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NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL FUNDING POSSIBILITIES FOR POSTDOCS

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9:30-13:30
Seminar Building

Speakers from different funding organisations will present their programmes for post-doctoral researchers and fellows will give insights to their experiences. During the networking lunch, the participants will have the opportunity to talk to the experts and fellows.

This event is jointly organised by the University of Cologne, the University of Bonn and the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf.
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Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Research on ethical, legal and social aspects (ELSA) of digitisation, big data and artificial intelligence in health research and care

**Aim**  The projects must make a clear reference to ethical, legal, societal, cultural, economic and/or social aspects of digitisation and big data applications or the use of artificial intelligence systems in health research and care or progress in medical informatics.

**Target Group**  collaborative and interdisciplinary 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**  29 January 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  website of the BMBF

Trans-atlantic joint research projects with a focus on “Social Innovation”

**Aim**  As part of this T-AP call for proposals “Social Innovation”, social scientists and humanities scholars from eight countries are invited to submit international project proposals that address the topic of **“Social Innovation” from a social science and/or humanities perspective** and in this context address social challenges that are virulent on both sides of the Atlantic.

Excellent social science and/or humanities research should thus contribute to an understanding of social transformations and the role of social innovation. Developments at the local, national and global levels must be considered as well as the activities of the various sectors of society (private, public, economic).

**Target Group**  International research consortia consisting of at least 3 partners from at least 3 participating countries (Brazil, Finland, France, Great Britain, Canada, Netherlands and Poland)

**Duration**  2 to 3 years

**Funding**  up to € 300,000

**Deadline**  31 January 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  website of the BMBF
Robotic systems for care

**Aim**  Funding will be provided for research projects both for the **development and testing of innovative robotic systems** that are geared to the **practical requirements of care** in specific fields of application. Robotic systems can range from components such as robot arms to humanoid robots. Among the conceivable fields of application are, for example, therapy, communication and interaction, transport, transfer and mobility, assistance or accompaniment. The submitters are also free to address other applications in the care sector in which robotic systems can support or contribute to relief. Robotic systems which are exclusively or predominantly in the medical field (e.g. surgical robots and prosthetics) are not eligible for funding under this notice.

Funding is provided for applied collaborative projects in two priority areas: (1) **"robot technologies for new nursing solutions"** and (2) **"better care practice through robotic solutions"**.

**Target Group**  applied collaborative projects (priorities 1 and 2): commercial enterprises, universities, non-university research institutions and nursing practice organisations;

accompanying scientific project: **robotic systems in nursing care**: universities and non-university research institutions as well as nursing practice organisations

**Duration**  as requested

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

**Deadline**  **18 February 2019** (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](http://www.bmbf.de)

Further development of the indicators for research and innovation

**Aim**  
On the basis of the present announcement, the BMBF is funding research projects on issues of indicatorics, their validation and the creation of data bases. Individual and joint projects that generate novel scientific findings and socially relevant results are funded. The research projects to be funded should relate to a specific issue and analyse it in depth.  
Against this background, projects in one or more of the following thematic areas are eligible (the list is not exhaustive): (1) extension of the concept of innovation, (2) measurement of innovation outputs and outcomes, (3) importance of human capital in the innovation process, (4) presentation of the spatial dimension of innovation processes, (5) new data and processes in the course of digitisation, (6) indicators to support evaluations of R&D funding.

**Target Group**  
individual or collaborative projects

**Duration**  
up to 3 years

**Funding**  
max. € 150,000 per year

**Deadline**  
31 January 2019 (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

Innovative medical technology solutions for the prevention and care of nosocomial infections

**Aim**  
Funding is provided for projects in which the aim is to develop new, marketable healthcare solutions based on innovative medical technology solutions. The results of these R&D projects should help to significantly improve the prevention and care of nosocomial infections and thus sustainably strengthen the protection of patients, relatives and medical personnel. The following topics are important in this respect:

- Protection by avoiding or reducing germ contamination
- Protection against the transmission and spread of pathogens
- Protection through efficient data documentation and evaluation

**Target Group**  
industry-led, high-risk and pre-competitive projects - usually in the form of 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**  
31 January 2019 (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
ERA-MIN 2: resource-efficient recycling management - optimised product and material cycles

**Aim**  The object of funding is research and development expenditure within the framework of applied pre-competitive collaborative projects aimed at optimising product and material cycles in industrial production processes or at the end of the useful life of products. A contribution to increasing raw material efficiency is expected through the establishment of material and material cycles in accordance with the model of the circular-flow economy. The funding addresses the optimisation of product and material cycles for non-energetic, abiotic raw materials, i.e. metals, building and industrial minerals.

