



DSI Bridge Postdoc Call

Intro

Zurich is ready to meet the challenges of a digital future! The University of Zurich (UZH), the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), the Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) and the Zurich University of Teacher Education (PHZH) are collaborating in the Digitalization Initiative of the Universities of Zurich «Digitalisierungsinitiative der Zürcher Hochschulen (DIZH)». The aim of the DIZH is to promote cooperation between Zurich's higher education institutions in the field of digitalization and thus strengthen Zurich as a center of research and business.

As part of the DIZH activities, UZH will create several postdoc positions that will be part of the UZH Digital Society Initiative (DSI). The DSI provides an independent academic environment at UZH for promoting interdisciplinary innovation and critical reflection regarding all aspects of the digitalization of society and academia.

In this third and last call, several postdoc positions are to be assigned with funding available for four years. The funding will include salary of the Postdoc, salary of a PhD student and/or material resources for up to CHF 780'000 in total. In this way, successful applicants will be enabled to build up an independent small research group and to perform research independent from teaching and management duties.

What and for who is it?

The DSI bridge postdoc positions are for excellent researchers at the outset of their academic career, carrying out interdisciplinary and inter-institutional research on topics closely linked to digitalization and its impact on society. As a DSI bridge postdoc, you **will be expected to establish or strengthen the content links within the DIZH and to create synergies across the universities**. Possible fields of research may include but do not need to be restricted to Digital Health, Digital Ethics, Religion and Digitalization, Digital Humanities, Legal Tech, Computational Science, Digitalization in Education, and Communication.

Applications from **all disciplines** are welcome; topics and research questions are not restricted, as long as they concern the digital transformation of science and society in a relevant degree. Candidates should apply with an interdisciplinary, inter-institutional project, with a vision on how they want to contribute to the reputation of Zurich as a center of excellence and knowledge regarding all aspects of digitalization. Previous experience in interdisciplinary or inter-institutional projects is an asset. A PhD degree and very good command of English, written and oral, are a prerequisite.

What do we offer?

We offer competitive employment conditions at UZH, a highly engaging research environment, state-of-the-art facilities such as the High Performance Computing infrastructure and support through the researchers collaborating under the umbrella of the DIZH. Diversity and inclusion are important to us.

There are plenty of opportunities for cooperation and interdisciplinary exchange with the participating universities. Support can be offered when successful applicants want to raise/attract third-party funds to expand or prolong the research project, which is strongly encouraged.

The positions are an excellent opportunity to further develop qualifications and gain credentials and experience in different disciplines at the interface of digitalization. Further attractive career opportunities exist on site.

How to apply?

Please submit your application by using this link to Selectus:

<https://www.apply.dsi.uzh.ch/position/19890176> (choose English as language).

Please include the following in your application:

- Motivation letter
- CV in accordance with the SFNF guidelines
(see: <https://snf.ch/en/gKcnwW6aEft4bMPF/page/your-curriculum-vitae-all-about-the-cv-format>)
- Copy of university-level diploma
- A project outline (max. five pages) based on the provided template: The project outline should describe your interdisciplinary, inter-institutional digitalization project, and convey your vision on how you want to integrate on one or more other DIZH universities (PHZH, ZHAW, ZHdK). Please include a timeline.
- Letter of another collaborating DIZH university (PHZH, ZHAW, ZHdK) outlining that they are in principle interested to collaborate with you. (Note: University of Zurich would be your home institution in case of approval of your application and the Canton of Zurich as funder wants to improve the collaboration across the DIZH universities).

The deadline for applications is **September 17, 2023**. Screening of applicants will start afterwards. You will be notified latest in January 2024. Start of the employment is as early as possible but you have to start on June 1, 2024 the latest.

We are looking forward to your applications!

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