



Seed Funding Contest 2023

DSI Cybersecurity Community

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The DSI Cybersecurity Community proposed in its 2022-2023 program to conduct a Seed Funding Contest among its community members. Members are invited to develop a project idea for which they would prepare an application for SNF, Innosuisse, or another funding institution. The contest seeks to incentivize active and outcome-focused engagement within the community. The ultimate goal of this Seed Funding Contest is to facilitate the development and submission of research proposals for funding.

Format

1 Seed Funding Sum

The sum of the seed funding is 5000.- CHF. It has to be used for a developing a third-party research proposal in the second half of 2023. The funding can be used to pay for workforce for actually writing the proposal or other activities related to the proposal (e.g., doing a small pilot study that supports the application). The winner is obliged to submit the proposal until end of December 2023 to the funding institution of his or her choice (exceptions are possible if the deadlines of the funding institution are in early 2024).

2 Project Description

The project idea is to be pitched on one single A4 sheet. The information to be provided contains:

- abstract of a research project to be developed
- targeted third-party founding institution incl. its deadline and grant sum

3 Deadline

Deadline for the Seed Funding Contest is **June, 30th**. Contestants should send in their contribution to Dr. Melanie Knieps (melanie.knieps@dsi.uzh.ch) **and** Dr. Leyla Ciragan (leyla.ciragan@dsi.uzh.ch).

4 Selection committee

The selection committee will consist of three persons that have formed the CYREN^{ZH} application team or advisory board, possibly complemented by 1-2 additional experts from the DSI cybersecurity community to ensure that sufficient competences are represented that match the types of proposals submitted. None of those persons shall be involved in any of the submitted proposals.