



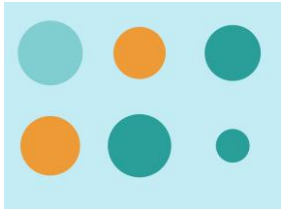
# Seed Grants Citizen Science Zurich

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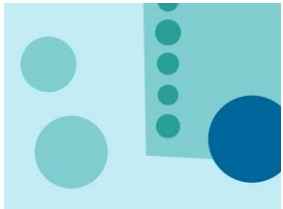
## What does Citizen Science Zürich do?



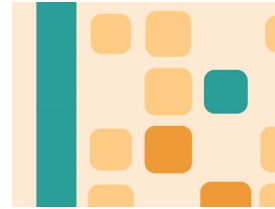
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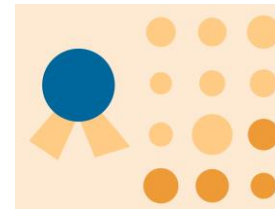
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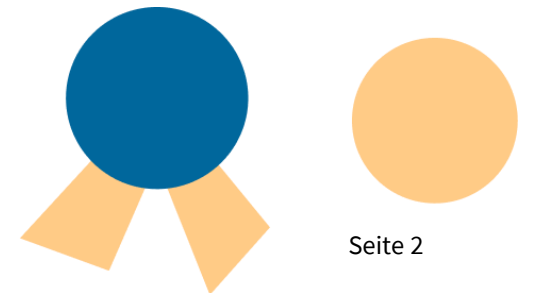
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Networking



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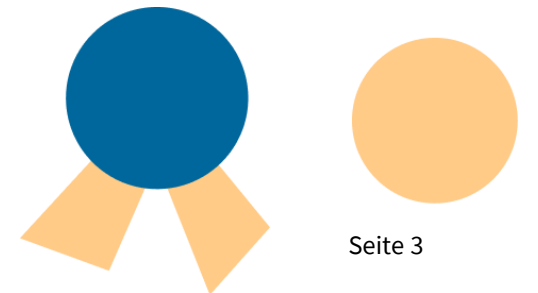




## What does Citizen Science Zurich do?

We aim at:

- Strengthening Participatory Citizen Science Projects
- Promoting skills for participatory research
- Increasing visibility and awareness of participatory approaches
- The recognition of CS as a methodology that enables excellent research and generates relevant knowledge
- Contributing to research on Citizen Science, particularly regarding the impact of Citizen Science initiatives



## Why does Citizen Science Zurich fund projects?

KOLUMNE

### Citizen Science bringt alle voran

Ein Teil der Bevölkerung ist gegenüber Wissenschaft zunehmend skeptisch, deswegen muss das Vertrauen gestärkt werden, findet Yves Flückiger

Flückiger

Yves Flückiger, 5. September 2024

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Yves Flückiger ist Präsident des Verbunds der Akademien der Wissenschaften Schweiz a+. | Foto: Annette Boutellier

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### Without projects, we lack ...

- best practices
- visibility
- impact statements
- recognition
- funding

## Seed Grants in a nutshell



### **TEAMS**

Teams of academic scientists (UZH/ETH) and citizen scientists

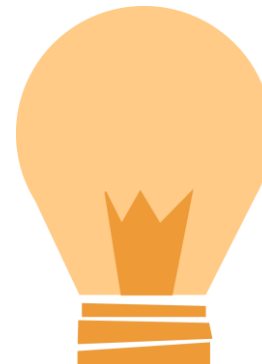


### **GRANT**

max. 40'000 CHF

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CAS "Citizen Science & Public Engagement"



