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KMU-innovativ: Forschung für die zivile Sicherheit

„Gegenstand der Förderung sind industrielle Forschungs- und vorwettbewerbliche Entwicklungs- vorhaben, die technologieübergreifend und anwendungsbezogen sind. […]

Es können zum Beispiel folgende Themen aufgegriffen werden:

- Schutz und Rettung von Menschen, nicht-polizeiliche Gefahrenabwehr, Bevölkerungsschutz,
- Schutz kritischer Infrastrukturen, Versorgungssicherheit,
- Schutz vor Kriminalität und Terrorismus, polizeiliche Gefahrenabwehr,
- Technologische Entwicklungen für zukünftige Sicherheitslösungen, zum Beispiel im Bereich Anlagensicherheit, Robotik oder zur Detektion von Gefahrstoffen,
- Sicherheitslösungen für sich wandelnde Gesellschaften, wie etwa innovative Sicherheitsdienstleistungen und Organisationskonzepte,
- Technologien und Konzepte zur Aus-, Fort- und Weiterbildung, zum Beispiel digitale Lehr- und Lernmethoden oder moderne Übungs- und Simulations- technologien."

Zielgruppe
Verbundprojekte mit einem oder mehreren KMU; Hochschulen sind als Projektpartner antragsberechtigt.

Förderzeitraum 2 bis 3 Jahre

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

Fristende 15. Oktober 2018

Weitere Informationen Webseite des BMBF
Digital media in vocational training in the health professions (DigiMed)

**Aim**  Digital media enable the modern development of forms of teaching and learning in the health sector. Digital media offer, among other things, the opportunity to make qualification and education processes in the health sector more flexible, i.e. to make them individual and independent of time and place. In addition, digital media can be used to make organisational and personnel development processes more effective and thus contribute to improving the quality of health care in the long term.

Funding is available for projects that contribute to raising the potential of digital media for educational processes in the health sector, also with a view to lifelong learning.

**Target Group** collaborative projects

**Duration** up to 3 years

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

**Deadline** 19 October 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

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

Funding of research projects with Tunisia with the participation of science and industry

**Aim**  Research projects (collaborative projects) are funded that work on the following priority topics in international cooperation with partners from Tunisia:

- Biotechnology for environment, health and nutrition, health care, plant biotechnology and industrial biotechnology,
- Adaptation to climate change: environmental technologies, renewable energies, resource efficiency,
- Pharmaceutical industry,
- Industry 4.0 and Mechatronics,
- Green Economy and environmental services.

**Target Group** The prerequisite for funding a joint project is that at least one German industrial company/industrial partner with a German research institution/university and one Tunisian industrial partner with a Tunisian research institution/university are involved in each sub-project (“2 + 2 projects”).

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** max. € 250,000

**Deadline** 17 September 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of the BMBF
Multilateral Cooperation in Computational Neuroscience: Germany - USA - Israel – France

**Aim**
The focus of this programme is on innovative research and resources to help experts from the fields of theory, computational science, technology, mathematics and statistics use and develop modern computer-based methods for dealing with dynamic and complex neuroscientific problems.

Computational science research funded under this programme must be related to biological processes and should lead to hypotheses that can be verified in biological studies. The following is assumed: (1) Project proposals should focus on cooperation between experts in computational science and/or modelling and experts in theory and experimental neuroscience; (2) the cooperation should include a dynamic and preferably longer phase for the development and design of models, theories and/or analytical methods as well as a close cooperation of experts from science and technology of different disciplines and (3) the development and testing of new models or theories should provide a framework for the interpretation of experiments and the establishment of new hypotheses which can contribute to the identification of mechanisms and processes in the healthy or diseased nervous system.

**Target Group**
Applications may be submitted for cooperation between German and US research groups, proposals from German, US and Israeli research groups, proposals from German, US and French research groups and proposals for cooperation between German, US, Israeli and French research groups.

**Duration**
usually 3 years

**Funding**
€ 90,000 to € 225,000 per year

**Deadline**
27 November 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
KMU-innovativ: Photonics and Quantum Technologies

**Aim**  Funding is available for **high-risk pre-competitive industrial R&D projects** that are cross-technology and application-oriented. These R&D projects must be assigned to the field of photonics or quantum technologies and must be important for the positioning of the company in the market.

