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Grant Application Support @ DSL

The Data Science Lab of the University of Bern (DSL) supports researchers and research teams at the University of Bern with their third-party funding or university internal grant applications with its expertise whenever possible. A Letter of Support can normally be provided at short notice. However, if the involvement in the application phase should be substantial, we have the following recommendations and guidelines.

We distinguish two different kinds of support:

- Minor: far progressed applications that need minor consulting on specific aspects or review regarding specific areas (e.g. FAIR data, technical, infrastructure, privacy, legal)
- Major: applications that need collaborative development and coordination with multiple partners and where DSL experts are expected to write significant parts of the applications.

Recommended procedure

1. Initial contact / Get in touch well before your deadline
 1. Minor: minimum 1 month
 2. Major: minimum 3 months
2. Initial meeting to clarify scope and goals (determine minor vs major category)
3. Researchers make sure that they are eligible for the specific call
4. For SNSF calls: Researchers grant access to the SNSF portal for involved DSL staff

Further considerations

Please make sure to get in touch with the DSL early on. The intention of the initial meeting is to clarify possible ways forward and to help the DSL to allocate the necessary expertise for your specific application. Everything follows from there and nothing needs to be fixed yet.

The DSL reserves the right to refrain from assistance in case of lacking capacity: first come, first served.

Contact

Contact us via Email: support.dsl@unibe.ch or call into of our [walk-in-support sessions](#)