# Financing Criteria for DSI Projects

This document sets out the criteria for projects funded through DSI funding schemes. Individual funding mechanisms may have additional requirements. Meeting these criteria does not create a legal right to funding. The criteria are as follows:

A) **Consistency with the DSI's strategic objectives:** The main goal of the DSI is to critically reflect on the process of digitalisation and to shape it in a future-oriented manner. Any project funded by the DSI must therefore be in line with the strategic priorities of the DSI. These priorities are outlined in the document «DSI Roadmap».

B) **Interdisciplinary and interfaculty cooperation:** As a general rule, interdisciplinary projects are funded. The project proposal should explicitly show how the interdisciplinary cooperation will be structured.

C) **Counter-financing:** Depending on the funding scheme, the financial contribution of the DSI to the project must be supplemented by further financial contributions (e.g. from the faculties involved or from third-party funds). Whether and to what extent counter-financing is required is specified in the application criteria for the individual funding areas.

D) **Innovative content:** The innovative content of the project must be explicitly indicated. This can be demonstrated, for example, on the basis of the research question or the means, methods, or expected results.

E) **No perpetuity:** The projects submitted should extend over a defined period of time and have a clearly defined conclusion. The DSI doees not make any financial contributions to projects that are already in progress or those that require a permanent financial commitment of the DSI.

F) **Leverage:** Ideally, submitted proposals are focused on a long-term goal. Examples include workshops to support a research proposal or to establish a longer-term collaboration with third parties. The application should specify what leverage is sought in this regard.

G) **Reporting of the output:** When submitting an application, it should be clearly stated what the project's output is, e.g. publication in a scientific journal, application for third-party funding including the requestes amount, etc.

H) **Labelling as DSI project:** By accepting the DSI funds, the project becomes (also) a DSI project. The applicant must, therefore, state at the time of submission how the DSI's support of the project will be made recognizable (e.g. by using the logo on presenations, flyers, websites, etc. and/or by corresponding references in publications). The modalities of cooperation with UZH Kommunikation are detailed in a separate leaflet.

I) **Excluded from funding:** In principle, the DSI does not fund hardware (e.g. tablets). Nor can the DSI fund the development of commercial products or services.