

Center for Technology and Society

Funding Criteria

1. Interinstitutional, Interdisciplinary Cooperation

The proposal must *integrate at least 3 of the 4 university partner institutions* in the consortium to actively bring together an interdisciplinary, cross-disciplinary and cross-institutional project team/consortium. In order to establish a link between technology and society, it will be necessary to access expertise from the scientific disciplines of natural, technological, human and social sciences. Applications with balanced participation of partner institutions will be better evaluated in terms of eligibility for funding.

2. Thematic Classification

The research subject must contribute to the discourse around *contemporary technology developments from a socio-technical perspective*. Therefore, the proposal must clearly describe and explain which *socio-scientific and technological issues* will be addressed and how this will be *methodically* implemented.

3. Goals and Target Group Orientation

The proposal must include a *clear definition of the objective and target group* and explain what impact and added value the intended project results will have.

4. Interdisciplinarity

The proposal must clearly identify the scientific disciplines involved. Consortium members from *at least 3 different academic disciplines* must cooperate within the project in terms of interdisciplinary collaboration. Applications with a balanced participation of partner institutions will be better evaluated in terms of eligibility for funding.

5. State of the Art

The proposal must clearly identify how the project will contribute to the state of the art of professional discussion in the respective academic discipline.

6. Ethical Considerations

If relevant to the thematic scope of the project, the proposal must explain what ethical considerations will be integrated into the project content or why this is not relevant, if applicable.

7. (Environmental) Sustainability

If relevant to the thematic scope of the project, the proposal must explain how the project addresses issues around (environmental) sustainability or why this is not relevant, if applicable.

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8. Benefits for the CTS

The proposal must clearly define which parts of the project results will be made openly available to CTS for further publication and/or exploitation.

9. Inclusion

If relevant to the thematic scope of the project, the application must explain in what way the project contributes to societal inclusion or why this is not relevant, if applicable.

10. Knowledge Transfer

The proposal should specify to what extent and in what form the transfer to non-academia stakeholders takes place across disciplines and institutions.

11. Quality of the Application

In addition to the content criteria (1-10), the proposal must meet the following qualitative criteria:

- a) The research questions must be clearly formulated and comprehensible.
- b) The methods selected for this purpose must be suitable for achieving the stated project objective.
- c) The correlation between research questions, methods and results must be clearly evident from the application (schedule and milestone plan).
- d) The calculated project costs (personnel costs incl. in-kind and material costs per milestone) must be presented adequately and comprehensibly.