



Seed Grants Citizen Science Zurich

Information event call 2024

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Seed Grants in a nutshell



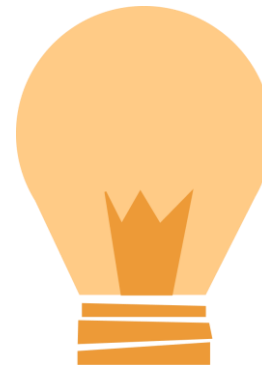
FOR WHOM

Teams of academic and citizen scientists.



GRANT

max. 40'000 CHF +
additional support for
facilitation



IDEAL SUPPORT

Networking with other
Seed Grant projects

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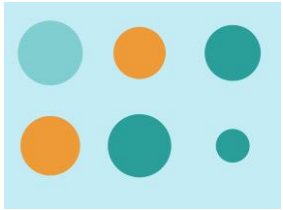
Access to our tools
"Project Builder" und "CS
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PURPOSE

Incentivize participatory
research

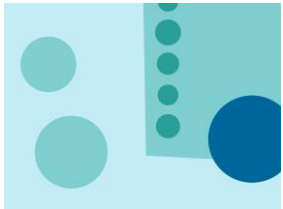
What does Citizen Science Zürich do, and why do we fund projects?



Inspiration



Education & Training



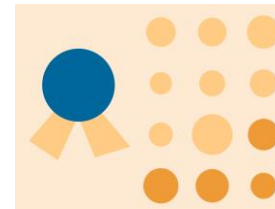
Participation opportunities



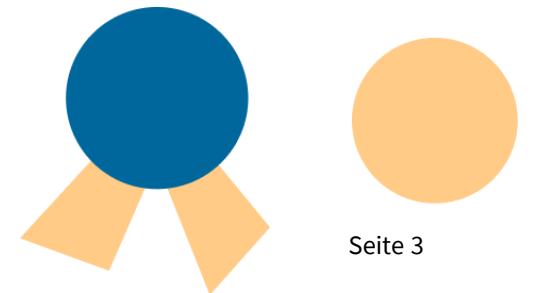
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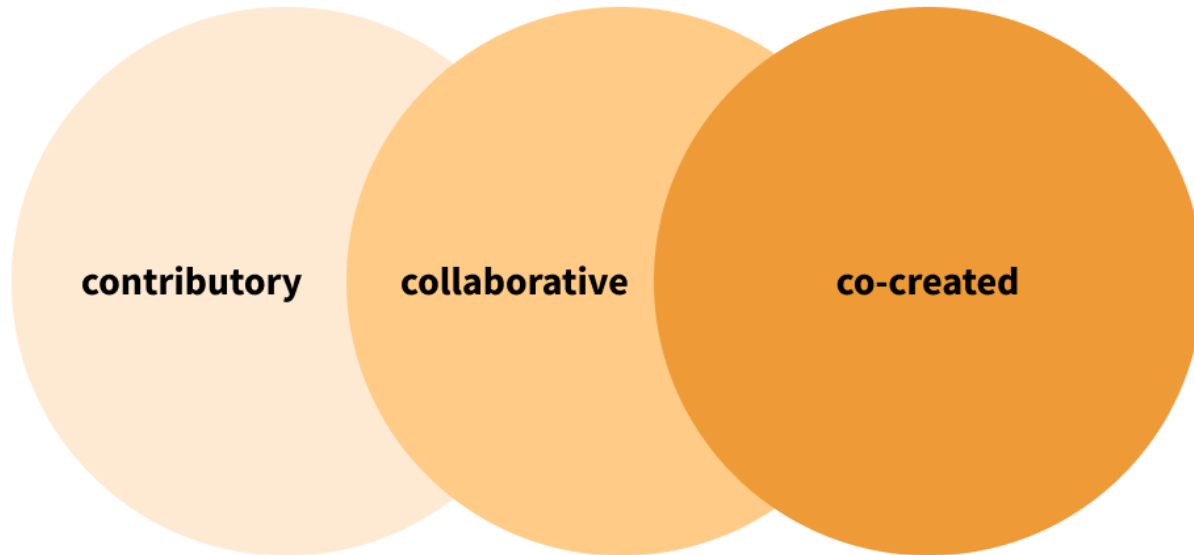
Networking



