Call for proposals: GIUZ InnoPool

The “Innovations-Pool” (InnoPool) was initiated to stimulate and support cross-disciplinary and cross-unit collaborations within the Geographical Institute (GIUZ). This is done by providing seed funding for collaborative projects that fall in line with this aim.

In principle, everyone working at GIUZ is eligible to apply, but an application should be submitted by at least two scientists coming from at least two of the ten research units (“Abteilungen”). We discourage “Fakultätsmitglieder” from applying.

The proposals will be screened by the Inno Pool steering committee, which will evaluate the proposals against originality, cross-disciplinary appeal and potential sustainability. As the InnoPool primarily provides seed funding, the steering committee encourages applications that have the potential to result in larger, more sustainable research collaborations and funding applications. The InnoPool does not fund personnel costs (e.g. extension of contracts, but the hiring of a “Semesterassistenz” for practical work might be considered), hardware infrastructure or paper writing.

The InnoPool has an overall annual funding of 20,000 CHF p.a. and considers the following types of proposals: funding for exploratory workshops, seed projects for larger research projects (reconnaissance projects), invitation of visiting fellows with cross-disciplinary expertise, proof-of-concept experiments, etc. Projects could also make suggestions for innovative, interdisciplinary PhD workshops or summer schools, which would then implemented in collaboration with the graduate school.

Applications should be no longer than 2 pages and should include:

- The specific objectives of the proposal project
- justification: originality, cross-disciplinary dimension, added value for the GIUZ
- implementation: methods, activities, potential collaborators, invitees
- time plan and budget.
- brief biographical sketches of max. 200 words for each applicant, which explain the suitability of the applicants to carry out the proposed project

The deadline for applications is either 15th May or 30th November. Applications should be sent as pdf documents by e-mail to leigh.johnson@geo.uzh.ch.

In case of questions, contact one of the members of the steering committee: Samuel Abiven, Sara Fabrikant; Leigh Johnson; Mathias Kneubühler; Benedikt Korf; Jan Seibert.