UZH Teaching Fund – global_innovation

Conceptualization of the funding line global_innovation

1. Objectives
The aim of the UZH Teaching Fund (ULF) is to promote high-quality, innovative teaching at UZH that corresponds to international best practice. The focus lies on the strategic development of teaching at UZH in accordance with the guiding principles defined in the UZH Curriculum.¹ One of these guiding principles is to provide UZH students with a variety of internationalization experiences.

UZH’s Global Strategy focuses on sustainable collaboration in research, teaching and to address complex societal problems. UZH’s accession to the European University Alliance Una Europa is a key measure in implementing the strategy. This special call of the funding line global_innovation supports formats that establish and consolidate institutional collaborations in teaching with Una Europa partner universities.² Projects at both the module and study program level are eligible for funding.

Projects focusing on one of Una Europa’s six focus areas (cultural heritage, data science and artificial intelligence, Europe and the world, future materials, one health and sustainability) will be given special consideration. However, the call is not limited to these focus areas and all project ideas are welcome.

2. Key dates
a. Deadline for submission: 15 April 2024
b. Decision on approval of proposals and announcement of funding decision: May 2024
c. Earliest possible use of funding for approved projects: September 2024

3. Allocation procedure
a. All UZH teaching staff are welcome to submit a proposal with their project ideas. We distinguish between projects at module and projects at study program level. For projects at the study program level, the application must be submitted by the study program director in consultation with the responsible Vice Dean of Studies.

b. Following the submission of the proposal, it will be reviewed with regard to its compliance with the formal and content-related criteria (for more information, please refer to item 5 “Award criteria”). Applicants will be contacted if any further questions arise or changes concerning the formal criteria are required.

c. Subsequently, each proposal is reviewed by the project team of the Educational Development Office and evaluated with regard to the criteria.

² The Una Europa partner universities are:
   • Freie Universität Berlin
   • Università di Bologna
   • University College Dublin
   • University of Edinburgh
   • Helsingin Yliopisto
   • Universität Leiden
   • Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie
   • KU Leuven
   • Universidad Complutense de Madrid
   • Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
d. As a next step, all projects are discussed by the commission for Education and Student Affairs against the background of the results of the review. The commission makes the final decision on the funding of the projects. The applicants are immediately informed about the decision.

4. How to submit proposals
   a. Please submit your proposal and requested budget via the forms provided on the website and send them to the following address no later than 15 April 2024: global@ulf.uzh.ch
   b. You may attach additional materials (e.g. graphics, offers, etc.) to the application in a single PDF document.
   c. Any content-related information you need to submit your application is provided in the form. Individuals planning to apply are encouraged to attend the official information session or contact the Head of ULF-Management Anna Leupold (global@ulf.uzh.ch) early to arrange a kickoff meeting. Please direct general queries about the call to global@ulf.uzh.ch.

5. Award criteria
   a. Formal criteria

**Basics**
- The application is formally complete and coherent in content.
- All teaching staff employed at UZH are eligible to apply at the module level. For projects at the study program level, only UZH professors in their role as (designated) study program directors are eligible to apply.
- The maximum duration of projects at the module level is four semesters; projects at the study program level can be funded for a maximum of eight semesters.

**Finances**
- The maximum funding amount for projects at the module level is CHF 50,000. Should you be planning a course that includes several modules or that is located at the study program level, please contact the Head of ULF-Management Anna Leupold (global@ulf.uzh.ch) before submitting your application.
- The funds provided are used in a target-oriented approach.
- No individual acquisitions (movable capital assets, software licenses, etc.) over CHF 10,000 can be financed. For more information, please visit the Portfolio- and Asset Management page. Should you require funds for such purchases for the successful implementation of your project, please contact the Head of ULF Management to discuss possible funding options.
- When budgeting funds for the production of teaching resources (e.g. videos, online self-learning paths, OLAT interfaces, etc.) we recommend consulting the service catalog of Central IT early on. This catalog lists all UZH tools and services with their respective prices. If you are planning your own web application or app for mobile devices, please consult the IT security experts at Central IT to assess which security standards you need to consider and whether there might be costs for security tests.

3 For further information, please consult https://www.ulf.uzh.ch/de/global_innovation.html.
Human resources: It is possible to employ UZH staff for global_innovation projects, provided they only work part-time outside the project, and the combined employment level does not exceed 100%. The additional staff requirement must be justified in the application.

Equipment: The amount spent on equipment must be reasonable and in line with the objectives of the project.

b. Basic content criteria of the UZH Teaching Fund

Innovation
- The project tests and implements clearly recognizable innovative didactic concepts and thereby generates added value for teaching.
- Learning objectives, learning activities and assessments are closely aligned and presented coherently in the proposal.

Effectiveness
- The objectives of the project are clear and achievable during the project duration.
- The project results are regularly discussed between the project team and the support team of the Educational Development Office and evaluated according to the agreed upon instruments.

Sustainability
- Once the start-up funding expires, the course may continue or be offered again. An initial business plan for the implementation of the course after the start-up funding by the ULF funding line global_innovation is available.
- The project promotes the development of the staff’s teaching skills.
- The course is not exclusively tied to one instructor but is at least supported by co-teaching and disseminated in teaching through appropriate materials or other means.

Exemplariness
- The didactic concept can be transferred to other courses.
- The projects supported by the ULF-funding line global_innovation can be made accessible to a wider audience (visibility and transparency of teaching activities).

Student involvement
- Students are involved in the design, planning, and reflection of the teaching project.
- The perspective of the students is directly incorporated into the project.
- The project considers the heterogeneity of the students.
- The benefit of the project for students is apparent.
c. Specific criteria for the ULF funding line global_innovation

Establish international structural collaboration in teaching and learning with Una Europa partner universities
The development of reliable courses that facilitate mobility and the recognition of credits received from partner universities and combine the excellence of the partner universities with the needs and interests of the students in relation to the destinations is central to teaching. In this context, the development of agreements on regulated module exchange, double and joint degrees, and shorter exchange formats such as summer, winter, or method schools with Una Europa partner universities of UZH will be promoted.

The global_innovation funding line also supports courses that promote Internationalization@Home, i.e. intercultural experience opportunities for UZH students in Zurich. This is essential because not all students have the opportunity and/or the willingness to spend time abroad. Therefore, opportunities should be created for students to gain a variety of internationalization experiences at UZH itself, for example through international summer, winter or methods schools hosted in Switzerland, or through the development of Cooperative Online International Learning (COIL) modules.