

**The Vietsch Foundation**  
**Eligibility criteria for project funding.**

The Vietsch Foundation provides grants for:

- 1) Project proposals for the development of innovative technologies, services or approaches that enhance the use of Internet technology in support of research and higher education, or
- 2) Original studies and reports that will inform the more effective use of internet technologies in research and higher education;
- 3) Funding may also be provided to assist in the preparation of bids to other funding bodies for projects in the Foundation's areas of interest, where this is not the bidder's normal activity.

The benefits for scientific research and higher education should clearly be described in the project proposal. These benefits should be tangible and add demonstrable value for end users.

Projects should make use of Internet technologies and follow open standards.

Project results must be openly available and contribute to the openness and neutrality of the Internet.

Projects should demonstrate to produce the greatest impact with minimal cost.

Project should be small and last months rather than years. For larger proposals, more than a few tens of thousands of Euros, we suggest that applicants seek other sources of (co-)funding

Funding will only be provided for projects that will produce a step-change, create a new possibility, or document a new approach; requests for maintenance to keep an activity going in a steady-state will not be considered.

Priority will be given to projects proposed by ingenious individuals or practitioners affiliated to scientific, research, education institutions; commodity/mainstream services and application development by commercial players will not be considered.