



DSI Infrastructure & Lab Call 2025
Zoom Information Event 7.02.2025

Agenda

- Key Points of the DSI Infrastructure & Lab Call 2025
- Definition of an Infrastructure or Lab
- Approved DSI Infrastructures & Labs (as of today)
- Key Aspects for the Committee Members
- Budget & Matching Funds
- Questions & Further Information



Key Points of the DSI Infrastructure & Lab Call 2025

1. Only Infrastructure & Labs (see the following examples). No projects. No funding of careers.
2. Interdisciplinarity
3. 2025: Focus on Data Repositories particularly welcome (i.e., how UZH could create a data repository for broad range of disciplines)
4. Eligible are full DSI members (all UZH members who are actively involved in issues related to the digitalization of society / registration: <https://www.dsi.uzh.ch/en/research/network/registration.html>.)
5. Funds must be partially matched from UZH funds (Betriebskredit, Einrichtungskredit, other UZH research funds) or third party grants. Own salary can be used as matching funds.

Key Points of the DSI Infrastructure & Lab Call 2025

6. Investments in assets are not allowed. New since 1.01.2025 assets are above CHF 50'000.
7. Funding from CHF 20'000 to CHF 100'000 are funded for max. project duration of 2 years.
8. Reapplication possible.
9. Funding for follow-up project theoretically possible, if description of achieved milestones, the missing milestones and the reasons are described.
10. Deadline: April 6, 2025, Decision: early June 2025

Definition of an Infrastructure or Lab

- Jointly usable infrastructures (e.g. Data Donation Lab, Z-Pool-Tool, ...), or
- Structural vessels to promote collaborative settings for research (e.g. Bridge Lab)
- Enable synergies and new forms of cooperation
- Potential to develop into an UZH technology platform

Definition of an Infrastucture or Lab

Funded (examples):

- Regular, purpose-oriented meetings of researchers to jointly develop solutions
- Combination of existing infrastructures
- Development of new infrastructure/platform that are conducive to interdisciplinary cooperation

Not funded (examples):

- Improvement of an existing app for a closed user group
- Digitalization of samples/collection or artefacts

Approved DSI Infrastructures & Labs

<https://www.dsi.uzh.ch/en/research/projects.html>

- Jointly usable infrastructures:
 - Data Donation Lab
 - Z-Pool-Tool
 - HDR Platform
 - etc.
- Structural vessels to promote collaborative settings for research:
 - Bridge Lab
 - MEEET Lab
 - etc.

Key Evaluation Aspects for the Committee Members

1. Infrastructure & Labs: No projects, no funding of fellowships / careers
2. Solid application – note: Committee members from all faculties, S3IT and Strategic Research Platforms, main criteria:
 - The added value for research is clear and relevant for multiple users
 - The milestone planning is realistic
 - The infrastructure is sustainable
3. Interdisciplinarity
4. 2025: Focus on Data Repositories particularly welcome (i.e., how UZH could create a data repository or gain information from a large set of data for broad range of disciplines)

Budget & Matching Funds

Budget:

- Money comes from DIZH / directly from the canton, therefore certain rules apply.
- Use of a simplified version of the DIZH budget template.
- Different approach:
 - 1) What costs are related to my infrastructure/lab? => overall costs have to be shown
 - 2) How are these overall costs funded (by DIZH, by matching funds).
- Calculatory overhead (to represent the overall infrastructure costs of UZH for rooms and central services; 20% of the total project costs) counts as «matching funds».
- Costs for assets are not allowed. Please note: Starting with 1.1.2025 the amount for «assets» increased. Not an «asset» (for accounting purpose) is everything up to CHF 50'000 (and a useful life over one year).
- Difference to DIZH Innovation program funding: no limit for subcontracting, no preliminary work as matching funds.

Budget & Matching Funds

Matching Funds:

- 50 % of the total project costs must be matched
- 20% of the total project costs is calculatory overhead and counts per default as matching.
- 30% has to be «own contribution»

Own contribution can be:

- in-kind contribution of your workforce or the workforce of your team (funded by university funds or third party grants) as long as you can confirm that the content of your research is related
- material costs paid by university funds (Betriebskredit, Einrichtungskredit or or other university funds from your profit center or institute) or third party grants
- Exception: DIZH funds can't be matching funds

Budget & Matching Funds - Example

TEST	<i>Project name</i>	
Gabi	<i>Applicant (name, institute)</i>	
1.7.25 - 30.6.27	<i>Project duration from ... to ...</i>	
DETAIL		
	CHF	in %
UZH personnel cost (Input from tab "personal costs")	157'759	79%
further personnel costs		0%
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TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS	157'759	79%
costs for external services, programming, ...		0%
costs for outreach, workshops, ...	2'241	1%
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TOTAL MATERIAL COSTS	2'241	1%
TOTAL DIRECT PROJECT COSTS	160'000	80%
(calculatory) OVERHEAD	40'000	20%
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INCL. OH	200'000	100%
PROJECT FUNDING:		
TOTAL PROJECT COST INCL. OH	200'000	100%
REQUESTED DIZH FUNDING (50% of project cost incl. OH)	100'000	50%
REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS TOTAL	100'000	50%
Required Matching Funds:		
MATCHING FUNDS TOTAL	100'000	50%
Overhead	40'000	20%
Required own contribution	60'000	30%
<small>60% Posidoc will be paid 10 months from funds of the chair</small>	59'462	
<small>some material costs will be paid by the Einrichtungskredit/professorship startup budget</small>	540	
Total university funds	60'002	
Total third-party funds	-	
Difference (negative amount = over-matching = OK)	- 2	

- To receive maximum funding of 100 kCHF you need a total project sum of 200 kCHF (including calculatory overhead of 40 kCHF)
- => needed own contribution is 60 kCHF
- Of your expected direct costs (160 kCHF) => 100 kCHF will be funded by DIZH = 62.5%
- Your own contribution has to be included in the direct cost section! If you increase your own contribution, the funding increases.
- Play around with the budget template
- Feel free to ask questions.
- Red corners contain explanatory notes.

Budget & Matching Funds – Example: Detail of personnel costs

		Project name TEST								
		Applicant (name, institute) Gabi								
		Project duration from ... to 1.7.25 - 30.6.27								
University	Person	Personnel category	Role	Percentage of assignment	Months	Personnel costs per year (incl. average of 14% - 18% social sec. costs employer)	Proportional project costs CHF			
UZH	Thomas Muster	Post-Docs (100% Pensum, LK 18/LS03)		60%	14	118'923	83'246			
UZH	Thomas Muster - Matching	Post-Docs (100% Pensum, LK 18/LS03)		60%	10	118'923	59'462			
UZH	NN	Student assistant without Bachelor (100% Pensum; LK10/LS03)		20%	12	75'254	15'051			
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TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS UZH								157'759		
Please include all staff, even if it's funded by matching funds!										

Questions & Further information

- Full call text, template for your proposal and budget template (including detailed comments)

<https://www.dsi.uzh.ch/en/research/funding/infrastructure-lab.html>

- General questions:

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- Specific questions regarding matching funds or budget template:

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