III. Call for Proposals 2016-2017 (CLOSED)

UNIGE academic staff and graduate students (MA and upwards) may submit proposals for a residency at Swissnex SF as University of Geneva Digital Fellows @swissnexSF. Residencies will be 1-6 months. Stays can start from 1 January 2017 (please take into consideration administrative processing, visas etc., especially for stays over more than 90 days).

All proposals must be endorsed by a full professor (p.o.) if the applicant does not have this status. Proposals submitted by MA/PhD students must include a letter of endorsement from a full professor, confirming the scientific value and relevance of the project for UNIGE.

The Call for Proposals closes on 15 November 2016. The applications, in English, must be sent by email to partenariats@unige.ch and must consist of:

- project description
- letter of motivation referring to the criteria mentioned below
- budget outline
- letters of endorsement (where applicable)

Proposals will be evaluated by the UNIGE Rectorate and International Affairs.

IV. Subject Areas

I. Life sciences
   - Global and personal health
   - Biotechnology
   - Neuroscience, bioscience
   - Bioinformatics

II. Social impact and innovation
   - Fintech
   - Social innovation linked to digital innovation
   - Teaching and digital innovation
   - Responsible innovation
   - Ethical aspects of digital innovation
   - Digital Innovation and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

III. Areas of digital innovation linked to humanities
   - Internet governance
   - Citizen science
   - Digital humanities

V. Criteria and deliverables

The following criteria and deliverables will be expected from the selected project:

- Criteria
  - Academic excellence
  - Proven added value of the residency
  - Established or planned links with high-profile institutions in the Bay Area
  - Perspectives of cooperation beyond the project
  - Where relevant, perspectives for external funding
  - Involvement and financial participation of the home faculty/department/center
  - Impact on teaching/research at UNIGE
  - Contribution to the UNIGE digital and international strategies
  - Joint implication of UNIGE students, junior and senior researchers is an asset

- Deliverables
  - Events presenting the sponsored project in the Bay Area and Geneva
  - Online publication of activities and results during and after the residence
  - Full report with follow-up after the residence (template to be provided)
VI. Financial support from UNIGE Rectorate

- Accommodation and living (max./month of stay) CHF 2’000.—
- Travel subsidy (one-time support) CHF 2'000.—
- Support for on-site activities linked to UNIGE objectives (max./stay) CHF 3'000.—

VII. Services Offered by Swissnex SF

- Office-space/co-working
- Introduction to innovation leaders in Bay Area
- Trend scouting
- Events & exhibits
- Study tours
- Consulting and benchmarking
- Visibility