Q&A Call DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-MASTER-03

May Swiss or UK universities join as awarding university?

Legal entities established in Switzerland or the UK are not eligible for funding under this call. However, such entities may participate as Associated Partners.

Regulation (EU) 2021/694 provides that "[...] legal entities established in a third country which is not associated to the Programme shall be eligible to participate in specific actions where their participation is necessary to achieve the objectives of the Programme. Such entities shall bear the cost of their participation unless specified otherwise in the work programmes."

The Call Document provides that "students should change university and country in the first year" (p.8). Does this imply that students from University X must begin their MSc programme at University Y right from the start?

Students will be required to relocate to a university in a country where they have not studied before and which is not their current place of residence as they enter the MSc programme.

Could you please confirm whether a proposal based on an already existing MSc program would be eligible for funding under this initiative?

Additionally, are there specific considerations or requirements we should address in the application to ensure alignment with the program's goals?

The requirements that should be addressed are all listed in the Call Document: https://eurohpc-ju.europa.eu/document/download/3999e009-0d26-40ba-874a-f5d585b1bbc7 en?filename=Call%20Document%20DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-MASTER-03.pdf

For example, on p.6 in the section "Framework, curriculum, content" several requirements are mentioned, e.g., that the curriculum is building on the publicly available curriculum of the EUMaster4HPC project.

In addition, "It is required that at least 6 ETCS are achieved through lectures and activities exclusively for the European HPC master students outside of already existing tracks".

Could one institution participate in more than one proposal for the call DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-MASTER-03 - DIGITAL-JU-CSA DIGITAL JU.

In principle it is possible to participate in more than one proposal submitted to the Call DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-MASTER-03. However applicants participating in multiple directly competing proposals at the same time should carefully take into account the importance of confidentiality.

Could tuition fees be covered by the funding obtained in the context of the DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-MASTER-03 call?

Tuition or other administrative costs related to enrolment or registration fees are not covered by EU funding provided in the context of the call DIGITAL-EUROHPC-JU-2024-MASTER-03.

Where do I find information on funding guidelines, e.g., what is covered by indirect costs?

Please refer to the EU Grants: AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement: V2.0– 01.04.2025 p. 45/46: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga en.pdf

'Indirect costs' are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action. In practice, they are costs whose link to the action can NOT be (or has not been) measured directly, but only by means of cost drivers or a proxy (i.e. parameters that apportion the total indirect costs (overheads) among the different activities of the beneficiary)."