



Swiss Virtual Campus Consolidation Programme Additional Information for Universities of Applied Sciences

Introduction

Due to federal financial restrictions, the Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET) was forced to reduce the total amount of financial support to CHF 4 Mio. for the Swiss Virtual Campus Consolidation Programme (SVC CP) of the Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) until 2006. The OPET will decide in 2005 if there will be any further funding for 2007.

Despite of this, the "[Ausführungsplan](#)" in German / "[Plan d'exécution](#)" in French of the Swiss University Conference (SUC) serves as the basis document for the call of all SVC UAS projects. In general, the conditions for UAS projects are the same. This paper regulates all the main differences between projects of the Universities (UNI) and UAS.

These differences are the following:

- Matching funds of 50% as a general rule.
- Concept for the Competence/Service/Production Center (CSPC) of the board of directors of each UAS (further information please check below).
- Special Criteria (see [Criteria for New SVC Projects](#)).
- The UAS Projects will be evaluated by the SVC SC; Final selection by the OPET.
- For UAS, there are no federal funds for project maintenance.

Competence/Service/Production Center

Not all of the UAS have the necessary experience, size or resources to build up their own CSPC. Each UAS will have to hand in a concept that clarifies how they intend to ensure that the services of the CSPC (as mentioned in the "Ausführungsplan" of the CUS) of the leading house may be performed. Collaboration with already existing CSPC of UNIs are possible and welcome. The OPET also expects that these CSPC will remain in operation after termination of the federal funding. Since all of the seven UAS have their own peculiarities (geographical, organizational etc.), the OPET expert group decided not to issue any prescriptions/rules of the concept content nor the constitution of the CSPC; but the role of the SVC Local Coordinator (SVC LC; one per UAS) has to be clarified. The concept (a rough sketch, signature of the direction board included) has to be handed in until November 28th, 2003.

The federal funding to support the constitution and development of a CSPC at each UAS are the following:

UAS	2004	2005	2006*
BFH:	143'961	71'981	71'981
HES-SO:	191'746	95'873	95'873
FHNW:	150'403	75'202	75'202
FHZ:	117'699	58'850	58'850
SUPSI:	89'266	44'633	44'633
FHO:	115'472	57'736	57'736
ZFH:	191'742	95'726	95'726

The UAS will only get funding when the concept of the CSPC has been accepted by the OPET. The decision process of the OPET may include discussion with the authorities of the institutions involved. Matching funds of 50% as a general rule must be provided by the institution.

* Since these funding are based on statistical calculations of lecturers and students at each UAS, the funding for 2006 may be adapted.

Project maintenance support

Due to the financial restrictions, there will be no funding for project maintenance support of UAS projects.

New SVC project

The OPET supports selected SVC projects of UAS with maximal CHF 150'000 per project, paid to the institution of the Leading House.

Distribution of SVC Support:

- Approx. CHF 50'000: for the Competence Center of the Leading House (“overhead”), for the production of the course.
- Approx. CHF 100'000: for the Project Leader, mainly to pay the “mediator”. This sum may be distributed among the partners.

As a principle, the development of the courses will be done by the Competence Center in tight collaboration with the project leader. A “mediator” - financed by the program - is in charge of the link between the “content owners” (the teaching partners) and the professional production team at the Competence Center of the Leading House (i.e. at the university of the Project Leader). The project duration is restricted to 2 years. Matching funds of 50% as a general rule must be provided by the institution.

Organization

According to the Federal Council's message, the Swiss University Conference (SUC) will have the overall financial responsibility for the Swiss Virtual Campus of the University Projects. The operational responsibility is given to the Rectors' Conference of the Swiss Universities (CRUS). The overall responsibility for UAS projects remains at the OPET. The OPET will collaborate closely with the KFH and will transmit the responsibility of the SVC-UAS step by step to the KFH-eLearning-Group.

The application forms for new SVC projects as well as the selection criteria for new SVC projects are published on the [SVC-Homepage](#). Please remember to send all applications as hardcopy and as word file:

As hardcopy, with signature(s), to:
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