R&D projects in the field of photonics and quantum technologies are funded across all topics. The following topics and questions are included as examples: Photonics in production; optical metrology and sensor technology; optical components and systems; Lighting and display technology; organic electronics; Photonics in medical technology and life sciences; Photonics for communication; Key components for quantum technologies; Quantum technologies for sensors and imaging; Quantum technologies for simulation and computing; Quantum technologies for communication.

**Target Group**  **collaborative projects** with several partners under the **coordination of an industrial company; universities** can participate as partners.

**Duration**  usually 3 years

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

**Deadline**  every **15 April** and **15 October** (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

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**
Werkstoffplattform Hybride Materialien – Neue Möglichkeiten, Neue Marktpotenziale – 1. Förderaufruf (HyMat1)

Förderung

„Gegenstand der Förderung sind Forschungs- und Entwicklungsaufwendungen im Rahmen industriegeführter vorwettbewerblicher Verbundprojekte, die das Themenfeld "Hybride Materialien – Neue Möglichkeiten, Neue Marktpotenziale (HyMat)" adressieren.

[…] In der Werkstoffplattform HyMat werden ausschließlich solche Hybridmaterialien betrachtet, die bereits einen gewissen technologischen Reifegrad (Technology Readiness Level, TRL) erreicht haben und deren breites Anwendungspotenzial bereits nachgewiesen ist. Der TRL beschreibt die Entwicklungsstufe einer Technologie, eines Verfahrens oder einer Dienstleistung. Ausgangspunkt zu Projektstart ist der Status quo der bisher erreichten Entwicklungsstufe einer werkstoffbasierten Technologie, eines Verfahrens oder einer Dienstleistung, die spezifisch zu beschreiben ist (mindestens TRL 4). Der TRL der Hybridmaterialien kann dabei von Material zu Material variieren. Darüber hinaus muss die mit dem Projekt zu erreichende Entwicklungsstufe zuvor klar definiert werden und mit einer Steigerung des technologischen Reifegrads einhergehen, also beispielsweise in einer Demonstrations- oder Pilotanwendung münden (TRL 5 bis 7).“

Zielgruppe

Verbundvorhaben; die Beteiligung von KMU ist ausdrücklich erwünscht.

Förderzeitraum

max. 2,5 Jahre

Förderhöhe

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

Fristende

9. November 2018 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

Weitere Informationen

Webseite des BMBF
CO2 als nachhaltige Kohlenstoffquelle – Wege zur industriellen Nutzung (CO2-WIN)

Förderung

„Gegenstand der vorliegenden Richtlinie ist die Förderung von Verbundvorhaben zur **Erforschung und Entwicklung neuer Produkte, Technologien und Prozesse**, die durch eine stoffliche Nutzung von CO₂ die Rohstoffbasis der deutschen Wirtschaft diversifizieren und die Abhängigkeit von fossilen Ressourcen verringern. Dabei soll die **Rohstoffproduktivität gesteigert** und die **Emission von Treibhausgasen** gegenüber Referenzverfahren **verringert** werden.


Zielgruppe

„Zusammenwirken von mehreren unabhängigen **Partnern aus Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft oder Einrichtungen der Kommunen und Länder** im Rahmen gemeinsamer Forschungs- und Entwicklungsvorhaben (**Verbundvorhaben**)“

Förderzeitraum max. 3 Jahre

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

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

Weitere Informationen Webseite des BMBF

Bioeconomics for "plant roots and soil ecosystems: Importance of the rhizosphere for bioeconomics"

Aim

In the context of the call for proposals "Plant roots and soil ecosystems - importance of the rhizosphere for bioeconomics", research will be funded that contributes to the **understanding of rhizospheric processes under natural conditions** (structured, undestroyed soils or agricultural ecosystems). The resulting understanding of the process is intended to **increase soil productivity, combat pests, improve resistance to abiotic stress and reduce the use of agrochemicals**. Funding is available for R&D projects in applied basic research on the understanding, prediction and modulation of interactions and processes in the rhizosphere that play a role in nutrient mobilisation, stress tolerance, plant health and degradation of pollutants. With the help of the knowledge gained, the productivity per unit area of agricultural soils is to be increased while at the same time maintaining their additional functionalities.