### **NON- MATERIAL SUPPORT**

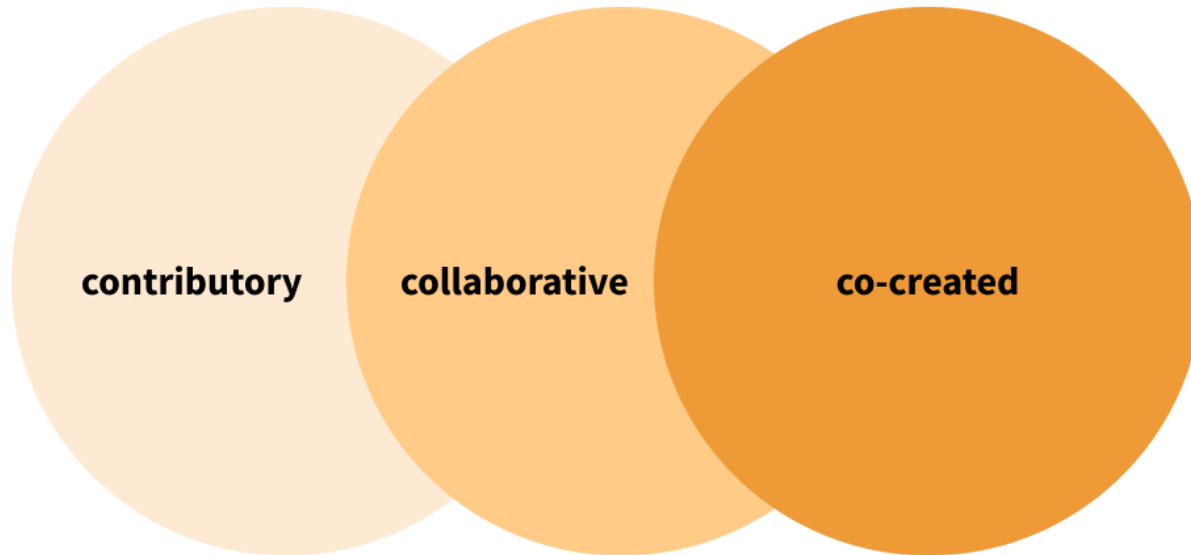
Networking with other Seed Grant projects  
+ Access to our tools 'Project Builder' und 'CS Logger'\*



### **PURPOSE**

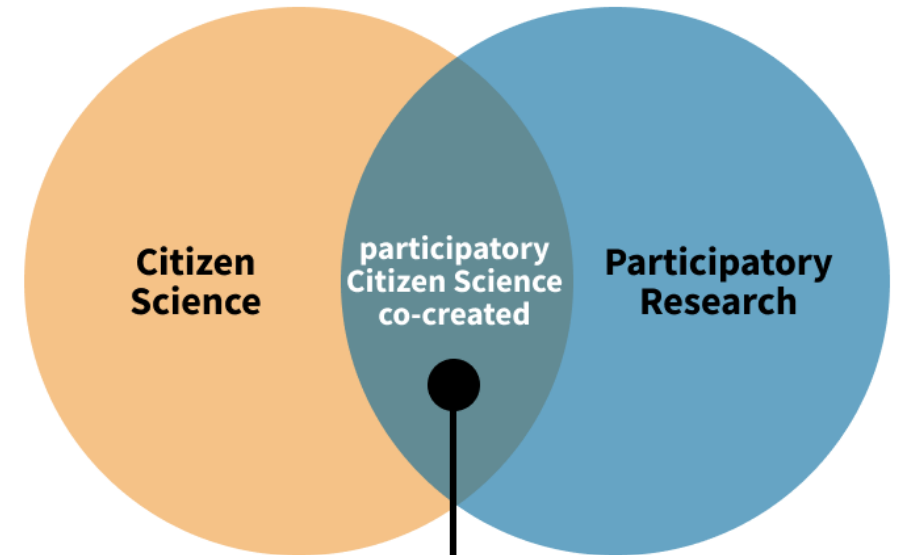
Incentivize participatory research

## Focus on participatory Citizen Science...



Bonney et al. 2009, Shirk et al. 2012

- Citizens help collecting data
- Higher citizen involvement, for example in data analysis
- Citizens are involved in defining the research question, developing the research plan, and have the right to co-determination.



- Outcomes and added value for science and society
- Aim to understand reality & change reality
- Cooperation at eye-level


## Impact logic



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[https://www.phineo.org/uploads/Downloads/PHINEO\\_Social\\_Impact\\_Navigator.pdf](https://www.phineo.org/uploads/Downloads/PHINEO_Social_Impact_Navigator.pdf)

## Criteria

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- Scientific excellence and innovation
  - Quality and appropriateness of the methods
  - Degree and design of participation
  - Added value of the participatory approach
  - Societal demand
  - Intended impact of the project
  - Feasibility
  - Sustainability
  - Open Science



### **DECISION**

Committee of  
researchers, citizen  
scientists, citizens and  
the Mercator Foundation  
Switzerland



## Support for project planning



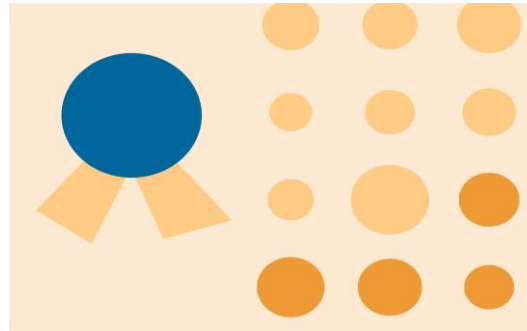
Not sure what Citizen Science is?

