

Call for Proposals: Discipline- or data community-specific codes of conduct with regard to ORD

Action Line D2.6 of the ORD Action Plan

Background

Mandated by the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI) in 2020, the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences are part of the [Swiss National ORD Strategy](#) – a collaborative initiative with swissuniversities, the ETH Domain and the Swiss National Science Foundation. The jointly developed [Action Plan for Open Research Data](#) details the measures of the ORD Strategy and defines the action lines that fall under the responsibility of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

Action Line D2.6: Develop and disseminate discipline- or data community-specific codes of conduct with regard to ORD¹

Open Research Data (ORD) plays a pivotal role in advancing scientific knowledge, fostering collaboration, and promoting transparency within research communities. However, the effective utilization of ORD requires the establishment of robust codes of conduct tailored to specific disciplines or data communities. These codes of conduct serve as guiding principles to ensure the responsible and ethical use, sharing, and management of research data.

Objective

We are seeking proposals for the development of **discipline- or data community-specific codes of conduct concerning Open Research Data (ORD)**. **In total up to four projects with one code of conduct per project will be funded.** The produced codes of conduct should serve as guides and reference frameworks for disciplines and data communities with regard to ORD.

¹ See ORD Action Plan, 29.

To represent a wide range of disciplines and data communities it is planned to launch more calls in the future.

Proposals must address the following key components:

1. Identification of target group(s): Clearly define the target discipline or data community and identify other relevant entities.

2. Review of existing guidelines and standards: Conduct a comprehensive review of existing codes of conduct, guidelines, and best practices related to Open Research Data within the specified discipline or data community. Identify gaps, challenges, and opportunities for improvement.

3. Development of Code of Conducts: Propose a clear and actionable code of conduct for the responsible handling, sharing, and management of research data within the target discipline or data community (e.g. in form of a White Paper).

4. Dissemination: Develop strategies for dissemination and implementation within the target discipline or data community.

Eligibility

The call for proposals is addressed to research communities of the **eligible Swiss higher education and research institutions**. Institutions not eligible to receive federal funding may participate in projects as partners of eligible institutions.

Timeline & Process

Call Opening: 1 May 2024

Call Closing: 31 May 2024

Notification of approval: End of June 2024

Duration of project: July 2024 at the earliest – End of June 2025 at the latest (max. 12 months)²

² The regular funding period runs until the end of 2024. An application to extend the period until June 2025 has been submitted to SERI. Projects can run until the end of June 2025, subject to a positive decision by SERI in spring 2024.

Progress update 1: Mid-October 2024

Progress update 2: Mid-January 2025

Draft code of conduct: End of March 2025

Final code of conduct: 30 June 2025

Final reporting after the end of the project

Deliverables

- Code of Conduct (range of approx. 30 - 50 pages maximum)
 - o Including an Executive summary (2 pages)
- Strategy for dissemination of the produced code of conduct

General requirement: Respect the code of conduct for scientific integrity

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Budget

The Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences provide **a total amount of max. 120'000 CHF, up to 30'000 for each code of conduct project**. The project money should cover all work and needed infrastructures described in the proposal. **Please note:** Use of federal funding is restricted to those activities directly related to meeting the objectives of the projects.

Selection procedure

Proposals are evaluated by the AG Open Science of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences³, under the purview of the president of the Academies. Decisions on applications are expected to be communicated in June 2024.

³ AG Open Science: Beat Immenhauser, Olivia Denk, Manuel Kugler, Marc Türlér, Tizian Zumthurn, Gaudenz Metzger, Fabian Schlupep.

Selection criteria

The proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- General quality of proposal
- Clarity and feasibility of the proposed approach
- Methodology
- Competences of the project team
- Benefit & potential impact to the target discipline or data community

Submission instructions:

Please submit proposals electronically with the provided budget template under the subject line 'Call D2.6: proposal's short title' to: ord@swiss-academies.ch

Deadline: 31 May 2024

If you are not able to submit the full proposal by the end of the deadline, it is possible to place an **Expression of Interest** and submit all relevant documents within two weeks.

Contact

For inquiries or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Annex

Example

- White Paper der SGG: Datenstandards für historische Forschung (2023)
<https://zenodo.org/records/10101431>