Collaborative Research on Science and Society (CROSS) Programme

2020 Call for CROSS Projects

Information on the Call for Projects and Rules

Objectives

The Collaborative Research on Science and Society (CROSS) Programme is the result of an agreement signed between the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and the University of Lausanne (UNIL) with the aim of encouraging interdisciplinary projects that deal with current issues in society and technology, and that are carried out as a collaboration between researchers from EPFL and UNIL.

Through an annual call for projects, CROSS provides competitive grants to support new seed research endeavors that have the potential to grow into full-scale interdisciplinary research projects.

Thematic scope

- Every year, the call for projects is launched on a particular theme.
- The theme for the 2020 Call is MOBILITY

Funding and budgeting

- The maximum granted amount for one project is CHF 60,000.
- The funding may be used to cover salary and material costs, and expenses related to the organisation of events, research visits or fieldwork. A detailed budget specifying the division between EPFL and UNIL must be provided (see application form). Foreseen expenses must be justified and coherent with the proposed research activities.
- Resources are allocated for a maximum period of one year.
- CROSS does not fund any overhead or other indirect costs.

Eligibility

To be eligible, the applications must meet the following criteria:

- The researchers involved are based at an EPFL or UNIL unit (institute, laboratory, college or center).
- The Principal Investigators (one for EPFL and one for UNIL) must be a professor, senior scientific collaborator (MER), or a scientific collaborator.
- The project team brings together specialists in the human and social sciences from UNIL, on the one hand, with specialists in the life sciences, natural sciences or engineering from EPFL, on the other.
- The project proposes an interdisciplinary approach to deal with current issues in society and technology related to the annual priority theme.
- Projects on other themes may also be considered based on the opportunities that they offer and the financial resources available.

Submission of applications

Applications must be prepared following the indications mentioned in the application form. The project team establishes a main Principal Investigator (from EPFL or UNIL), who must send the application form in electronic format (including annexes) to CROSS at the following email address: cross@epfl.ch

Complete applications must be submitted by **30 September 2019**. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.

All proposals have to be registered at EPFL Grants Database:
https://grantsdb.epfl.ch/pap/index.php?page=depotReO.Etape1

Timeline

Call release:	27 June 2019
Deadline for submissions:	30 September 2019
Evaluation and funding decision:	November 2019
Notification:	by 15 December 2019
Starting date of project:	1 January 2020
Event presenting granted projects:	February 2020
Event presenting findings of granted projects:	November 2020
Project completion:	by 31 December 2020
Deadline for submission of final reports:	31 March 2021

Evaluation and selection

Applications will be assessed by CROSS Scientific Committee on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific merit of anticipated outcomes
- Originality and value added of the interdisciplinary approach (clear integration of various disciplinary methods and insights)
- Feasibility of the proposed activities
- Coherence between the budget and the proposed activities
- Potential to grow into a full-scale interdisciplinary research project
- Plan to use the grant for preparing a new research proposal to be submitted to a funding agency

The decision of the Scientific Committee is final and cannot be appealed.

Reporting and further commitment

The main Principal Investigator acts as coordinator and point of contact with CROSS. **By 31 March 2021** she/he must submit to CROSS:

- A final financial report (including table of expenditure and Infocentre data extract)
- A final scientific report on the activities carried out, the results attained and the future prospects (including submissions to funding agencies)

Granted researchers agree to participate at events with other CROSS participants to present and discuss their projects, and to pass on information that CROSS may request to assess the programme ex-post.

Granted researchers should inform CROSS about any publications and other outputs resulted from the project as well as any further grants received.

Contact

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