Try our e-learning course "[Discover Citizen Science](#)" (currently only in German)



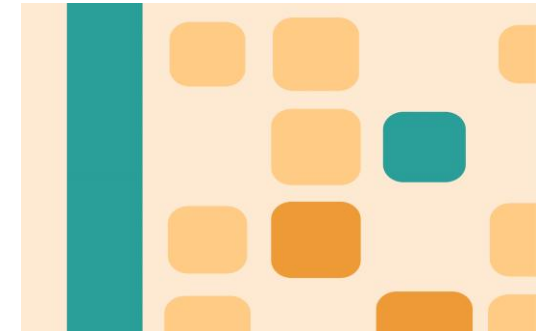
Have you thought of everything?

Get valuable tips and insights for project planning and critical reflection!



Would you like to quickly discuss whether your idea is feasible and reasonable?

Reach out to us!



Do you want to collect or analyze data together with citizens?

Take a look at our digital tools for data collection and analysis!

## Examples of current seed grant projects

<https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en/projects.html>



### Hair SALON Project

Hair salons as innovative community spaces for the provision of sexual and reproductive health services to young women in Lesotho and Switzerland: a survey in collaboration with Citizen Scientists.



### What do you want to know and how do you want to tell

Adolescents with chronic pain discuss and define the topics and questions they think are most important for research to tackle. They themselves lead this research project and create a research agenda.



### Writing with AI? Count Me In!

How do students use Artificial Intelligence for major writing tasks? This project investigates school writing practices to understand the role of AI in the writing process and identify the key skills re-quired.



### My Neighbourhood Flock

The project has developed a camera equipped, smart bird feeder that uses artificial intelligence to collect data on each individual bird that visits the feeder.

## And other Citizen Science projects?

- Browse these pages for examples of citizen science projects in the natural science, the humanities, the social sciences and the medical sciences.