Target Group collaborative projects

Duration 4 years

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

Deadline 3 December 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information website of the BMBF
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

ZIM cooperation projects with foreign partners: IraSME

**Aim**
“ZIM supports German small and medium-sized enterprises as well as research and technology organisations in developing new products, processes, and services, including in cooperation with foreign partners.

ZIM cooperation projects are generally possible with “non-applicant” partners (i.e. those not funded by ZIM) and subcontractors from all over the world. Agreements are in place with a number of specific countries to simplify and synchronize the different funding schemes.”

**Target Group**
at least a total of two SMEs from two different countries/regions; participation of universities and other research organisations is possible.

**Duration**
1 to 3 years

**Deadline**
26 September 2018

**Further information**
website of IraSME

Smart data management: a technology competition focusing on Artificial Intelligence, Semantics, Sovereignty

**Aim**
Funding will be provided for R&D flagship projects that promote the creation of intelligent data products and in which systems are developed for the economy that become more efficient with methods of machine learning and CI or even enable the development of completely new business fields.

This means in detail: The technology programme focuses on the application of technologies from the two research fields of machine learning/artificial intelligence and digital data management. Information systems approaches for digital data management integrate the economic and business management perspective as well as selected fields of the Data Engineering.

**Target Group**
research consortia

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to 100% of eligible project-related expenses

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

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 BMWi
Züchtung leistungsfähiger Weizensorten im Zeichen des Klimawandels


Innovationspotenzial wird in der Weizensaatzüchtung insbesondere in folgenden Bereichen gesehen: Verbesserung der Nährstoff- und Wassernutzungseffizienz [...]; Erhöhung der Stress-Toleranz gegenüber biotischen und abiotischen Schadeinflüssen [...]; Implementierung innovativer Verfahren [...]."

**Zielgruppe** Unternehmen (KMU) sowie Hochschulen, soweit eine substantielle Kooperation mit der Privatwirtschaft sichergestellt ist

**Förderzeitraum** max. 5 Jahre

**Förderhöhe** je nach Beantragung

**Fristende** 10. Januar 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite der BLE
Digitisation of medieval manuscripts

Aim
The German Research Foundation (DFG) is requesting proposals for the digitisation of occidental-medieval manuscripts. In addition, the DFG is supporting the development of a new manuscript portal to provide text and image information on Western book manuscripts of the Middle Ages and modern times in line with the demands of research.

The aim of the call for proposals is to promote the digitisation of occidental-medieval manuscripts. In cases where no indexing data is yet available, the digitisation of medieval manuscripts can also be promoted in combination with the indexing of these manuscripts.

Target group especially cooperation projects

Funding as requested

Deadline 15 November 2018 (expression of interest)

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 DFG

Priority Programme “Iron-Sulfur for Life: Cooperative Function of Iron-Sulfur Centers in Assembly, Biosynthesis, Catalysis and Disease” (SPP 1927)

Aim
"Understanding the crosstalk of metal ions on a cellular basis requires multidisciplinary and cooperative approaches that span the entire range from cell and molecular biology, biochemistry, inorganic chemistry, spectroscopy, and structural biology to theory. In the Priority Programme it is planned to study novel enzyme mechanisms, innovative model complexes, and to define the mechanistic basis of the metal center biogenesis pathways in the (patho-)physiological context of living organisms. The following fundamental areas will be addressed:

- assembly of complex FeS proteins as a starting point for versatile functionality
- biosynthesis and crosstalk of complex metal cofactors by FeS proteins
- catalysis and functions of complex FeS proteins
- mechanistic and regulatory roles of FeS proteins in a cellular context."

Duration 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 29 January 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 15 January 2019)

Further information website of the DFG
Call for Papers: Fourth Media Studies Symposium

Aim  The aim of the media science symposia is to enable model and exemplary media science discussions within German-speaking media science that rarely or never take place in everyday university life due to the increasing specialisation of media science research.

We are looking for relevant, quite controversial, for the subject sustainable, possibly unresolved and internationally connectable topics, which are able to create a place of professional position determination and to develop a further discussion.

