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# Call for new members: ORD Sounding Board Researchers

One of the core principles of Open Science is to make scientific research data and findings openly accessible as Open Research Data (ORD). Through the principles of open access and reusability, ORD practices support transparent, reproducible research findings. The four stakeholders swissuniversities, ETH-Domain, Swiss National Science Foundation and the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences committed as partners to a [Swiss National ORD Strategy and an Action plan](#), which regulates its implementation. A variety of action lines until 2028 targets the support of ORD research practices, development of sustainable mechanisms to finance necessary research infrastructures, place data stewards within the higher education institutions and encourage community building processes.

The realization of the action plan is coordinated by a [Strategy Council](#) who develops a common vision of the national ORD landscape. For the better understanding of the perspective of the researchers and their communities for the implementation process, the Strategy Council has installed a permanent Sounding Board for Researchers (SB R). This Sounding Board is anchored within the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences, who are responsible for its administrative support.

The main task of the Board is to advise the Strategy Council and the Coordination Group as its supporting unit, by responding to its questions and issuing recommendations to enable the participation of research communities in the further development of the Swiss ORD landscape. Within the context of these tasks, the Board may consider anticipating future ORD-related developments. Furthermore, it acts as the Jury of the [National Open Research Data Prize](#), that is awarded by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

**For the extension of the Sounding Board, we are calling for new members in the fields of History/Digital History, Life Sciences and Data Sciences for the period 2025-2026.** Up to six new members can be elected. We are looking for future members, who have an explicit interest in Open Science and already gained experiences with ORD research practices. Members of the Sounding Board should be affiliated with a Swiss higher education institution and should be able to represent ORD practices within their field of expertise.

The members will be elected by the Strategy Council. The mandate of the newly elected members starts in January 2025 and lasts two years, renewable. The Sounding Board, consisting of up to 20 members, will be supported by a dedicated secretary. We are seeking a disciplinary and methodologically diverse Board of researchers of different career levels, positions (PhD as minimal requirement) and gender and affiliation. If you are interested in contributing to the future ORD landscape in Switzerland, please send a CV and a motivation letter to Olivia Denk, Specialist for Open Science, Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences ([Olivia.Denk@akademien-schweiz.ch](mailto:Olivia.Denk@akademien-schweiz.ch), +41 31 306 92 11) **by 23 August 2024**.

#### Further information

Dedicated [Website](#) A+ with member overview and mandate of the SB R

#### Selection process

The members of the Sounding Board are selected by their interest and personal experience documented in the submitted dossier and the diversity criteria mentioned in the mandate. The Coordination Group will prepare a short-list of candidates for the attention of the Strategy Council, who will elect the members.