Against this background, applied research work characterised by a high scientific and technical risk is funded within two thematic areas:

- **Resource-efficient production and reprocessing processes** (according to topic 3 "Processing, Production and Remanufacturing" of the transnational announcement)
- **Closure of the cycle through reuse and recycling of products and components** (according to topic 4 "Recycling and Re-use of End-of-Life-Products" of the transnational announcement)

**Target Group**  applied pre-competitive collaborative projects consisting of at least 3 partners (at least 2 from countries participating in the call)

**Duration**  1 to 3 years

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

**Deadline**  31 January 2019

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

JPI Oceans: JPI Oceans - sources, distribution and impact of microplastics in the marine environment

**Aim**  “Building on the results from the joint transnational call "Ecological aspects of microplastics in the marine environment" and recent scientific findings this joint transnational call intends to increase the knowledge about the relevant sources of microplastics, analytical methods for identifying smaller micro- and (nano-)plastics, monitoring their distribution and abundance in marine systems and their effects thereon as well as concepts to reduce inputs of plastic into the marine environment.

This call comprises four main themes: • Identification, characterisation and quantification of the major microplastic sources, […] • New sampling and analytical methodologies - focusing on the smaller (nano-)particles and in situ measurement methods for all matrices (water, sediment, biota) • Monitoring and mapping of microplastics in the marine environment including its effects on the marine environment • Concepts to reduce inputs of plastics into the marine environment including through new recycling methods, raising public awareness, promoting behavioural change, socio-economic analyses.”

**Target Group** research partners from at least 3 participating countries

**Duration** max. 3 years

**Funding** max. € 2 million

**Deadline** 28 February 2019

**Further information** website of the JPI

"Sustainable production - green and clean technologies" within the framework of the Indo-German science and technology centre

**Aim**  Funding will be provided for collaborative projects which work on one or more of the following priority topics in international cooperation with partners from India. The overall theme of the announcement is "Sustainable Production - Green and Clean Technologies" with the following subtopics:

- Sustainable chemical process technologies
- Technologies to reduce pollution or improve water and air quality
- Waste management (electrical scrap, biomedical waste, solid waste from industrial production and private households)

The projects should have a high practical relevance and show strategies for the implementation of the research results in politics, society and economy.

**Target Group** a minimum of 4 (maximum of 6) eligible institutions from both countries

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** as a rule up to € 450,000 for the 2 (possibly 3) German partners

**Deadline** 4 February 2019 (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
Innovation Committee of the Federal Joint Committee

Versorgungsforschung zum themenspezifischen Bereich

Förderung

„Es werden Forschungsprojekte gefördert, die auf einen Erkenntnisgewinn zur Verbesserung der bestehenden Versorgung in der gesetzlichen Krankenversicherung ausgerichtet sind. Die Forschungsprojekte müssen sich auf eines der nachfolgenden Themenfelder beziehen. […]

- **Themenfeld 1:** Stärkung der gesundheitlichen Versorgung in der Pflege und Transparenz über die pflegerische Versorgungsqualität […]
- **Themenfeld 2:** Barrierefreiheit und Verbesserung der Situation von Menschen mit Assistenzbedarf und deren Angehörigen in der Gesundheitsversorgung […]
- **Themenfeld 3:** Aufbereitung und Verknüpfung von Gesundheitsdaten aus verschiedenen Quellen zur Verbesserung der Patientenversorgung
  a) Verknüpfung von Gesundheitsdaten auf Ebene der Patientin/des Patienten
  b) Verknüpfung von Gesundheitsdaten auf Populationsebene […]
- **Themenfeld 4:** Einfluss evidenzbasierter Gesundheitsinformationen für Patientinnen und Patienten auf die Versorgung […]
- **Themenfeld 5:** Umsetzung und Evaluation der Akten nach § 291a SGB V (ePA) […]“

