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which the application can only be submitted in German will not be translated.
Federal and State Ministries

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Development and testing of curation criteria and quality standards of research data in the course of digital change in the German science system

**Aim**
Funding is available for projects in which curation criteria and quality standards are newly developed or expanded, as they are necessary in the course of archiving and sharing research data via repositories. When designing the projects, the respective quality requirements in the research areas as well as the current conditions, standards and routines for quality and curation criteria must be taken into account.

**Target Group**
single as well as collaborative projects

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
personnel, research and travel costs

**Deadline**
7 September 2018

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

**Further information**
Website of the BMBF
Civil security - Top research clusters for the early detection, prevention and combating of Islamic extremism

Aim
Funding is provided for two modules in which research consortia can apply for funding independently of one another.

Module 1: Establishment and coordination of the excellence research cluster for the early detection, prevention and combating of Islamic extremism and terrorism
This includes both namely own research activities and the creation of a platform that bundles and synergistically brings together available knowledge from existing other projects. The cluster is intended to address practical needs and establish itself as a contact and information point for decision-makers and practitioners from authorities, science and society on questions of early detection, prevention and combating Islamist extremism and terrorism.

Module 2: Applied research projects to combat Islamic extremism and terrorism
Within the framework of the excellence cluster, small, application-oriented research networks are continuously funded. The aim is to be able to react promptly to current and future challenges. The research consortia must pursue technological, organizational or conceptual approaches to combating extremism and terrorism and must be highly topical and have a clear application focus. The research projects should address existing as well as perspective problems and capability gaps and concentrate on results that can be quickly put into practice.

Target Group
Module 1: Cluster at up to 5 locations in Germany
Module 2: collaborative projects with max. 3 partners

Duration
Cluster: 5 years (an extension of another 5 years is possible)
Collaborative projects: up to 2 years

Funding
up to 100% of eligible project-related expenses and a project lump sum of 20% for universities; Cluster: € 12.5 million

Deadline
Module 1: 10 October 2018
Module 2: anytime between 1 October 2018 and 1 November 2021

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

Further information
Website of the BMBF
Systems Medicine Research Cooperations („e:Med“)

**Aim**
A direct link to the disease of the project is a prerequisite for funding. The consortia are to investigate **systemic-molecular relationships between at least two different health-economically significant disease patterns**. They should help to identify and describe **common disease mechanisms and signalling pathways**. To this end, more frequent concomitant or secondary diseases (comorbidities) are to be considered. The aim is to gain a better understanding of the heterogeneity of disease patterns, originally defined by symptoms and morphological changes, by studying the underlying pathomechanisms. This should help to improve the understanding of the disease and to refine existing indications and to distinguish between them.

**Target Group**
interdisciplinary research consortia with up to six project partners (research groups)

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to 100% of eligible project-related expenses and a project lump sum of 20% for universities

**Deadline**
26 September 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
Website of the BMBF

Demonstrators for Individualised Medicine („e:Med“)

**Aim**
The funded research groups should be able to demonstrate the **direct benefit and applicability of systems medicine results and developed systems medicine models in individualised medicine** and demonstrate a perspective for a **possible routine application** of systems medicine research in everyday clinical practice in the medium term. The focus is on areas of application in which a systems medicine approach makes a significant contribution to the individualized prevention, diagnosis and therapy of human diseases. A clear medical and/or clinical need is therefore an essential prerequisite for the promotion of a demonstrator.

The funding of demonstrator projects is intended to promote the testing and/or application of systems medicine concepts and thus greater networking between research and care. In order to achieve this, the question of the project proposals is to be specified in principle by the clinical partner involved.

**Target Group**
interdisciplinary, clinically driven pilot projects with up to six partners (research groups)

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to 100% of eligible project-related expenses and a project lump sum of 20% for universities

**Deadline**
15 August 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
Website of the BMBF
Development of a sustainable network structure for research practices to strengthen general medicine in research

Aim
Funding will be provided for the establishment of a **sustainable network structure of general medical research practices in Germany**. This will consist of up to eight local, regional or supra-regional networks of general medical research practices. The network structure is supported by a coordination office that deals with overarching questions and aspects.

The networks are intended to create the sustainable conditions in the form of capacities and competences as well as infrastructures for conducting the broadest possible range of studies in general medicine. These include clinical studies in particular, but also larger studies in health care research or epidemiological research.

In order to facilitate a coordinated interaction of local, regional and supra-regional networks and to create an internationally competitive national network structure, an **overarching and independent coordination body** is required.

