

## Introduction

Digiscovery - Digital School Foundation was founded on the initiative of Bold Brains AG with the aim of improving the development, enhancement and distribution of knowledge related to digital learning in Switzerland. The funding focus is on the creation of a solid scientific basis for the development of digital learning methods, processes, and applications, but also on the promotion of relevant methodological competencies among learning communities through own projects and initiatives.

## Project Submissions

Digiscovery aims to use its limited resources with maximum impact. To this end, it is developing its own projects and approaching potential partners proactively. Unsolicited applications are only accepted in the field of *Research & Development*.

## Core and Exclusion Criteria

As a matter of principle, research projects must meet the following core criteria:

- **Fit with Foundation Purpose and Quality Standards:** the research project serves to generate scientific knowledge to improve access to *high quality education via digital means*. In doing so, it complies with strict scientific standards.
- **Originality:** the research project is novel or even revolutionary, and ideally of groundbreaking character.
- **Transferability:** the research project promotes knowledge transfer and offers other actors the opportunity to build upon its scientific findings. As a matter of principle, research results from funded projects are always published.
- **Geographic Scope:** the project has a clear link to Switzerland, developing countries or the European area.

On the other hand, the following are clear exclusion criteria:

- The project merely looks for top-up financing, follow-up financing or the reimbursement of preliminary financing obtained from other parties.
- The request is for the start-up or basic funding of scientific institutions, the support not being linked to a specific project.
- The request is for the mere financing of consumable supplies, infrastructure, hardware, printing costs etc.
- The project only serves to optimize existing measures, methods, or processes.

## Funding Decision

Project submission is not bound to fixed deadlines, as funding decisions can be made throughout the year. However, the project abstract (Step 1 - Initial Assessment) must be submitted at least 4 months ahead of the project's start date. An indicative schedule will be communicated with the invitation to submit full project documentation (Step 2 - Grant Application). Digiscovery reserves the right to request additional documentation necessary to evaluate the application. The funding decision will be communicated to the applicant no later than 45 days after receipt of complete documentation.

Digiscovery makes its funding decisions autonomously and in accordance with its strategic goals and possibilities. There is no legal claim to funding from Digiscovery. As a matter of principle, no correspondence will be entered into regarding funding decisions. Any legal recourse is excluded.