230616_Innovationsverstaendnis-und-Evaluationskriterien.pdf
4. Make sure that the question (and team) is sufficiently **interdisciplinary**: both regarding involved disciplines and DIZH universities.



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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 (of all partners).
- **Practice partner** can only provide cash contributions (as third-party funds).



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 application date (here: from 1 November 2022)
- The financial responsible person has to issue a confirmation of matching funds. Template will be provided on the DIZH homepage.

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

- Staff or material paid from Betriebskredit, Einrichtungskredit or other university funds => your salary or 10%-20% of the professor can count as in-kind-contribution

Matching from **third-party funds = «Third-party funds acquired»** (content must be related and relation must be confirmed in the confirmation of matching funds) :

- Staff or material paid from third party grants



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Discussion



Further information

FAQs on general questions:

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

UZH Contact point for questions:

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- Questions regarding content & feedback to ideas: markus.christen@dsi.uzh.ch (only in week 39/43)



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