**Target Group**
Establishment or substantial further development of a network:
- Public and non-governmental universities with a general medical institute as the executive body;
- Coordinating body of the network structure:
  - State and non-state universities, but not with a general medical institute as the executive body; non-university research institutions; health care institutions and foundations that are related to research.

**Duration**
up to 5 years

**Funding**
up to 100% of eligible project-related expenses and a project lump sum of 20% for universities

**Deadline**
24 October 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
Website of the [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)

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Früherkennung von Erdbeben und ihre Folgen

**Förderung**

**Zielgruppe**
interdisziplinäre Forschungsverbünde mit aktiver Beteiligung von Unternehmen

**Förderhöhe**
bis zu 100% der zuwendungsfähigen projektbezogenen Ausgaben sowie eine Projektpauschale in Höhe von 20% für Hochschulen

**Fristende**
31. Juli 2018 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**
Website des [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS)

Establishment of junior research groups within the framework of the "Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research Network" (FIS)

**Aim**
The funding of research projects within the FIS is intended to give **new impetus to social policy research**. The focus is on promoting extraordinary perspectives and solutions for which established formats of research funding are not suitable. Exploration, content and methodological innovation as well as the **dialogue between the disciplines and between science and practice** are in the foreground.

**Target Group**
research consortia

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
for single projects: max. € 300,000
- costs for (academic) **personnel** and (student) assistants;
- **research** and **travel costs**;
- expenses for any **fees** incurred for the use of **secondary data**;
- **investments** which must be causally justified in the implementation of the project;
- **administrative expenses** (material expenses for consumables, rental and ancillary rental costs, business supplies, telephone and Internet costs)

**Deadline**
29 July 2018 (submission of expressions of interest, two-stage procedure)

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

**Further information**
Website of the **FIS**
Ministry of Economics, Innovation, Digitalisation and Energy, State of North Rhine-Westphalia (MWIDE NRW)

„START-UP-Hochschul-Ausgründungen“ – 7th round

| Aim | The "START-UP-Hochschulausgründung" funding programme is intended to enable university graduates or university teams who are willing to found a company to further develop their innovative ideas with high application potential to market readiness. At the same time, they have the opportunity to continue and refine their business plan and then set up a company. They will be accompanied by individual coaching measures. |
| Target Group | university graduates who are willing to found a company and whose degree is generally no more than 3 years old, university scientists or start-up teams |
| Duration | 18 months |
| Funding | up to € 240,000 (funding rate: max. 90 %) |
| Deadline | 31 August 2018 |

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

Further information

Website of the Project Management Jülich
Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE)

Weiterentwicklung des Ökokontroll- und Zertifizierungssystems und Stärkung gesellschaftlicher Ziele im Ökologischen Landbau

Förderung

Zielgruppe
Verbundvorhaben

Förderzeitraum
max. 3 Jahre

Förderhöhe
je nach Beantragung

Fristende
14. September 2018

Weitere Informationen
Webseite des BLE
**German Research Foundation (DFG)**

**Pre-announcement of the Polish-German Calls “Beethoven CLASSIC 3” and „Beethoven LIFE 1”**

**Funding**

“Following up on its two successful rounds the National Science Centre (NCN) and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) are extending the funding initiative to cover new disciplines. The “Beethoven CLASSIC 3” call will be a continuation of the “Beethoven 2” call with a joint peer review and selection process. It is open to research in the **humanities, social sciences, chemistry, physics, mathematics and material sciences.** […]

The aims of the “Beethoven CLASSIC 3” and “Beethoven LIFE 1” calls are:

- to support research in the above-named disciplines carried out by Polish-German teams
- to strengthen cooperation between Polish and German researchers in basic (knowledge-oriented) research.”

**Target Group**

- joint Polish-German research teams

**Duration**

2-3 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

17 December 2018

**Further information**

Website of the DFG

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**German-African Cooperation Projects in Infectiology**

**Funding**

“The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) calls for proposals of joint research projects between scientists in Germany and Africa investigating **infectious diseases and their social and societal implications.**

The scope of the call includes:

- The investigation of neglected infectious diseases in humans and animals but also research on topics of their **social and economical impact.**
- The establishment or consolidation of mutually beneficial equal partnerships that allow African researchers to investigate topics of local significance and that open up research opportunities in Africa for German scientists in the long term.
- An additional central goal is to provide support and funding for the academic and professional careers of young African researchers in their home countries in order to contribute to building research capacities in Africa.”