Zielgruppe Hochschulen und außeruniversitäre Forschungseinrichtungen

Förderdauer bis zu 3 Jahre

Förderhöhe je nach Beantragung

Fristende 19. Februar 2019

Weitere Informationen Webseite des [Innovationsausschusses beim G-BA](#)

Weiterentwicklung der Versorgung in der gesetzlichen Krankenversicherung

Förderung

„Ziel dieses Förderangebotes ist es, Projekte zu fördern, die auf einen Erkenntnisgewinn zur Verbesserung der bestehenden Versorgung in der gesetzlichen Krankenversicherung ausgerichtet sind, ein hohes Verwertungspotenzial für die Versorgungspraxis erkennen lassen und eine besondere Nähe zur praktischen Patientenversorgung aufweisen.

Besondere Projektstrukturen und -elemente können bei dem geplanten Förderprojekt vorgesehen werden. Hierzu zählen u. a. Elemente der Digitalisierung oder Patient-Empowerment-Strukturen.“

Zielgruppe Einzel- oder Konsortialprojekte

Förderdauer je nach Beantragung

Förderhöhe je nach Beantragung

Fristende 19. Februar 2019

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**GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION (DFG)**

**Centres for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences**

**Aim**

"Centres for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences are a special type of funding instrument specifically tailored to the working methods used in these particular fields. […]

Centres for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences should tackle a topic that is **defined broadly** enough that it ties into existing interests and strengths at the site, while remaining capable of providing a framework for the integration of individual research concepts. Centres for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences should be **outstanding centres** of humanities and social sciences research."

**Target Group**

usually 2 to 3 experienced and **well-established** researchers

**Duration**

up to 8 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

19 March 2019

**Further information**

website of the DFG

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**Pre-Announcement: Next Calls for Proposals on Joint Sino-German Research Projects Coming up in 2019**

**Aim**

"The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) continue their initiative to support joint Sino-German research projects. […]

In view of the constantly high numbers of proposals NSFC and DFG have agreed to organise this initiative from now on in two consecutive calls. The **first call for proposals** in the fields of chemistry, life sciences, medical sciences and management sciences will be launched in January 2019 […]. The **second call**, dedicated to the fields of engineering sciences, geosciences, information sciences, mathematics and physics, will be launched at the end of 2019 […]."

**Target Group**

joint Sino-German research projects

**Duration**

up to 3 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

1st call for proposals: 27 March 2019; 2nd call for proposals: March 2020

**Further information**

website of the DFG
Priority Programme “Innate Sensing and Restriction of Retroviruses” (SPP 1923)

Aim  “This Priority Programme […] aims at the identification of the full molecular sensing and restriction machinery involved in cell-autonomous immunity against retroviruses, its regulation, virus-encoded countermeasures, and pathophysiological consequences. An important aspect of the programme will also be to visualise innate immune recognition events, assess their dynamics and define the stoichiometry of key components involved. SPP 1923 will integrate retrovirologists, immunologists, and experts in key technologies to accomplish these goals.”

Target Group  joint applications of 2 principle investigators
Duration  3 years
Funding  as requested
Deadline  4 March 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 25 February 2019)
Further information  website of the DFG

Sequencing Costs in Projects

Aim  “The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) in a second round invites to the submission of scientific projects, in which sequencing will be carried out at the DFG funded competence centres for Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) at the Universities Bonn/Köln/Düsseldorf, Dresden, Kiel, and Tübingen. […]”

Target Group  “On the one hand, new projects with questions from the life sciences are admitted to the application process. […] Further, applications may also be submitted that result from projects that are currently being funded by the DFG or others and for which the need for increased sequencing requirements has arisen during the course of the project.”

Funding  projects with a medium sized demand (€ 100,000 to € 1 million)
Deadline  15 January 2019 (declaration of intent)
Further information  website of the DFG
FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING BODIES

Volkswagen Foundation

Opus Magnum

**Aim**  “The initiative aims at providing more freedom for writing a larger scholarly treatise to professors from the humanities and social sciences […]. Candidates can apply for a substitute professorship, whereby this scheme also aims at providing a perspective for early career academics.”

