

4. DIZH Project-Call - What you need to know

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About the Call

- The Project Call looks for innovative, solution-oriented projects which address questions of digital transformation in the field of social, cultural and economic practice
- Projects should focus on different forms of cooperation between the participating universities and practice partners
- Project duration: 1-3 years
- Project funding: 100,000-300,000 CHF DIZH special credit

What you have to know before you apply

- Employees of all DIZH institutions who are employed during the period applied for are eligible to apply for this call.
- Students of DIZH institutions can be team members but are not eligible to apply for this call.
- The inclusion of applicants from more than one DIZH institution is a criterion for approval.
- The inclusion of at least one practice partner must also be indicated in the application.

Financial aspects

- Each project can be supported with max. 300.000 CHF of DIZH funding which has to be matched with the equal amount:

mind. 100'000 und
max. 300'000 aus DIZH-
Sonderkredit

= 50% of total project costs

Same amount as DIZH Funding

20% Overhead

23.4% ZHAW digital

6.6% Third Party Funding (*keine Kt.-Gelder*)

= 50% of total project costs

Matching Funds

Valid contributions to matching:

- a) Your Practice Partner(s) make(s) a cash contribution. This is real money.
- b) Your organizational unit makes a cash contribution, for instance from leftover funds from other projects (must be non-cantonal!). This is real money.
- c) You can plausibly show that you have thematically related projects that were funded by third parties (e.g. SNF, Innosuisse, etc) and can use outcomes from those projects for the current project (in-kind contribution). This is virtual money.

Information Practice Partner(s)

- Practice partners cannot directly receive DIZH funds (make sure to correctly fill in the Budget template)
- Research and practice partners must be financially and personally independent. This is guaranteed if the natural persons involved in the project on the part of a DIZH institution:
 - do not work for a practice partner at the same time;
 - have no economic interests in the business activities of a practice partner and do not financially support a practice partner for other reasons.

What you need to submit

- Applications are to be exclusively handed in via the Selectus-Portal **by October 1st 2024 at 12PM** (noon)
- There is no possibility to save your application status in Selectus, so please make sure to have the following documents, all ***prepared in PDF format as indicated below***, before starting to hand in your application:
 - 1) Proposal (max.5 pages)
 - 2) CVs of all (Co-) Applicants (as one PDF file)
 - 3) Letters-of-Intent of Practice partners
 - 4) Budget-Template (worksheet tabs „DIZH Budget Calculation“ & „Personnel costs“ converted to one PDF)
 - 5) Confirmation of Matching Funds from all contributing partners (combined as one PDF).

Timetable

- Deadline Matching Funds ZHAW digital **September 24th 2024**
- Deadline to hand in your proposal via the Selectus-Portal **October 1st 2024 at 12PM** (noon)
- **November 2024 – February 2025** Evaluation of the submitted proposals (2 review rounds)
- **March 2025:** decisions on submissions made
- **April 1st 2025:** earliest date to start the project
- **October 1st 2025:** latest date to start the projects

Your Questions?