UZH Global Funding Scheme: Dissemination brief

Background information

The UZH Global Funding Scheme supports faculties, departments, and professional service units in developing and implementing joint initiatives with international partners that advance the objectives of the UZH Global Strategy 2030.
The scheme harnesses the global networking potential of the UZH community by mobilizing scalable and high-impact bottom-up initiatives from researchers and units across the university, in particular through collaboration with Network and Priority Partners as well as relevant non-academic actors operating at the interface between science, policy, and diplomacy.

There are three funding lines available:
— **Global Outreach Fund:** Grant of CHF 5,000 that focuses on enhancing institutional visibility and positioning UZH's research excellence in solving global challenges in relevant international contexts.
— **Global Seed Fund:** Grant of CHF 5,000 that focuses on initiating and strengthening the acquisition of competitive third-party funding by enabling early-stage collaboration and proposal development.
— **Global Champion Fund:** Grant of CHF 20,000 to 60,000 that focuses on large scale collaborations with strong institutional buy-in and with the potential for longer term sustainability and global impact.

Timeline
The call for all three funding lines opens on 19 May 2026, with an application deadline of 31 July 2026. Find all important dates in the call timeline.

Eligibility
UZH academics and professional services staff, together with their counterparts from the Networks and Priority Partners (over 70 institutions worldwide) and in the cases of the Global Outreach Fund and the Champion Fund, from reputable policy organisations, policy research institutes or boundary organisations, are eligible to apply.
— The main applicant must be affiliated with UZH.
— At least one partner applicant must be on the list of UZH's Network and Priority Partner and/or
— A reputable policy organization, policy research institute, or boundary organization with demonstrated experience in science-policy interfacing and international cooperation.
— Applications must be submitted to UZH by the main applicant.

Sample text for newsletters

Call open: UZH Global Funding Scheme 2026

The University of Zurich (UZH) invites applications for its UZH Global Funding Scheme (GFS), supporting initiatives that strengthen UZH's global network in alignment with the UZH Global Strategy 2030. The scheme is open to UZH's Network and Priority Partners and/or a reputable policy organization, policy research institute, or boundary organization that includes [insert your university's name]. The GFS offers grants through three funding lines: The **Global Outreach Fund** and the **Global Seed Fund** with up to CHF 5,000, as well as the **Global Champion Fund** with CHF 20,000 to CHF 60,000. The grants support collaborative projects aimed at enhancing UZH's global partnerships and international impact.

The application deadline is **31 July 2026**. For detailed information about all three funding lines, eligibility, guidelines, and submission process, please visit the call website.

Sample text for social media

Short Text (e.g. X)

🚀🌍 Are you an academic or professional staff member at [insert university] looking to collaborate with counterparts at the University of Zurich (UZH)? The UZH Global Funding Scheme is now open and supports a wide range of research and teaching activities. Offering grants of up to CHF 60,000, it boosts your project's global impact and visibility. Don't miss out on this opportunity to expand your international network! Deadline: 31 July 2026.

LinkedIn
🚀 Open Call: UZH Global Funding Scheme – grants up to CHF 60,000!

The University of Zurich (UZH) invites [insert your university's name] academic or professional staff to apply for its **UZH Global Funding Scheme**! This is your chance to enhance international collaboration and strengthen global partnerships aligned with UZH Global Strategy 2030. 🌐✨

💡 **3 Funding Lines:**
1) Global Outreach Fund: Up to CHF 5,000
2) Global Seed Fund: Up to CHF 5,000
3) Global Champion Fund: CHF 20,000 - 60,000

📅 **Deadline:** 31 July 2026

For more details on eligibility, funding guidelines, and how to apply, visit the respective UZH Global Funding Scheme website. Don't miss this opportunity to take your global projects to the next level!

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