Target group  scientist incl. junior scientists supported by a professorship

Funding  as requested

Deadline  31 October 2018

Further information  website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Next Generation Optogenetics: Tool Development and Application” (SPP 1926)

Aim  “Optogenetic methods and tools revolutionised research in neuroscience and cell biology, as they elegantly enable light-controlled manipulation of cellular functions. Although the main scope of optogenetics has been in basic science, applications in biomedicine are emerging, e.g., drug screening and, possibly, new prospects for therapy. To explore new aspects in areas ranging from microbial cell biology to in vivo physiology, this priority programme aims to take optogenetic methods to the next level. The implementation of novel light control mechanisms and the engineering of proteins with light-sensitive moieties beyond natural proteins will allow targeting previously non-addressable cellular activities. Such tool development has to be both mechanism- and application-driven, and thus requires close interactions between disciplines such as biophysics, cell biology, neuroscience, and engineering. Importantly, the new optogenetic tools have to be implemented in animal models.”

Target group  “[…] collaborative efforts between photobiologists, biophysicists, chemists, cell biologists, tool implementers, hardware developers or biomedical scientists, who will combine their expertise, e.g. in “tandems” […]”

Duration  3 years

Funding  as requested

Deadline  5 December 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 28 November 2018)

Further information  website of the DFG
Infrastructure Priority Programme "Antarctic Research with Comparative Investigations in Arctic Ice Regions" (SPP 1158)

**Aim**
The polar regions play a decisive key role in global climate events, and interdisciplinary considerations such as this interdisciplinary priority programme contribute in a special way to their understanding. The priority programme ensures that German scientists can participate in international polar research and that young scientists in Germany can be continuously trained for questions on polar research and climate change. Above all, however, it enables researchers at German universities to gain access to Antarctica and use the necessary infrastructures in the polar regions.

In the current programme phase (2019-2024), research work is to focus on four overarching research topics:
- Connecting paths to the lower latitudes
- Dynamics of the air conditioning system components
- Responses to climate change
- Improved understanding of polar processes and mechanisms

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
5 November 2018

**Further information**
website of the DFG

Priority Program "Property-controlled Forming Processes" (SPP 2183)

**Aim**
The aim of the priority programme is to study the scientific basis of process-integrated property control of forming processes and to test and validate new approaches to property control. Due to current developments in production technology, the property control of forming processes must be regarded as an emerging field. For the forming technology sector, the cooperation with control technology makes it possible for the first time to design controllable forming systems method-based and to take into account the sensors and actuators required for property control in the system design. A fundamental gain of knowledge about the design of resilient, microstructure- and property-controlled forming processes is expected from this cooperation.

**Target group**
cooperation between working groups from different disciplines

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
12 November 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 5 November 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 DFG
Indo-German Collaborative Research Activities in Materials Science and Engineering

Aim
“Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Department of Science and Technology, India (DST) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation), DST and DFG are opening the possibility for joint Indo-German research project funding in the field of Materials Science and Engineering [...]. These joint proposals in the field of Materials Science and Engineering have to be based on a close interaction between the German and Indian research teams and should present joint project goals and a joint work plan with balanced contributions from all project partners.”

Target group
joint project proposals from teams of Indian and German PIs

Duration
up to 3 years

Funding
as requested

Deadline
21 November 2018

Further information
website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Cooperative Multilevel Multistable Micro Actuator Systems (KOMMMA)” (SPP 2206)

Aim
“The objectives of this interdisciplinary Priority Programme are to demonstrate new theoretically founded concepts to understand the complex coupling and synergy effects in cooperative microactuator systems as well as novel methods for the design, fabrication and control of cooperative and/or multistage microactuator systems. The development of bi-/multistable mechanisms will be required.”

Target group
joint proposals, which include cooperation across discipline orders

Duration
3 years

Funding
as requested

Deadline
14 November 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 30 October 2018)

Further information
website of the DFG
DFG-NSF Cooperation: Possibility for Joint German-American Project Proposals in Gravitational Physics

**Aim**
“In 2015, the Physics and Mathematics Division of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Physics Division of the National Science Foundation (NSF) established a joint funding initiative in the area of Gravitational Physics. This collaboration is now continued with a call for proposals for 2018. German-American collaborations are invited to submit proposals in the areas described in the Gravitational Physics programmes (contact the programme officers for information on related areas of research).”

