**Diamond Open Access Fund**

**Track C: Diamond projects linked to UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP VD**

# Objectives

Through track C, BCUL wishes to support all types of Diamond initiatives (journals, platforms, networks, research projects, etc.) linked to UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP.

The aim is to:

* subsidize existing initiatives, enabling them to become more professional, improve their workflow, set up one-off projects or contribute to greater financial sustainability
* encourage the launch of new Diamond projects or, particularly in the case of journals, promote the transition from non-Diamond to Diamond
* raise the profile of Diamond OA by presenting it as an economically and ethically viable option

**Application Process**

Applications should be submitted via the “Project Application Form” [est-il possible de mettre un lien vers le doc en question ? Le doc en ANG bien sûr]. Once completed, the form can be e-mailed to [reb@bcu.unil.ch](mailto:reb@bcu.unil.ch). Any questions about the submission process can also be sent to [reb@bcu.unil.ch](mailto:reb@bcu.unil.ch).

The deadline for submissions is June 1st of each year. Funding decisions are made by a committee made up of representatives from BCUL, BiUM and BCUL site HEP VD. Decisions are communicated at the beginning of September.

## Eligibility and Assessment Criteria

Project applicants must comply with the following eligibility criteria. The evaluation criteria, listed for information purposes, are used by committee members to assess projects.

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| **Eligibility Criteria** | |
| **Applicant (person or organization submitting the project)** | **Initiative/Project** |
| Link with UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP (mandatory if the initiative/project does not have one) | Link with UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP (mandatory if the applicant does not have one) |
| Non-commercial entity. Applications from for-profit organizations will not be considered | Link to Diamond AO. Projects based on other types of OA will not be considered |
| Full transparency on legal ownership, business model (financing, donations, membership, etc.) and organizational chart (committees, employees, etc.) | Journal: must be Diamond or use funds to become Diamond |
| Accounting infrastructure capable of receiving funds, compatible with Canton de Vaud invoicing practices |  |

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| **Assessment Criteria** | |
| **Applicant** | **Initiative/Project** |
| Importance of links with UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP VD | Importance of links with the community, teaching, fields or projects of UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP VD |
| Age, history and stability of applicant organization | Feasibility of project, realistic timetable |
| Financial stability of the applicant | Clarity and control of the budget |
| Importance of the applicant organization for Diamond OA and the research community in general | Relevance and scope of the project for the promotion of Diamond OA in general |
| Use of Open-Source technologies and infrastructures | Regional, national and international impact |
| Applicants who have previously received support from the Diamond Fund | Project previously supported by the Diamond Fund |
|  | Professionalization, modernization or perpetuation of an existing resource |
|  | Journal: transition from non-Diamond to Diamond |

**Available funds**

The maximum amount that can be allocated to a project is CHF 10,000. Exceptions may be made, but only if duly justified. The committee reserves the right to reduce the amount requested if it deems this to be appropriate, or if this would enable a greater number of projects to be supported. The same applicant may apply for funding for the same or a different project over several funding cycles. However, a new application must be submitted for each cycle.

Questions? Need help ?

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