Università della Svizzera italiana (USI) is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunity open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take center stage, and where researchers can count on having the space to freely pursue their initiative. Established in 1996, USI is in constant evolution, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness and responsibility.

The Research and Transfer Service (SRIT) is the point of contact for researchers at USI concerning national and international grants acquisition as well as intellectual property. Moreover, it is responsible for the financial management of USI research grants.

To complete its team, the Research and Transfer Service is looking for one or more positions of

Research Data Manager (100%)
Both at the senior and junior level

Position
The Research Data Manager supports USI researchers in the management of research data within their research activities/projects. In particular this includes:

- Support and advice in preparing a Data Management Plan (DMP) for research projects of significant size (e.g. projects funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation or the European Union), which raise issues related to data collection, coding and administration.
- Support in implementing the DMP, in particular with regards to the choice of platforms and software, data coding (metadata) and data publishing (e.g. on digital repositories), in close collaboration with IT service.
- Management of databases owned by USI (in particular for social sciences, finance and humanities); encourage their use within USI resource center for research data. Support to the administrative direction and the Pro-Rectorate for Research in establishing priorities and budget.
- Collaboration in the implementation of an institutional Open Research Data strategy. Monitoring of national initiatives in the field of research data management, in particular Swissuniversities programmes and national infrastructure for data administration.
- Advice on data protection, copyright and confidentiality in close collaboration with the Legal Service and the eLearning Lab.

The balance between these tasks will be defined based on the level of qualification of the successful candidate(s).
Candidate’s profile
The ideal candidate must have obtained a Master’s in social or technical sciences. Previous experience in research or service activities pertaining data management is of advantage, particularly for senior positions. In addition, good organizational and management skills are required, as well as good communication skills in an academic environment.

Personal skills
- Ability to take responsibilities and to work independently in order to accomplish the assigned tasks with high quality standards.
- Accuracy, care for details, quality driven.
- Good social skills, spirit of service, motivation to be integrated in a dynamic and productive team.
- Responsiveness, proactivity, problem-solving and planning skills.
- Context-awareness and suitable approach and interaction.
- Flexibility in managing different activities simultaneously, ability to adapt and to handle workloads, stress, responsibility and complex situations.
- Open-minded, able to work in an international and intercultural environment.
- The following will be considered an advantage:
  - Excellent command of English and national languages.
  - Experience in research data management.

Priority will be given to applications from Swiss citizens or Swiss residents.

Working at USI
The administrative staff of Università della Svizzera italiana contributes to the smooth running of the University thanks to cohesive teams and a lean organisational environment. The dynamic and flexible environment becomes a motivational driver for innovative and efficient management with a multicultural and interdisciplinary orientation. As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

Contract terms
- Permanent contract (after trial period).
- Full-time (negotiable).
- Salary according to USI Collective Employment Agreement to be agreed depending on the candidate’s profile and experience.
- Hierarchical position: collaborator of the Research and Transfer Service, reporting to the head of the service.
- Start date: upon agreement.
- Workplace: Università della Svizzera italiana, Lugano Campus.

Application
Applications should contain:
- a letter of interest in which the applicants describe their motivation to apply;
- a complete Curriculum vitae with work certificates and qualifications;
- contact information of two reference persons.

Please send your application in electronic form to concorsosr@usi.ch. Applications received in any other form will not be considered. Applications received before 01 September 2021, will be given priority.

Contact person: Prof. Benedetto Lepori, Head of SRIT, 058 666 46 14, blepori@usi.ch.

Lugano, 10 July 2021.