**Target group**
German-American collaborations

**Duration**
max. 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
28 November 2018

**Further information**
website of the DFG

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Priority Programme "Changes in the Dispersity, Structure and Phase of Proteins and Biological Agglomerates in Biotechnological Processes” (SPP 1934)

**Aim**
The process-related thermal, material and in particular mechanical interactions of proteins and bioagglomerates with the process environment along the process engineering process chain and their effect on dispersity, structure and phase of the said biogenic products as well as their microbiological adaptation to the process environment are the focus of the priority programme, which is divided into the following three scales or programme areas: (1) Proteins (e.g. enzymes, antibodies), (2) Bioagglomerates (protein clusters and crystals, spore and cell assemblies), (3) Process environment.

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
28 November 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 23 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 DFG
EUROPEAN RESEARCH FUNDING

Horizon 2020

On 25 July 2018, the European Commission published the updated 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.

FET-Open: Challenging current Thinking

Aim
“Proposals are sought for cutting-edge high-risk / high-impact interdisciplinary research with all of the following essential characteristics (“FET gatekeepers”):

Radical vision: the project must address a clear and radical vision, enabled by a new technology concept that challenges current paradigms. In particular, research to advance on the roadmap of a well-established technological paradigm, even if high-risk, will not be funded.

Breakthrough technological target: the project must target a novel and ambitious science-to-technology breakthrough as a first proof of concept for its vision. In particular, blue-sky exploratory research without a clear technological objective will not be funded.

Ambitious interdisciplinary research for achieving the technological breakthrough and that opens up new areas of investigation. In particular, projects with only low-risk incremental research, even if interdisciplinary, will not be funded.”

Target Group
involvement of key actors that can make a difference in the future, for example excellent young researchers, ambitious high-tech SMEs or first-time participants to FET under Horizon 2020

Duration max. 3 years
Funding max. € 3 million
Deadline 24 January 2019
Further information website of the Participant Portal
European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) Health

Second Call for Proposals for Innovation Projects: Innovation by Ideas

Aim
“EIT Health Innovation Projects focus on three specific challenges: promoting healthy living, supporting active ageing and improving healthcare. Through the 2015-2018 calls, we have developed a strong portfolio of Innovation Projects addressing these three societal challenges. These projects have brought together new partners from throughout the consortium who are now collaborating to bring better health and healthcare to European citizens. In our current call for new Innovation Projects, we are looking to expand our portfolio of high-quality, strong, balanced projects. […]

We are looking to support new projects that address at least one of the four themes outlined below: • Prevention and management of chronic disease • Empowering citizens to manage their health • Improving healthcare systems • Leveraging new technology and data.”

Target Group
at least one academic and one non-academic Core or Associate Partner, i.e. one Partner of the type “Education” or “Research” and one of any other type

Duration
max. 18 months

Funding
2019: max. € 250,000; 2020: max. € 500,000

Deadline
2 October 2018

Further information
website of the EIT Health
Your EIT Health contact at the University of Cologne:
Prof. Dr. Björn Schumacher: email: bjoern.schumacher@uni-koeln.de
FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING BODIES

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)

International Co-Investigator Scheme

**Aim**
“The aim of the International Co-Investigator Scheme is to facilitate and finance collaborative research projects with international partners. It is targeted at researchers in Switzerland whose projects include subprojects abroad. Both the Swiss-based project and the subproject conducted by the international partner will be evaluated and funded by the SNSF.

The agreement with Sweden, Norway, Germany and Austria covers all disciplines, while the agreement with Britain covers only the humanities and social sciences.”

**Target Group** collaborative research projects with Switzerland

**Duration** max. 4 years

**Funding** researchers with a PhD obtained at least four years ago

**Deadline** 1 October 2018

**Further information** website of the SNF

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Fact Finding Missions

**Aim** The aim of the Fact Finding Missions programme is to prepare a long-term and contractually bound cooperation between German universities and universities in developing countries at the faculty or institute level, which is aimed at structural improvement at the partner universities.

