

## CIRSport Seed Funding 2024

### Context and Objective of the Call

The [Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Sport](#) (CIRSport) of the University of Lausanne (UNIL) is dedicated to fostering a vibrant and collaborative research environment. Our mission is to support innovative and interdisciplinary projects that advance knowledge in sport research. As part of this commitment, CIRSport is pleased to announce a call for seed funding applications to support the development of new research projects in one or more of CIRSport's three strategic research areas:

#### 1. Physical Activity and Health

Physical activity plays a critical role in improving health and preventing various health-related conditions across populations. This research axis focuses on generating new knowledge in areas such as mental and physical well-being, preventive health, integrity, and social inclusion. By developing and supporting research initiatives, this area seeks to improve health outcomes on both individual and societal levels, promoting long-term well-being and inclusivity within diverse communities.

#### 2. Sustainability in Sport

Sustainability in sport refers to integrating environmentally and socially responsible practices in the planning, construction, and operation of sport events, venues, and infrastructure. Sustainability in sport is becoming increasingly important in the current context of climate change and environmental degradation. The sport industry is crucial in promoting sustainability, which can significantly impact our society and the planet. This strategic research area aims to develop research projects on sustainability in sport to find ways to reduce the environmental impact of sport while improving their social and economic benefits.

#### 3. Globalization and Governance of Sport

International sport governance is crucial in promoting fairness, equality, and integrity in sport. It requires collaboration between various stakeholders, such as sport organizations, governments, athletes, fans, and the media, to ensure that the spirit of sportsmanship is upheld and the values of sport are maintained. This strategic research area aims to develop research projects to evaluate the current practices of international sport governance and/or regulation. The findings could inform policy recommendations for improving international sport governance and/or regulation.

The CIRSport Seed Funding is designed to serve as a foundation for more extensive research projects that can secure external funding from a funding body such as the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF).

## Funding Details

The amount of requested seed funding may range from **10,000 CHF** to **50,000 CHF**, depending on the scope and nature of the proposed work. Funding must be spent in 2025. Eligible expenses include salaries, costs related to data collection, fieldwork, scientific collaboration (e.g., travel, visits, and financial support for visitors), and consumables.

## Eligibility Criteria

The principal applicant must be a member of CIRSport, hold a doctorate, and be a faculty member of UNIL. Interdisciplinary and inter-faculty collaborations, as well as proposals addressing several of the strategic research areas, are highly encouraged. Other UNIL researchers or those from other institutions are welcome to participate as part of the research group.

Requests for new CIRSport memberships can be sent to [cirsport@unil.ch](mailto:cirsport@unil.ch).

## Application Requirements

Recipients of the CIRSport Seed Funding are expected to:

- Submit a full research proposal to a funding body within 15 months of receiving seed funding and no later than April 1, 2026.
- Acknowledge CIRSport funding in all related publications and outputs.
- Submit a scientific report within three months after the seed funding period.

The funded project will be formally associated with CIRSport.

## Submission Process

The application process consists of two stages:

### 1. Initial Proposal:

Applicants must submit a **one-page research proposal** outlining the core idea and its potential contribution to one or several of CIRSport's strategic research areas. Successful applicants will then be invited to submit a complete application.

### 2. Full Proposal:

For applicants invited, complete applications must include the following documents in English, compiled into a single PDF file (ensure the file name contains the principal applicant's last name):

- **Research Plan** (maximum three pages, 1.5 spacing, 12pt font) detailing the research question, expected contributions, methodology, anticipated outcomes, deliverables, and a plan for securing future funding (e.g., submitting a proposal to a funding body such as the SNSF).
- **Timeline** for the implementation of the seed-funded project.
- **Budget breakdown** for the expected costs of the seed-funded project.
- **CV** for each applicant, following the SNSF standardized format, including up to three major achievements and a list of up to 10 selected publications.

Submit initial and full proposals to [cirsport@unil.ch](mailto:cirsport@unil.ch). For general inquiries about the call, please contact CIRSport Director Markus Lang at [markus.lang@unil.ch](mailto:markus.lang@unil.ch).

## Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on the scientific quality and innovation of the project, alignment with CIRSport's strategic research areas, the qualifications of the applicant(s), and the quality of any planned external collaborations. The financial and operational feasibility of the project will also be considered.

## Timeline

Please take note of the following timeline, with all deadlines set at 23:59 CET:

- **October 28, 2024:** Deadline for submission of the one-page proposal.
- **November 5, 2024:** Notifications will be sent to applicants, and those selected will be invited to submit full proposals.
- **December 2, 2024:** Deadline for submission of full proposals.
- **December 16, 2024:** Final decisions will be communicated.
- **January 1, 2025:** Funding is available.