**Target Group**

consortium of **German and African partners**

**Duration**

3 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

5 December 2018

**Further information**

Website of the DFG
Priority Programme „Computational Literary Studies“ (SPP 2207)

Funding
“At the centre of the priority programme are literary texts, prototypically understood as fictional and aesthetically marked texts such as novels, dramas or poems, in a broad sense: without restriction with regard to the geographical, cultural or temporal dimension of the literatures studied and their canonicality. The subject of the study can therefore not only be high literature, but also schematic literature and other forms of popular literature. Literary texts in this sense have so far been researched much less quantitatively than non-literary texts and represent a challenge for computational methods, among other things because of their fictional and multi-layered character.”

Target Group
researchers from the fields of literature, digital humanities, corpus linguistics, computer linguistics and computer science

Duration
3 years

Funding
as requested

Deadline
7 November 2018

Further information
Website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Volunteered Geographic Information: Interpretation, Visualisation and Social Computing” (SPP 1894)

Funding
“This Priority Programme aims to provide a scientific basis for raising the potential of VGI and sensor data. Three main research domains are especially relevant for the advancement of VGI, namely “Information Retrieval and Analysis of VGI”, “Geo-visualisation and User Interactions Related to VGI” and “Active Participation, Social Context and Privacy Awareness”.”

Target Group
individuals or interdisciplinary tandem

Duration
3 years

Funding
as requested

Deadline
21 November 2018

Further information
Website of the DFG
EUROPEAN RESEARCH FUNDING

Horizon 2020

On 27 October 2017, the European Commission published the final work programme 2018-2020 for the EU Research and Innovation programme Horizon 2020. Current calls for proposals are available at the Participant Portal of the European Commission. The individual work programmes of the various funding lines can be viewed here.

European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)

COST Actions

| Funding | “COST is an EU-funded programme that enables researchers to set up their inter-disciplinary research networks in Europe and beyond. […] It is a unique means for them to jointly develop their own ideas and new initiatives across all fields in science and technology, including social sciences and humanities, through pan-European networking of nationally funded research activities.” |
| Target Group | pan-European networks |
| Duration | max. 4 years |
| Funding | networking activities, such as working groups, conferences, workshops, short scientific exchanges, training schools, travel expenses and joint publications |
| Deadline | 29 November 2018 |
| Further information | Website of COST at DLR |
FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING BODIES

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

PPP Programmes for Project-Related Personal Exchange

Funding: "The PPP programmes aim at strengthening the academic relations between a German institution and an institution abroad. Joint bi-national research projects of a high academic standard shall promote cooperative and preferably complementary research activities and shall enable particularly young academics involved in the project to conduct a research stay at the partner institution abroad, and thereby support them in their international training."

Target Group: German universities, higher education institutions and research institutions

Funding will be provided for graduates, doctoral candidates, doctorate holders, professors, lecturers, if not otherwise specified in agreements with the foreign partner.

Duration: generally 2 years

Funding: lump sum allowances for the project-related research stays of the team members; the allowance covers all expenditures within the scope of mobility and the stay of the participant.

Deadline:
- India, Portugal: 31 July 2018
- Thailand: 14 August 2018
- Sri Lanka: 30 August 2018
- Japan: 5 September 2018
- Finland, Norway: 12 September 2018

Further information: Website of the DAAD
Volkswagen Foundation

Global Issues – Integrating Different Perspectives on Social Inequality

**Funding**

“Over the last decades, inequalities – in various states and on a number of socio-economic, political as well as (socio-)cultural dimensions – have increased, despite strong economic growth rates in general. Worldwide, millions of people are still disadvantaged and excluded from, for instance, social and political participation, health care, or educational opportunities. Against the backdrop of these developments and the persistence of social inequalities, there have been numerous studies attempting to understand the drivers for growing disparities or to develop measures that could have an impact on equality and justice. [...]”

To reach the objective of presenting new research related to social inequality, this call focuses specifically on the development and reproduction of social inequality. What are the processes by which social inequalities are transferred, reproduced or, possibly, compensated?“

**Target Group**

*international research teams* of up to five partners, consisting of (at least) one based in a European high income country (HIC) and two based in low and middle income countries (LMIC) outside Europe; the number of partners in LMICs has to at least match (or outnumber) those in HICs; the majority of partners have to be located outside Europe.

