

Hasler Mercator Digitalization & Democracy

Project title:

Short but meaningful title

Start date:

Date

Duration:

Months (max. 48)

Amount requested:

Amount in Swiss francs (CHF)

Lead Institution:

(of main applicant)

University, faculty, institute / Organization name

Main applicant:(person accountable; see
remark on top of page 3)

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Name, academic degree, position within institution

Full address, contact data (email, phone)

In case the main applicant is not able to act in a legally binding way on behalf of his/her organisational unit (i.e., he/she is not a professor, is not permanently employed in a scientific position and does not dispose of a budget of his/her own) the backing of the head of the applicant's organisational unit or another person with the relevant powers is mandatory. The funds of the Hasler Foundation are paid out to (the account of) the backer who takes over the responsibility for the correct appropriation of the funds provided. An accompanying letter by the backer to this end is required (see page 9).

Backer:

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Project abstract:

Context, project goals, expected results. Max 1'800 characters.

Co-Operation Partners

The funding program requires interdisciplinary and intersectoral co-operations between multiple institutions. Nevertheless, a single person (main applicant) is required, to act in lieu of the co-operating bodies and to be responsible to the foundations for the proposed project. All funding will be handed out to the (institution of the) main applicant who in turn will be responsible for the correct distribution among the co-operating parties.

Institution:
(of co-applicant)

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Co-applicant:

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Scientific Network

International Co-Operation

With whom at which institutions in which countries
Context and nature of co-operation

National Co-Operation

With whom at which institutions
Context and nature of co-operation

Attachments

Please attach the following documents to this form by merging them into one large PDF document.

1. Detailed project description

Do not exceed 18 pages and 70,000 characters incl. spaces (the first limit reached applies, including titles and front page, footnotes, illustrations, formulae, tables, but not the bibliography). Minimum font size 10 and line spacing 1.5 must be used.

1.1. Summary

Please limit to one page.

1.2. Research

- **Current state of research in the field**
Describe your project in the context of the current state of knowledge in the field, referring to the most important publications. Describe the different perspectives provided by each involved discipline. Describe which previous insights provided the starting point and basis for your project, in which areas research is needed and why, and what your project can contribute to closing this gap.
- **Current state of own research**
Please describe the research work undertaken in the relevant field by members of the project team/research group, the results obtained so far as well as the relevance of these preliminary undertakings for the current project.
- **Research goals and objectives of the project**
Specify concrete research objectives and questions that you aim to achieve in the period of funding. Describe to what extent the proposal addresses important challenges and presents a novel approach.
- **Scientific methods to be applied**
This is the most important part of section 1.2. Specify the scientific approach, combination of different methods, techniques, etc. to be used in addressing the overall goals of the project. In what way does the proposed research go beyond existing models, theories, doctrines, research approaches, methods, etc.? Describe the methods that first have to be developed. Describe in detail how you plan to reach the anticipated goals. Assess the risks involved and propose alternatives if necessary.

1.3. Impact

- **Overall vision of the project**
Describe the desired overall impact of the project on a high level, beyond the research goal. Put particular focus on societal impact.
- **Detailed Impact Plan (Outcomes and Outputs of the Project)**
Describe the desired outcomes of the project's activities and how you will measure them (indicators)? What are the specific activities/services/outputs/deliverables of the project in relation to the outcome goals?
Note: The website <https://www.projekte-mit-wirkung.ch> can offer you some guidance on this section. The workshop is also intended to provide useful input to develop a coherent impact plan.
- **Current situation and context analysis, incl. overview of landscape/ecosystem**
Provide an overview of similar initiatives currently ongoing by yourself or other organizations. What is the added value of your project? How does the project intend to interact with these? Please provide an overview of any related own initiatives that are currently ongoing or planned, beyond research projects already described above.

1.4. Team and collaboration between research & impact partners

- **Overview of team**
Provide an overview of the team planned to work on this project and a clear understanding of the role and contribution of each involved team members. Work with placeholders to describe roles that have not been staffed yet.
- **Role and expertise of each party**
Please also explain why the expertise and contribution of each involved party is necessary and why the collaboration is essential to achieve the project goals and delivers an additional benefit.

1.5. Schedule & milestones

- **Time schedule**
Please compile a schedule that includes the most important milestones to measure the results achieved so far and to decide on possible adjustments in the work schedule.

1.6. Project funding & perspective

- **Project budget**
Use the [provided template](#) to provide a detailed breakdown of requested funding, including allocation of personnel and other cost.
- **Longterm perspective**
What remains of the project after the funding ends? Describe clearly how you envision to achieve long term impact including the necessary financial sustainability.

2. CV and publication list of applicants

For research personnel, please follow the specifications and [recommendations provided by the SNF](#).

3. List of related projects

Please list related projects that are currently ongoing or under submission with another funding body by one of the involved institutions, using the [template provided](#).

4. Additional documents

Please feel free to provide any other information you consider relevant to your proposal.

5. Accompanying letter by backer

Only if a backer is required (see page 1)

Conditions of Funding

As a rule, the financial support by the Hasler Foundation and the Mercator Foundation (“the Foundations”) is split into annual tranches. Each subsequent tranche is paid out subject to a report in writing providing details of the results achieved so far. At the end of the project a final report shall give a full account of the project comparing the results achieved to the research plan.

The Foundations do not claim any rights to the results of the research it has funded or co-funded but grants its support subject to the condition that all results achieved are made public, appropriately mentioning the support of the two Foundations.

The Foundations are under no obligation whatsoever to accept internal rules of universities and institutes which set forth special conditions for funding projects. Any amount granted by the Foundations is at their own discretion and can be linked to additional conditions.

In accepting funding by the Foundations the recipients of the funding acknowledge their consent with these Conditions of Funding.

Submission Process and Formal Requirements

The full proposal must be submitted as **one combined PDF** via the website <https://grants.haslerstiftung.ch> as an “ensuing application” on the basis of the short proposal submission in March. To do so:

- Log in to the application with the user who submitted the short proposal
- Go to “My activities”
- Open the short proposal
- Click on “Submit” to start a new application process
- Fill in the required fields and upload **one combined PDF** as described above

Applications not meeting these basic formal requirements will be sent back to the applicant for resubmission.
