

1 Application



Applications are submitted in the form of anonymous short proposals. All applicants agree to participate in the Distributed Peer Review (DPR) process. By doing so, they agree to review approximately five proposals from other applicants.

2 Formal Review

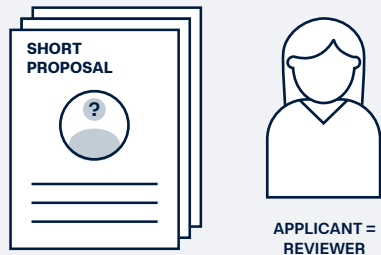


The Volkswagen Foundation reviews all applications for formal criteria.

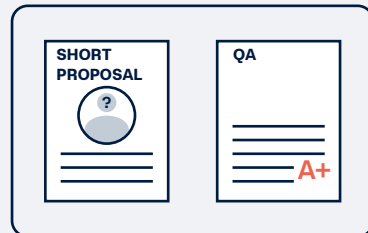
Staff members of the funding department

3 Two Parallel Review Procedures

3.A Distributed Peer Review (DPR)



Following a check for potential conflicts of interest, each applicant will be assigned approximately five applications to evaluate. Upon receiving the applications, participants may declare themselves to be biased.



The mutual review is carried out anonymously using quick assessment (QA) forms. Each application receives written feedback and a grade.

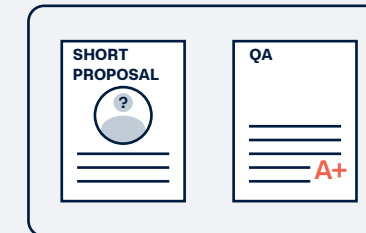


Based on the applications' scores, around 10 funding recommendations will be made.

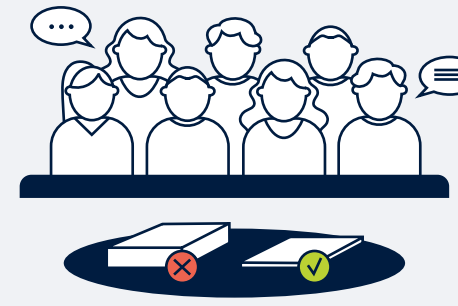
3.B Parallel to DPR: Panel Review



The foundation appoints members to an interdisciplinary review panel. In parallel, an internal preselection is made based on the application criteria and a shortlist is compiled. After a review to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest, the panel members receive the shortlisted applications.



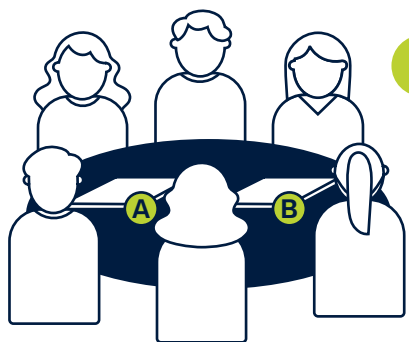
The reviewers evaluate the anonymized applications using QA sheets.



The applications that receive a positive preliminary assessment are discussed in a panel meeting. The panel makes around 10 funding recommendations.

Panel

4 Decision (both procedures)



Supervisory Board

The CEO and the 14-member Supervisory Board of the Volkswagen Foundation decide on the funding recommendations from the two review procedures.

5 Approval or Rejection



Along with the decision, applicants will receive feedback from the QA forms compiled during the DPR process.