**Duration**

max. 4 years

**Funding**

up to € 1,5 million

**Deadline**

30 October 2018

**Further information**

Website of the Volkswagen Foundation
Gerda Henkel Foundation

Funding Programme Democracy

Funding "Over the last few years, a previously somewhat abstract finding has become an empirical fact: Democracy is not a given. The rule of law, the separation of powers, freedom of opinion, and obligation to the common good have lost some of their binding effect even in core democratic countries, and have been relativized, called into question, and limited. Thus, amongst other things, we are currently witnessing a shift in political weighting in Europe away from an essentially pro-European stance toward an anti-European discourse, which apparently still has the potential to mobilise more support. Such challenges, from populist movements among others, not only call into question democracy as a political order, but also the role of academia and the relevance of its research results. After all, the freedom of research and teaching hinges on the acceptance of democratic principles. With this current problematic situation as a starting point and a goal of placing it in a greater historical context, the Gerda Henkel Foundation has established a new funding program for the theme of Democracy as Utopia, Experience and Threat."

Target Group projects with up to 3 persons from the humanities and social sciences

Funding costs for personnel, travel, materials and/or other costs

Deadline 31 October 2018

Further information Website of the Gerda Henkel Foundation

Funding Programme Lost Cities

Funding "The funding program is designed to be interdisciplinary and to facilitate projects in which there are varied dimensions to the examination of abandoned cities. At the same time, there should be a focus on causal correlations, both with regard to specific individual cultures and spanning all cultures, and on specifics of place and time. Thus far, such places have emerged for very different reasons, including military destruction, natural disasters, epidemics, environmental pollution, economic collapse, financial speculation, mobility, migration, centralization, deindustrialization, or post-colonial change, to name but a few."

Target Group projects with up to 3 persons from the humanities and social sciences

Funding costs for personnel, travel, materials and/or other costs

Deadline 31 October 2018

Further information Website of the Gerda Henkel Foundation
The ICAS:MP, Max Weber Stiftung India Branch Office

Multiple Senior Short-Term Fellowships

Funding

"ICAS:MP is funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and has its main location in New Delhi, India. It offers an extensive fellowship programme for senior [...] scholars, whose research focuses on one of the following themes (TM=Thematic Modules): TM1: History as a Political Category, TM2: Labour as a Political Category, TM3: Critiques and Renewals of Democracy, TM4: Normative Conflicts and Transformations, TM5: The Challenge of Gender, TM6: Political Economy of Growth and Distribution."

Target Group

Senior fellows with a well-established research and publications profile, and a record of substantial (institutional or independent) academic work following the Ph.D.

Duration

up to 6 months

Funding

either a stipend or reimbursement for a teaching substitute in the home institution; airfare costs and allowances for housing and other costs in Delhi

Deadline

2018 Fellowships: 15 July 2018

2019 Fellowships: 15 September 2018

Further information

Website of ICAS:MP

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National Humanities Center

Fellowships

Funding

"The National Humanities Center will offer up to 40 residential fellowships for advanced study in the humanities [...].

Most of the Center’s fellowships are unrestricted. Several, however, are designated for particular areas of research, including fellowships for environmental studies, English literature, art history, Asian studies, theology, and for early-career female philosophers. The Center also invites applicants from scholars in interdisciplinary fields, including African-American studies, area studies, bioethics, cultural studies, history of science and technology, film and media studies."

Target Group

Scholars from all fields of the humanities as well as individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life who are engaged in humanistic projects

Duration

September 2019 through May 2020

Funding

half salary up to $65,000 with the expectation that a Fellow’s home institution will cover the remaining salary, travel expanses

Deadline

17 October 2018

Further information

Website of NHC
**FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS**

Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS)

Establishment of junior research groups within the framework of the "Interdisciplinary Social Policy Research Network" (FIS)

**Aim**

Funding is available for research projects in which postdoc and doctoral students pursue research goals or (interdisciplinary) research programmes in the following disciplines: Sociology, political science, economics, law, social ethics and history.

Funding is provided to junior research groups that are suitable for giving new impetus to social policy research in Germany in terms of content and methodology.