Support is provided for preparatory trips by specialist delegations of employees of German universities to establish contacts with possible foreign cooperation partners (according to the DAC list).

**Target Group** German universities or their departments or institutes

**Duration** The funding period begins on 2 January 2019 at the earliest and ends on 30 June 2019 at the latest (including time for preparation and follow-up work).

**Funding** The maximum amount of the DAAD grant is
- **€ 15,000** per financial year for a fact-finding mission (for a maximum of 14 days)
- for a fact-finding mission (bilateral travel or travel to several neighbouring countries (for a travel duration of max. 21 days) **€ 20,000** per financial year.

**Deadline** 4 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 DAAD
Grimme-Forschungskolleg

Media and society in the digital age

Aim

“The aim is the practice-oriented and practice-relevant research of the social, cultural, political and economic transformation processes of the digital age. In addition, research results, positions and opinions on current and relevant social challenges in the field of research will be discussed in public discourse. There are no limits to the diversity of ideas and concepts in view of the subject matter of the research. The complexity and complexity of the research subject, the interdisciplinarity and the connection with practice should be taken into account.”

Target Group

a professor or qualified scientist from the UoC together with an institute member of the Grimme Institute ("project tandem"); in justified exceptional cases, an application may be submitted by a professor or a qualified scientist with a doctorate from the UzK or an institute member of the Grimme Institute.

Duration

max. 1 year

Funding

up to € 20,000

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 Grimme-Forschungskolleg
Gerda Henkel Stiftung
Special Programme Security, Society and State

Aim
"As security-related issues, the fading role of the state and the gradual elimination of borders are central themes in both political and scholarly debates today. "Failing states" as a safe haven for terrorists, transnational organized crime, a loss of overall legitimacy, shrinking state authority in conflict-ridden regions are the relevant keywords in this context.

There is good reason for a more fine-grained perspective, however. Current security issues are multi-faceted and dynamic, ranging from military protection to efficient public infrastructure and a viable social negotiation process. As a matter of fact, the state is not irrevocably losing ground in security-sensitive areas. In some areas of national and personal security, state authority and sound governmental practice are more important than ever.

The "Security, Society and the State" research programme reflects these contradictory trends. It targets new security-related issues that are prime examples of the post-Cold-War era but have been largely neglected in mainstream research."

Target Group
- research projects: one or more scientists with a PhD
- research scholarships: scientists with a PhD

Duration
- research projects: as requested
- research scholarships: 1 to 24 months

Funding
- research projects: personnel, travel, research and/or other costs
- research scholarships: fellowship allowance, living abroad allowance (for trips abroad from one month), if applicable family allowance and, if required, travel expenses and research costs

Deadline
30 November 2018

Further information
- website of the Gerda Henkel Foundation
# Volkswagen Foundation

## Change of Course – Exploring New Research Territories between the Life Sciences and Science or Engineering

**Aim**  
"Many emerging research questions at the intersection of the life sciences on the one hand and engineering, mathematics, computer and natural sciences on the other can only be solved in an interdisciplinary manner. This is where the "Change of Course" funding initiative comes in. The Volkswagen Foundation would like to provide an incentive to broaden one's own expertise across disciplines and to acquire as a team a pole position for interdisciplinary challenges. The choice of the topic which motivates the interdisciplinary qualification is free within the addressed scientific field. There is also a free choice of the path leading to newly acquired knowledge and skills from a complementary field."

**Target Group**  
outstandingly qualified group leaders and professors in Germany; international partners welcome

**Duration**  
3 to 4 years; optional planning grant: 9 to 18 months

**Funding**  
qualification concepts as needed; optional planning grant limited to € 120,000 maximum

**Deadline**  
15 January 2019

**Further information**  
website of the Volkswagen Foundation

# Joachim Herz Stiftung

## Financing of trainings for teachers – digital media in MINT lessons

**Aim**  
The Joachim Herz Foundation supports teacher training courses and conferences on digital media in science teaching. The aim is to give teachers the opportunity for further training. In this way they should get to know new teaching approaches and methods as well as exchange and network with each other.

