

Fundraising Governance @HIIG

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) is an institution dedicated to the research of the dynamic relationship between the internet and society. An examination is conducted from a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary viewpoints on the increasingly intricate interweaving of everyday life with digital offerings and technologies.

The guiding principles of our research endeavours are academic excellence, social relevance, independence and openness. At HIIG, research is guided by the “[HIIG Guidelines for Ensuring Good Scientific Practice](#)”, which are based on the recommendations of the German Research Foundation. This is intended to preserve the freedom of research at HIIG and strengthen public trust in science.

The HIIG is primarily financed by private, non-earmarked donations and evaluated third-party funds. Private donations are utilised for the purpose of institutional funding for research in the domain of the internet and society. Furthermore, the establishment of research partnerships with funders is a possibility, for example through the utilisation of existing funding lines or projects. The HIIG utilises the funds it raises in a transparent and socially responsible manner to achieve its objectives. In pursuing this objective, the HIIG seeks to cultivate long-term funding relationships. In accordance with the guiding principles of the HIIG, the allocation of financial resources and the establishment of collaborative relationships with donors are contingent upon the following principles:

- The HIIG is committed to the principle of unrestricted freedom of science and research. Research is guided by the HIIG's core values and the “HIIG Guidelines for Ensuring Good Scientific Practice”.
- The HIIG aims to foster long-lasting, trusting relationships with its funders. This cooperative relationship is independent of organisational and scientific decisions. Research, including personnel decisions, is not influenced by funding bodies.
- All research results are published. The type of publication is at the discretion of the HIIG, and funders have no claim to the exploitation of research results.
- The HIIG is primarily financed by private donations. It discloses the funds it raises and uses them responsibly and exclusively in accordance with its objectives.

Every funder of the HIIG acknowledges these governance guidelines. These governance guidelines form an integral part of every funding agreement.