**Target Group**

junior research groups consisting of one postdoctoral researcher and up to three doctoral students

**Duration**

up to 2 years

**Funding**

personnel costs: Postdoctoral positions (14 TVöD), PhD students employed in the junior research group (13 TVöD)

research and travel funds, which must be causally justified in the implementation of the project;

expenses for any fees incurred for the use of secondary data;

investments which must be causally justified in the implementation of the project;

administrative expenses (material expenses for consumables, rental and ancillary rental costs, business supplies, telephone and Internet costs)

**Deadline**

29 July 2018 (submission of expressions of interest, two-stage procedure)

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**Further information**

Website of the FIS
Gerda Henkel Foundation

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Target Group projects with up to 3 persons from the humanities and social sciences

Funding costs for personnel, travel, materials and/or other costs

Deadline 31 October 2018

Further information Website of the Gerda Henkel Foundation
The ICAS:MP, Max Weber Stiftung India Branch Office

Postdoctoral Short-Term Fellowships

Funding

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Target Group
postdoctoral researchers

Duration
up to 7 months

Funding
stipend, allowance for housing, visa and travel costs, round-trip airfare to New Delhi

Deadline
2018 Fellowships: 15 July 2018
2019 Fellowships: 15 September 2018

Further information
Website of ICAS:MP

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Junior networks in systems medicine

Aim
Funding is provided to junior groups working on a systems medicine issue. The central research question unifying a junior network must be related to a disease and have a clinical application perspective. Accordingly, the integration of at least one clinically working network partner is imperative. The junior consortia are supposed to interlink expertise from clinical subjects, basic biomedical research, mathematics, computer science or natural and engineering sciences in a synergetic manner. The aim is to initiate highly innovative and explorative research projects in systems medicine that will generate significant scientific added value if successful. New approaches are to be tried out, unusual collaborations initiated and theoretical or experimental methods from other scientific fields transferred to systems medicine for the first time. An iterative process of modelling and experiment or the development of new therapeutic approaches with treatment parameters adapted to the individual patient on the basis of a model are expressly welcomed.

Target Group
junior networks composed by at least three and up to four young scientists

Duration
up to 5 years

Funding
personnel, research and travel costs

Deadline
9 October 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information
Website of the BMBF
MBF-Nachwuchswettbewerb NanoMatFutur

**Förderung**
"Gegenstand der Förderung sind Einzelvorhaben an Hochschulen (Universitäten/Fachhochschulen) und außeruniversitären Forschungseinrichtungen, die relevante Fragestellungen der Materialwissenschaft und Werkstofftechnik adressieren und zur weiteren Qualifizierung sowie Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Selbstständigkeit der Nachwuchsforscher geeignet sind. Vorrangig werden solche Forschungsthemen bearbeitet, die eine Zusammenarbeit über die Grenzen der klassischen naturwissenschaftlichen Disziplinen hinweg zwingend erforderlich machen. Die Ingenieurwissenschaften sind dabei explizit einbezogen. Ebenso können notwendige Forschungs- und Entwicklungsarbeiten im Vorfeld der Ausgründung von "Start-up"-Unternehmen gefördert werden.

Die Forschungsthemen adressieren insbesondere die Anwendungsfelder des BMBF-Rahmenprogramms "Vom Material zur Innovation" [...]: (a) Werkstoffe für die Energietechnik, (b) Nachhaltiger Umgang mit Rohstoffen und Materialien, (c) Werkstoffe für Mobilität und Transport, (d) Materialien für Gesundheit und Lebensqualität, (e) Werkstoffe für zukünftige Bausysteme."

**Zielgruppe**
Leitung einer Nachwuchsgruppe; exzellente Nachwuchsforschende zwei bis fünf Jahre nach der Promotion

**Förderzeitraum**
bis zu 5 Jahre

**Förderhöhe**
max. 1,6 Mio. €

**Fristende**
15. September 2018 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**
Webseite des BMBF

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**German Research Foundation (DFG)**

**Materials Science and Engineering: 9th Workshop for Early Career Investigators**

**Aim**
"The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) organises the ninth Workshop for Early Career Investigators in the area of Materials Science and Engineering with a focus on “Ceramic Materials – From Fundamentals to Application”. Workshops for Early Career Investigators serve to prepare researchers at an early stage of their scientific careers for outlining their first independent research projects and to provide mentoring for managing their own DFG projects."

**Target Group**
doctoral candidates shortly before completing their dissertation (doctoral examination planned for no later than February 2019) and at graduates who have completed their academic training (received their doctorates) after February 2016

**Duration**
13 to 16 November 2018

**Funding**
cost of travel (train, 2nd class), accommodation and subsistence; candidates are expected to contribute an amount of €100 for costs not covered by the DFG.

