National ORD Prize

Call 2023

This year, for the first time, the National Open Research Data Prize (ORD Prize) will be awarded by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences. The new prize will award innovative ORD practices and foster the transition to establish Open Research Data as part of good scientific practice.

Thematic focus of the National ORD Prize 2023: The reuse of research data

The main objective of the ORD Prize is to recognize researchers for a specific research project in which they either have reused data produced by other researchers or have curated their own data in a way that explicitly facilitates the access and reuse of the data by other researchers.

The main criteria that will be used in the evaluation are:

- **Methodical innovative reuse of data**: this criterion is broadly construed and will be evaluated with respect to practices in the respective field of the research project. For example, a project showcasing reuse of data in a field in which reusing data is not yet an established practice can be considered as innovative, whereas for other fields, the innovative aspect may lie, for example, in the fact that a new approach was used for the reuse, or that the reuse concerned a purpose that is drastically different from the initial target by the researchers who originally produced the data; and/or

- **Impactful reuse of data**: this criterion focuses on the positive impacts related to the reuse of data in the project. These can be, for example, scientific, societal, educational, or intergenerational.

In their application, researchers will be asked to explain how their own project meets these criteria.

The focus of the prize is on the researcher’s reuse of data related to a specific research project, rather than on the researcher’s track record. Moreover, the project submitted for this prize must be part of scientific work executed at a Swiss research institution (e.g. University, University of Applied Sciences, Federal Institutes, Universities of Teacher Education, etc.).

Researchers from all career levels and scientific disciplines can apply. Early-career researchers are also encouraged to apply, and applications will be evaluated considering differences in career levels and disciplines. Diversity will be taken into consideration as well.

In total, three ORD prizes will be awarded: a Golden Award (associated with 10’000 CHF prize money), a Silver Award (associated with 7’000 CHF prize money), and a Bronze Award (associated with 4’000 CHF prize money).

Applications can be made using the application form on the website and are accepted until **31.08.2023, 17h local time**. For further questions, please contact the ORD Unit at Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences: ord@akademien-schweiz.ch

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