**Target Group**  
universities, research institutes, etc., that want to pass on knowledge from their research and development that is relevant for teaching practice to teachers

**Funding**  
up to € 2,000

**Deadline**  
16 October 2018

**Further information**  
website of the Joachim Herz Stiftung
Diligentia Foundation for empirical research

Research projects

**Aim**
Funding is provided for empirical research, whether problem-oriented to formulate theory or to test theory/hypotheses, the results of which can be tested against reality and thus also refuted, and for the development of the necessary methods.

The projects should show innovative references between theory and practice, experience and science, which expand or supplement the common empirical understanding.

**Replication** and **longitudinal studies** are also funded.

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FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

Die Junge Akademie

Membership

Aim „Next year, Die Junge Akademie will appoint 10 new members into the academy. We are searching outstanding and motivated young artists and scientists with an interest in interdisciplinary work on the interface of science, society, art and politics."

Target Group outstanding PhD or an outstanding work of artistic qualification, usually at least 3 and max. 7 years ago, at least one other excellent scientific work

Duration 5 years

Funding research budget, which is used for joint scientific and artistic projects, as well as a personal budget, which can be spent on individual funding

Deadline 30 November 2018

Further information website of the Academy

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

Research Fellowship Programme for International Researchers

Aim „The purpose of the program is to advance international cooperation of Turkey in science and technology by providing financial support to international young researchers who have received their PhD or are still registered to a doctoral program abroad."

Target Group foreign citizens not older than 35 years, who are registered to a doctoral program abroad or who have completed their PhD

Duration max. 1 year

Funding monthly stipend, travel expenses and private health insurance cost

Deadline 5 October 2018

Further information website of TÜBİTAK
Grimme-Forschungskolleg

Media and society in the digital age

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Target Group: junior scientists at the UoC together with an institute member of the Grimme Institute ("project tandem")

Duration: max. 1 year

Funding: up to € 20,000

Deadline: 31 October 2018

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Further information: website of the Grimme-Forschungskolleg

German Foundation for Peace Research

Postdoc research projects

Aim: “The aim is the practice-oriented and practice-relevant research of the social, cultural, political and economic transformation processes of the digital age. In addition, research results, positions and opinions on current and relevant social challenges in the field of research will be discussed in public discourse. There are no limits to the diversity of ideas and concepts in view of the subject matter of the research. The complexity and complexity of the research subject, the interdisciplinarity and the connection with practice should be taken into account.”

Target Group: junior scientists with a PhD topic in peace and conflict research; PhD obtained max. 6 years ago

Duration: max. 30 months

Funding: up to € 150,000

Deadline: 1 November 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 German Foundation for Peace Research
German Historical Institute London

Scholarships

Aim  "Each year the GHIL awards a number of research scholarships to post-graduate students, Habilitanden and post-Docs at German universities to enable them to carry out research in Britain, and in some cases to post-graduates at British universities for research visits to Germany. Topics from the early Middle Ages to recent contemporary history, for which a temporary research stay in Great Britain is indispensable, are considered.

Target Group  post-graduate students, Habilitanden and post-Docs at German universities

Duration  up to 6 months

Funding  € 2,200 monthly for postdocs

Deadline  30 September 2018

Further information  website of the German Historical Institute London

German Historical Institute Washington

Scholarships Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships

Aim  "The GHI awards short-term fellowships to European and North American doctoral students as well as postdoctoral scholars to pursue research projects that draw upon primary sources located in the United States. We are particularly interested in research projects that fit into the following fields:

- German and European history
- The history of German-American relations
- The role of Germany and the USA in international relations
- American history (European doctoral and postdoctoral scholars only)."

Target Group  For postdoctoral scholars applying, the preference is for projects that are designed for the "second book" (Habilitation or equivalent).

Duration  1 to 5 months

Funding  € 3,400 monthly for postdoctoral scholars

Deadline  1 October 2018

Further information  website of the GHI Washington
**PRIZES**

An overview of the most important science awards is available [here](#).