Support

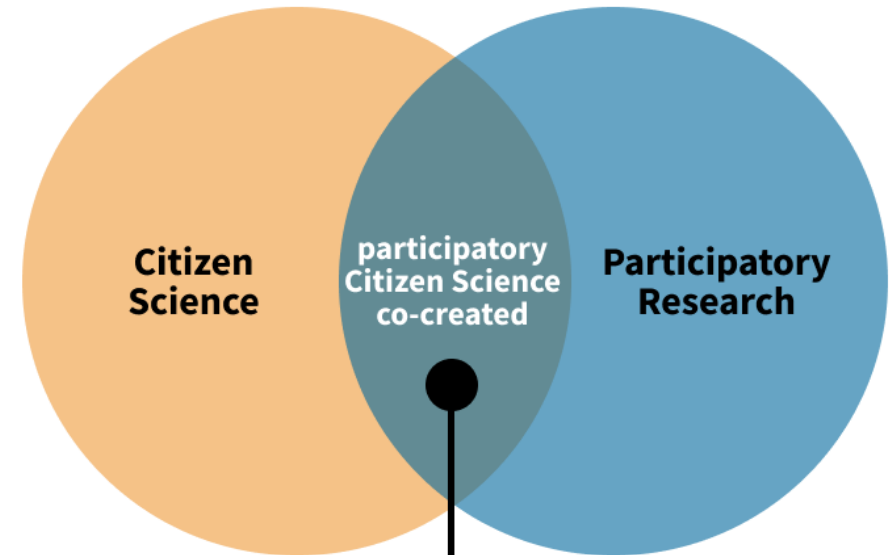


Focus on participatory Citizen Science...



Bonney et al. 2009, Shirk et al. 2012

- Citizens help collecting data
- Higher citizen involvement, for example in data analysis
- Citizens are involved in defining the research question, developing the research plan, and have the right to co-determination.



- Outcomes and added value for science and society
- Aim to understand reality & change reality
- Research at eye-level

Impact logic

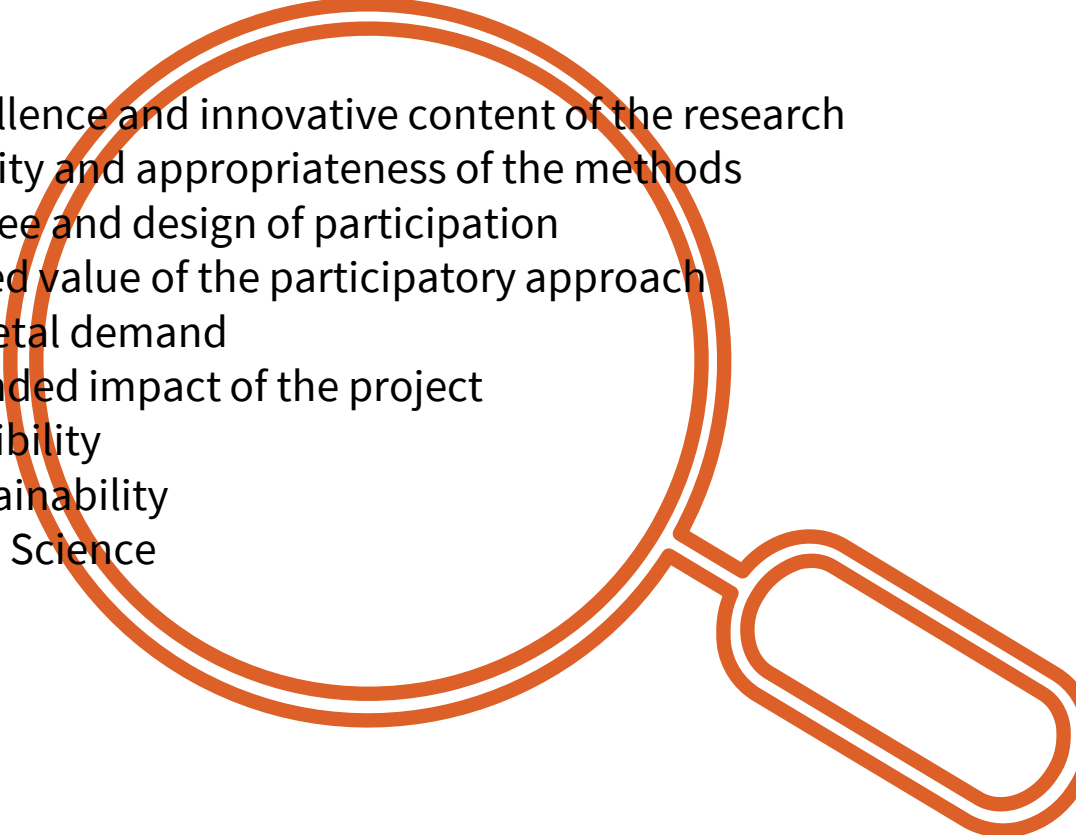
- We assume that participatory projects have an impact on science and on society



