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Programme Open Science II

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As of 1 January 2025, or by arrangement, swissuniversities is hiring

Reviewers for the Programme Open Science II (2025–2028)

The Programme Open Science II, with an allocated budget of 30 million CHF for the period of 2025–2028, will match another 30 million invested by Swiss higher education institutions to pursue the goals of the National Open Access Strategy and the National Open Research Data Strategy, as well as to promote Open Science in further innovative areas.

The Delegation Open Science of swissuniversities manages this programme and is recruiting a pool of experts in Open Science. The experts assess the quality, impact, and relevance of proposals by means of a peer review process.

As a reviewer for the Programme Open Science II, you will evaluate project proposals of the programme. This mainly includes:
- Participation in the online introductory workshop in spring 2025.
- Reading project proposals (*c*. 15–35 pages each) and evaluating project budgets.
- Writing individual evaluation reports and consolidated evaluation reports.
- Actively participating in (remote) evaluation workshops with other reviewers.
- Contributing to reporting processes.

Candidates for this position are expected to have the following skills and competencies:
- Excellent command of English (reading knowledge of French, German, and / or Italian is a plus).
- Initiative, reliable, dependable, and strong analytical skills.
- Well-developed interpersonal skills and team spirit.
- Experience with review processes.

In addition, candidates are expected to have experience and competences in one (or several) of the following areas:

Open Science
- Research assessment
- Knowledge transfer and community outreach activities
- Implementation of Open Science within research institutions
- Reproducibility and replications practices
- Research methodology and open-notebook science
- Citizen science

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Open Access to scientific publications
- Green and / or Diamond OA
- Alternative forms of publication, particularly OA for non-article publications
- Setting-up of shared services and e-infrastructures
- Cost monitoring
- Institutional publishing
- Participation in international OA initiatives
- Legal expertise in OA, copyright, rights retention, secondary publication rights, etc.

Open Research Data
- Data Stewardship
- Research Data Management
- Research infrastructures and open data platforms/repository
- Legal aspects of sharing data
- FAIR principles, data curation and data archiving
- Artificial Intelligence, data mining, linked open data
- Open Source software and open hardware

Innovative Areas of Open Science
- Open Science compatible knowledge transfer from higher education institutions to relevant actors in society and economy
- Science diplomacy and cooperation between higher education institutions and international organisations
- Knowledge security and questions of national security relating to Open Science

Expertise can stem from research, teaching, administration, involvement in Open Science communities, participation in outreach activities, Open Source software development, development of ICT resources for research and research communication, data curation, etc.

We are offering:
- An interesting position with the possibility to shape Open Science in Switzerland.
- A challenging and varied role in a dynamic field with changing stakeholders.
- Good networking opportunities within the higher education landscape and beyond.
- Assignments will be proposed to reviewers by the programme coordinators based on reviewers' area of expertise and skills.
- A daily allowance of 500 CHF for each working day per project evaluation. The number of remunerated working days for each call will be decided in advance, depending on size and complexity (usually 3–4 days; to be confirmed in autumn).
- All work will be conducted remotely.

Reviewers must sign a contract with swissuniversities before being able to start working and must declare potential conflicts of interest to the programme coordinators for each review.

If you are interested, please submit your application including a short curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages) and a cover letter explaining your motivation as well as why and to what extent your professional expertise, experience, and skills match the requirements outlined in this call by **30 September 2024** to: open-science@swissuniversities.ch. If you have any questions, please consult our website or contact the same email address.

Recruitment Process
- 30 September 2024: deadline for applications.
- October & November 2024: selection committee reviews applications.
- 4 December 2024: hiring decisions made by the Delegation Open Science.
- Mid-December 2024: candidates are informed about the status of their application.