### Körber Stiftung

**Deutscher Studienpreis**

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### Business Development Dortmund

**start2grow**

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| **Endowment** | 1. Prize **€ 40,000**  
2. Prize **€ 20,000**  
3. Prize **€ 10,000**  
4. to 10. Prize worth **€ 2,000** |
| **Deadline** | **29 April 2019** (submission of business plans) |
| **Further information** | 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. |
German Raw Material Efficiency Award

Aim  The German Raw Material Efficiency Award is awarded by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy to outstanding examples of raw material and material-efficient products, processes or services as well as application-oriented research results.

Target group  amongst others universities

Endowment  a trophy, a certificate and a digital signet

Deadline  29 October 2018

Further information  website of the Prize
Seed Funding by the University of Cologne

Aim
"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 email: anschubfinanzierung@verw.uni-koeln.de, phone: 0221/ 470-5379

"Network & Exchange – NetEx" postdoctoral programme

Aim "The objective of the programme is to promote international networking and increase the career opportunities of female postdoctoral researchers and junior professors of the University of Cologne (UoC) in the scientific community. We aim to achieve this through funding for:
• a stay abroad for a female postdoctoral researcher or junior professor from the University of Cologne at a university or research institution abroad,
• a visit by an international female researcher at the University of Cologne,
• an international workshop or symposium at the University of Cologne."

Target Group female junior researchers at the University of Cologne
Duration research stays: 3 weeks to 3 months
Funding Each module will be funded with a maximum amount of € 5,000. Researchers can apply for a maximum amount of € 10,000 for all three modules.
Deadline 1 October 2018
Further information website of Department 7 Research Management
MISCELLANEOUS

DFG project outline for new Collaborative Research Centres: Conversion to electronic submission
From now on, the German Research Foundation (DFG) will also provide its electronic portal "elan" for secure data transmission for Collaborative Research Centres (including SFB/Transregios). The elan portal, which is also used for many other DFG programmes, has been available for submission of proposals for new Collaborative Research Centres since 26 July 2018. Further information is available here.

ERC: Delayed publication of the Work Programme 2019
The ERC Executive Agency announces that the publication of the work programme will be delayed in 2019. The publication of the 2019 work programme and the opening of the Calls Starting Grant 2019 and Synergy Grant 2019 are now scheduled for September. The deadlines for submission of calls will not be postponed. The Starting Grant Deadline is expected to be on 17 October 2018 and the Synergy Grant deadline on 8 November 2018. (Source: NCP ERC) Further information is available here.

Horizon 2020: Updated Work Programme 2018-2020 published
"On 25 July, the European Commission has published an update of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020. Most parts of the Work Programme have been amended by minor details within existing topics, shifts of budget as well as some new topics and other actions (e.g. prizes, financial instruments)." (Source: KoWi) 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

07.11.2018
ERC Consolidator Grants in Horizon 2020
The Department 7 for Research Management of the University of Cologne organises in cooperation with the National Contact Point ERC a workshop on the ERC Consolidator Grants in Horizon 2020. Information on the general principles of the ERC, the current call and useful tips from a successful Principal Investigator and an ERC Panel Chair will be provided.

The workshop addresses researchers with 7-12 years research experience since completion of their PhD and with a scientific track record showing great promise. With an ERC Consolidator grant you can build up or consolidate your own research group over 5 years with max. € 2 million. The workshop addresses those researchers in particular who aim to submit their proposals in this year’s ERC Consolidator Grant call.

 Place: GATEWAY of the University of Cologne
Further information as well as the online registration form is available at https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events.

Further events

04.-06.09.2018
Webinar Series - The New Horizon 2020 Work Program for 2019 - MIGRATION, TRANSFORMATIONS, GOVERNANCE
Place: online

11-12.09.2018
Place: Brussels

17.09.2018
NCP Society: Information event on the new Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2019 for the 6th Social Challenge
Place: Bonn

25.09.2018
Webinar on the Marie-Sklodowska-Curie Actions Innovative Training Networks (ITN) proposal submission
Place: online

18.10.2018
Science with and for Society: Proposal writing workshop
Place: Bonn

08.11.2018
Net4Society: International InfoDay and Brokerage Event (Horizon 2020)
Place: Warsaw

21.11.2018
Horizon 2020: NCP Life Sciences Symposium 2018
Place: Cologne

06.12.2018
Proposal writing workshop for Applicants in Horizon 2020 / 6th Social Challenge
Place: Bonn
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