

Diamond Open Access Fund

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

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 Vaud.

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". Once completed, the form can be e-mailed to reb@bcu.unil.ch. Any questions about the submission process can also be sent to 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 Vaud. 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.

Eligibility Criteria	
Applicant (person or organization submitting the project)	Initiative/Project
Link with UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP Vaud (mandatory if the initiative/project does not have one)	Link with UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP Vaud (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	

Assessment Criteria	
Applicant	Initiative/Project
Importance of links with UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP Vaud	Importance of links with the community, teaching, fields or projects of UNIL, CHUV, Unisanté or HEP Vaud
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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