Source (last visited 09.01.2024:

https://www.phineo.org/uploads/Downloads/PHINEO_Social_Impact_Navigator.pdf

Criteria

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- Excellence and innovative content of the research
 - Quality and appropriateness of the methods
 - Degree and design of participation
 - Added value of the participatory approach
 - Societal demand
 - Intended impact of the project
 - Feasibility
 - Sustainability
 - Open Science



DECISION

Committee of
researchers, citizen
scientists, citizens and
the Mercator Foundation
Switzerland

Examples of current seed grant projects

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



Hair SALON Project

Hair salons as innovative community spaces for the provision of sexual and reproductive health services to young women in Lesotho and Switzerland: a survey in collaboration with Citizen Scientists.



Care PartIES

This project aims to increase the importance of neonatal research to families and ultimately to society.



Leveraging citizen science to strengthen responsible business behaviour

Reporting behavior of Swiss firms on sustainability-related matters in the aftermath of the Konzernverantwortungsinitiative - Are companies complying with the new reporting requirements?



WINE Project

Participatory focus groups to develop a scientific pilot project for long-term, more sustainable viticulture in Switzerland.

And other Citizen Science projects?

- Browse these pages for examples of citizen science projects in the natural science, the humanities, the social sciences and the medical sciences.



<https://www.schweizforscht.ch/>



<https://www.buergerschaffenwissen.de/projekte>

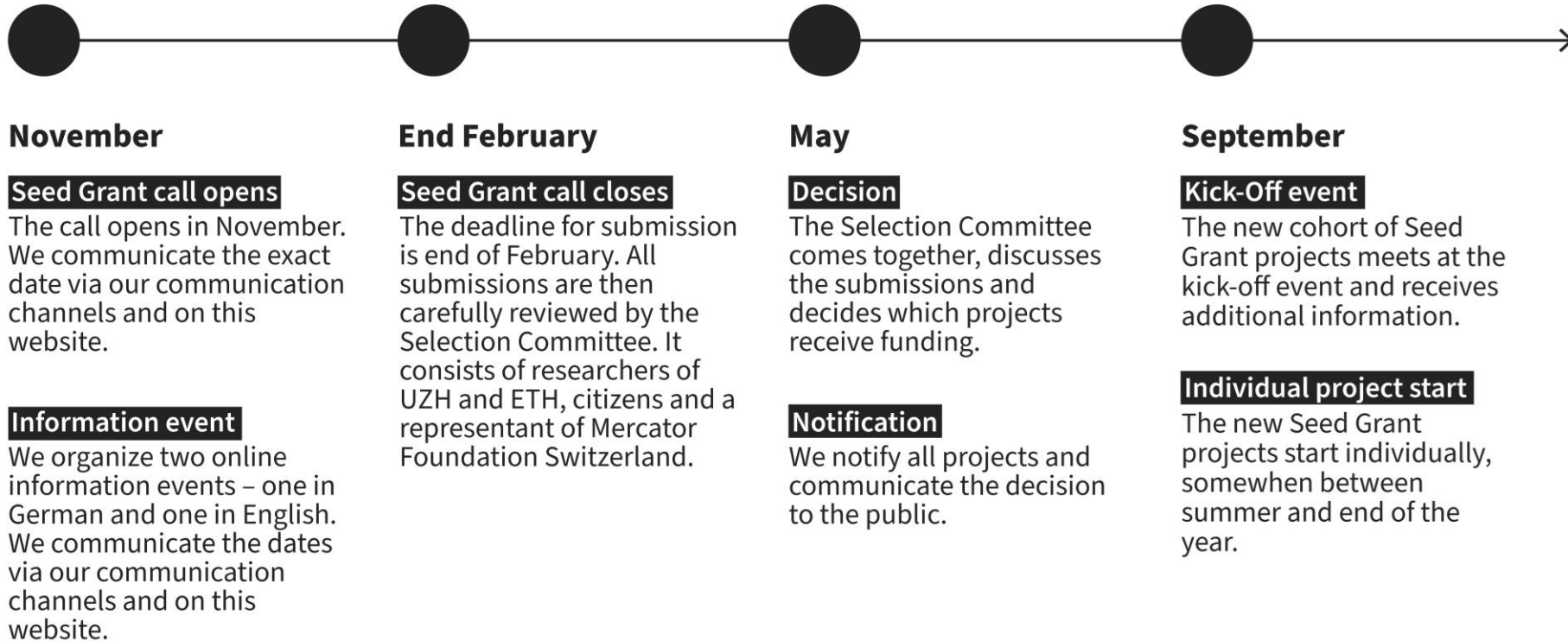


<https://www.citizen-science.at/projekte>



<https://eu-citizen.science/>

Timeline





How to apply?