**Deadline**
31 August 2018

**Further information**
Website of the DFG
An overview of the most important science awards is available [here](#).

**Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities: Prize of the Academy – donated by the Peregrinus Foundation (Rudolf Meimberg)**

**Aim**

„Mit dem Georg Forster-Forschungspreis werden Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler aller Fachrichtungen für ihr bisheriges Gesamtschaffen ausgezeichnet, deren grundlegende Entdeckungen, neue Theorien oder Erkenntnisse das eigene Fachgebiet auch über das engere Arbeitsgebiet hinaus nachhaltig geprägt haben und von denen erwartet werden kann, dass sie auch in Zukunft an der Ausarbeitung forschungsbasierter Lösungsansätze für die spezifischen Herausforderungen der Schwellen- und Entwicklungsländer mitwirken.“

**Target group**

outstanding achievements of scientists from **Eastern and Southeastern European countries**

**Endowment**

€ 8,000

**Deadline**

30 September 2018 (nomination procedure, self-applications are not possible)

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

**Further information**

Website of the [Prize](#)

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**Augsburg Science Prize for Intercultural Studies**

**Aim**

The Augsburg Science Prize for Intercultural Studies, which was first awarded in 1997 on the initiative of the founder of FILL e. V., the entrepreneur and later Augsburg Peace Prize winner Helmut Hartmann, honors outstanding achievements of junior scientists whose research deals with **intercultural reality in Germany** and the related questions and challenges. The annual call for proposals addresses all scientific disciplines and aims to award prizes for interdisciplinary and innovative qualification work in a special way.

**Target group**

Qualification work that was published max. two years before the current application deadline

**Endowment**

€ 5,000 for dissertations or postdoctoral theses

**Deadline**

31 October 2018

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

**Further information**

Website of the [Prize](#)
## Seed Funding by the University of Cologne

### Funding

By offering a seed funding, the University of Cologne intends to support its researchers in the preparation and application for third-party funded projects. The program is open to all fields of research. Proposals for **coordinated programs and cooperative projects** will be given priority. Individual proposals are usually not funded. Consultation with the responsible project manager of Department 7 for Research Management Patricia Hoff is obligatory for applicants.

### Target Group

**scientists** at the **University of Cologne**

### Duration

as requested

### Funding

The seed funding is designed for **coordination activities** for projects that are already well elaborated. Preliminary scientific work will not be funded. Applications may be submitted for e.g. personnel, material and travel expenses.

### Deadline

30 September 2018 (3 cut-off dates annually)

### Further information

Website of [Department 7 Research Management](#)

Contact: Patricia Hoff, Dept. 7 Div. 71 Analysis and Consulting Services

e-mail: anschubfinanzierung@verw.uni-koeln.de, phone: 0221/ 470-5379
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Horizon 2020 / Net4Society: Publication “Opportunities for Researchers from the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities (SSH) in Horizon2020”**

The publication shows where researchers from the social sciences and humanities who are interested in EU funding have access to the funding opportunities under the current work programme (WP 2018-2020).

(Source: newsletter NCP Society)

Further information is available [here](#).

**ELectronic Research Funding Information System (ELFI)**

In addition to the individual funding search by the staff of Department 71, the comprehensive ELFI funding database is available to researchers at the University of Cologne free of charge.

Further information is available [here](#).
EVENTS

23. - 27.07.2018

Summer School Cologne 2018: Starting your own business with mathematics, chemistry or biology?

The Summer School 2018 is a cooperation of the Gateway start-up consultancy services and the COPT Center. Are you a natural scientist with heart and soul? Together with the COPT Center we offer you this summer the Summer School 2018. Whether you want to set up a start-up or prefer to work as a freelancer, we are there for your questions. Whether as a team or as a lone fighter.

From 23 to 27 July, workshops will teach you how to develop, exploit and market your ideas. Make new contacts and network with other interested parties. Exchange ideas among like-minded people. You will also learn more about funding opportunities for your ideas, such as the EXIST start-up scholarship.

Location: COPT NRW e.V., Luxemburger Straße 90, 50939 Cologne, Germany

Further information: [https://www.gateway.uni-koeln.de/summer-school-fuer-naturwissenschaftlerinnen-2/](https://www.gateway.uni-koeln.de/summer-school-fuer-naturwissenschaftlerinnen-2/)

Further events

31.07.2018

NCP ERC: Webinar on ERC Synergy Grants 2019
Place: online

04.09.2018

EUB: Horizon 2020 for beginners
Place: Bonn

11.09.2018

Place: Brussels

10.10.2018

EUB: Horizon 2020 for beginners
Place: Bonn


Science Slam Worldcup 2018
Place: Cologne
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