<https://www.schweizforscht.ch/>



<https://www.buergerschaffenwissen.de/projekte>

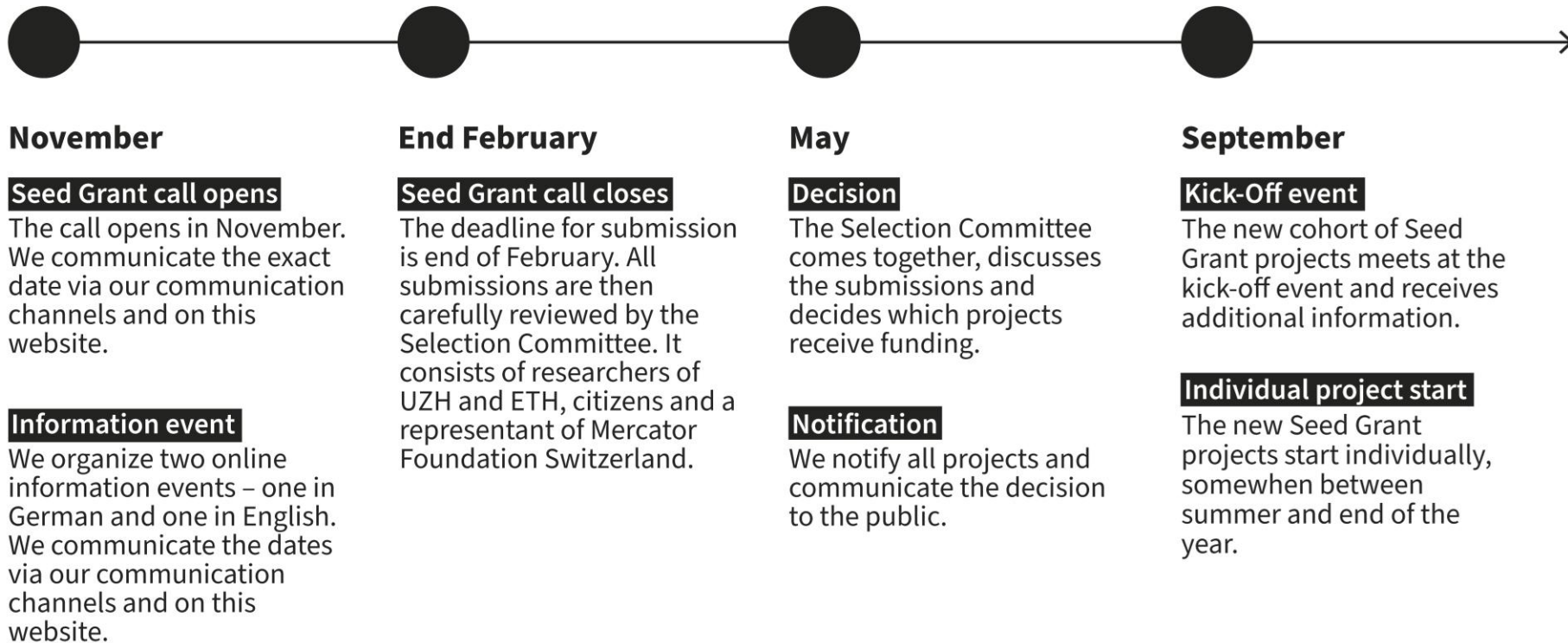


<https://www.citizen-science.at/projekte>



<https://eu-citizen.science/>

## Timeline





## How to apply?

- For all the documents and the application form, please visit <https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en/services/seedgrants.html>
- **Link to the call:**  
**Selectus – Citizen Science Zurich**

Next Deadline: **02.03.2025, 23:59**



## PWA application tool



### Choose call

Choose the call you want to apply for.

**Language**

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## PWA application tool






### Instructions




You are about to apply to the call "Seed Grants 2024" of Citizen Science Zurich at UZH and ETHZ. During the application process, you will have to submit your personal data and information about your academic or professional background.

In addition, you have to submit the following documents as separate PDF files. The PDF files must not contain any password protection or encryption.

#### Mandatory Documents:

-  Curriculum vitae (max 5 MB)
-  Project proposal (max 5 MB)
-  Budget plan (max 5 MB)

#### Optional Documents:

-  Publication list (max 5 MB)
-  Reference letter(s) (max 5 MB)
-  Other documents (one single PDF only) (max 5 MB)

Please make sure that you have the required documents (one file per requested document), your personal information and the information on your academic or professional background ready before you continue this application process.

Attention: The application process cannot be saved and continued at a later time. Upon leaving the application process, all data previously entered will be lost.

Once you reviewed and submitted your application in the last step, the application process is completed and you will no longer have the possibility to modify the submitted data. Please contact [alessandro.rearte@uzh.ch](mailto:alessandro.rearte@uzh.ch) in case you would like to modify your application.



### PWA application tool



### **To be filled in by the applicant / contact person**

#### General details

title\*, gender\*, first and Last name\*, date of birth\*, nationality\*

#### Contact details

phone\*, email\*

#### Current Affiliation

organization\*, department, current position

#### Correspondence address

business or private address\*





### PWA application tool



### **To be filled in by the applicant / contact person**

#### Highest degree

type / year\*, institution\*

#### Optional details about

academic age, dissertation, habilitation

### PWA application tool



### Mandatory documents

curriculum vitae\*, project proposal\*, budget plan\*

### Optional

publication list, reference letters, other documents

### PWA application tool



### General

project title\*, disciplines\*, planned start date\*, abstract

### Funding

total project budget\*, total of secured funds (university plus practice partner)\*, total funding requested from CSZ\*

## FAQs

- **Who counts as a researcher?**

Researchers refer to academic researchers (doctoral candidates, postdocs, professors) affiliated with the UZH or ETH. A researcher from UZH or ETH (including the ETH domain) must be part of the project team.

- **Who counts as a citizen?**

Persons who do not hold a scientific position at the UZH/ ETH or any other university/research institution.

- **What can the funds be used for?**

The use of funds is quite flexible and can be allocated for salaries, events, workshops, travel, etc.

- **In what period of time do the funds have to be used?**

Over the course of twelve months. Adjustments are possible!

## FAQs

– **What can be added to the application form as an appendix?**

Please upload CVs, letters of support or suitable documents in the Selectus application tool. Please upload only what is truly necessary.

– **The application form states that facilitation or process support can be advantageous. What does that mean?**

Professional facilitation/process support can be a very meaningful assistance. In addition to financial support, facilitators from our network are available to you.

– **My current project is coming to an end and I need follow-up funding - can I apply for a Seed Grant?**

The intention of the Seed Grants is to initiate and implement new projects. If the application is related to an existing project, it must be clear how the new project differs from the existing one and what new participatory elements will be promoted.



## FAQs

– **I do research abroad. Is it possible to get a seed grant for a project outside Switzerland?**

There is no geographical limitation per se. However, our intention is to have an impact on society in Switzerland, so people in Switzerland should be able to participate.

– **What kind of reporting do I have to hand in and when?**

At the end of your project, we look forward to reading your final report, for which we will provide a template. Deadlines will be fixed according to your project's schedule.



**Do you have further questions?**





## Information and Contact

You can find all information here:

<https://www.citizenscience.uzh.ch/en/services/seedgrants.html>

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