- For all the documents and the application form, please visit <https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en/services/seedgrants.html>
- **Link to the call:**
Selectus – Citizen Science Zurich

Next Deadline: **03.03.2024, 23:59**



PWA application tool



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Language

English

Position

Seed Grants 2024

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Instructions




You are about to apply to the call "Seed Grants 2024" of Citizen Science Zurich at UZH and ETHZ. During the application process, you will have to submit your personal data and information about your academic or professional background.

In addition, you have to submit the following documents as separate PDF files. The PDF files must not contain any password protection or encryption.

Mandatory Documents:

-  Curriculum vitae (max 5 MB)
-  Project proposal (max 5 MB)
-  Budget plan (max 5 MB)

Optional Documents:

-  Publication list (max 5 MB)
-  Reference letter(s) (max 5 MB)
-  Other documents (one single PDF only) (max 5 MB)

Please make sure that you have the required documents (one file per requested document), your personal information and the information on your academic or professional background ready before you continue this application process.

Attention: The application process cannot be saved and continued at a later time. Upon leaving the application process, all data previously entered will be lost.

Once you reviewed and submitted your application in the last step, the application process is completed and you will no longer have the possibility to modify the submitted data. Please contact alessandro.rearte@uzh.ch in case you would like to modify your application.



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To be filled in by the applicant / contact person

General details

titel*, gender*, first and Last name*, date of birth*, nationality*

Contact details

phone*, email*

Current Affiliation

organization*, department, current position

Correspondence address

business or private* address



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To be filled in by the applicant / contact person

Highest degree
type / year*, institution*

Optional details about
academic age, dissertation, habilitation



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Mandatory documents

curriculum vitae*, project proposal*, budget plan*

Optional

publication list, reference letters, other documents

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General

project title*, disciplines*, planned start date*, abstract

Funding

total project budget*, total of matching funds (university plus practice partner)*, total funding requested from CSZ *

FAQs

- **Who counts as a researcher?**

Researchers refer to academic researchers (doctoral candidates, postdocs, professors) affiliated with the UZH or ETH. A researcher from UZH or ETH (including the ETH domain) must be part of the project team.

- **Who counts as a citizen?**

Persons who do not hold a scientific position at the UZH/ ETH or any other university/research institution.

- **What can the funds be used for?**

The use of funds is quite flexible and can be allocated for salaries, events, workshops, travel, etc.

- **In what period of time do the funds have to be used?**

Over the course of twelve months. Adjustments are possible!



FAQs

– **What can be added to the application form as an appendix?**

Please upload CVs, letters of support or suitable documents in the Selectus application tool. Please upload only what is truly necessary.

– **The application form states that facilitation or process support can be advantageous. What does that mean?**

Professional facilitation/process support can be a very meaningful assistance. In addition to financial support, facilitators from our network are available to you.

– **My current project is coming to an end and I need follow-up funding - can I apply for a Seed Grant?**

The intention of the Seed Grants is to initiate and implement new projects. If the application is related to an existing project, it must be clear how the new project differs from the existing one and what new participatory elements will be promoted.

FAQs

– **What criteria are used to evaluate the applications?**

The selection committee assesses the projects rating the following criteria: Excellence and innovation in research; Quality and appropriateness of methods; Degree and design of participation; Added value of the participatory approach; Social demand; Intended impact of the project; Feasibility; Sustainability or prospects for follow-up projects; Open Science

– **Who are the committee members?**

Committee members are researchers of UZH and ETH, citizens and a representant of Mercator Foundation Switzerland. Both scientists as well as citizens involved have an expertise in citizen science and participatory projects. They may, however, not be experts in your field.

– **What kind of reporting do I have to hand in and when?**

At the end of your project, we look forward to reading your final report, for which we will provide a template. Deadlines will be fixed according to your project's schedule.



Do you have further questions?





Information and Contact

You can find all information here:

<https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en/services/seedgrants.html>

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