**Target Group**  professors who have already achieved a degree of renown by virtue of (a first) outstanding research performance

**Duration**  up to 18 months

**Funding**  up to € 180,000 for a substitute professorship

**Deadline**  1 February 2019

**Further information**  website of the 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 with international partners

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

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

**Deadline**  15 January 2019

**Further information**  website of the Volkswagen Foundation
Gerda Henkel Foundation

Research Grants

**Aim**
“Support is primarily provided for the historical humanities, in particular to support research projects in the fields of *Archaeology, Art History, Historical Islamic Studies, History, History of Law, History of Science, Prehistory and Early History.* Applications for research projects and research scholarships can be made in connection with the general research grant programme. Candidates can apply regardless of their nationality and place of work.”

**Target Group** scientists with a PhD

**Duration** as requested

**Funding** personnel, travel, research and/or other costs

**Deadline** 12 June 2019

**Further information** website of the [Gerda Henkel Foundation](http://www.gerda-henkel.org)
FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

University of Cologne

Mobility Grants 2019

Aim

"Mobility grants for national and international young faculty" is a program within measure 6 “International Program” of the Institutional Strategy of the University of Cologne (UoC). It supports the international networking activities of young researchers by granting short stays abroad. […] The aim is to promote international activities among young researchers at the UoC by providing (1) financial support for short-term research stays abroad or (2) visits from international guest scholars and scientists (postdocs) at the University of Cologne. Mobility grants can be used to prepare joint research grant applications and research projects, to organize and carry out project workshops, prepare international publications, initiate international contacts, or to finance field research stays or archival research stays. "

Target Group

young researchers at the UoC with PhD or international young postdocs who already cooperate or would like to cooperate with researchers at the UoC

Duration

between 1 week and 1 month

Funding

max. € 5,000

Deadline

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Further information

website of Division 7 Research Management; contact: Susanne Ludewig-Greiner, Division 7, Dept. 72, email: mobilitygrants@verw.uni-koeln.de

Postdoc-Kids&Eldercare

Aim

„The objective of the programme is to provide support for postdoctoral candidates and assistant professors at the University of Cologne who are also responsible for caring for children or have obligations to care for relatives. This support includes subsidies for child- or eldercare costs or funding for the employment of a student assistant to help with the individual’s research tasks."

Target Group

„Female postdoctoral candidates and assistant professors who

- are either employed by the University of Cologne or who are conducting research at the University of Cologne funded by a scholarship are eligible to apply. […]
- have one child aged under twelve years or a disabled child or a relative in their care […]"

Duration

between 1 week and 1 month

Funding

Module 1 Child or eldercare subsidy: € 3,000 per calendar year

Module 2 Student assistant for research tasks: up to € 3,000 for max. 1 year

Deadline

1 February 2019

Further information

website of Division 7 Research Management

Contact: Sandra Staudenrausch, Division 7 Research Management, Dept. 72

email: s.staudenrausch@verw.uni-koeln.de
German-American Fulbright Commission in Berlin

**Fulbright-Cottrell Award**

| **Aim** | With its Fulbright-Cottrell Award, the German-American Fulbright Commission in Berlin offers a unique opportunity for researchers in the fields of **chemistry, physics and astronomy**. […] Through the combined funding and conference participation, the Fulbright-Cottrell Award recognizes **outstanding teacher-scholars** who are acknowledged by their scientific communities on both sides of the Atlantic for the **quality and innovation** of their research programs and academic leadership skills. |
| **Target Group** | **junior group leaders** and **habilitated researchers** with **German citizenship** (in exceptional cases the centre of life) who are working at a German university with **teaching responsibilities** in the core programs of **chemistry, physics** or **astronomy** |
| **Duration** | 3 years |
| **Funding** | € 63,000 and € 5,000 for transatlantic flights from Germany to at least two Cottrell Scholar Conferences in Tucson, Arizona |
| **Deadline** | 15 January 2019 |
| **Further information** | website of [Fulbright Germany](https://www.fulbright-germany.de) |
PRIZES

An overview of the most important science awards is available here.

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Ralf-Dahrendorf-Preis für den Europäischen Forschungsraum

**Ziel**


**Zielgruppe** KoordinatorIn oder ProjektleiterIn eines EU-geförderten Projekts (FP7 oder Horizon 2020); Schlussbericht zwischen 1. Januar 2017 und 31. Dezember 2018

**Dotierung** 50.000 € für max. 18 Monate

**Fristende** 12. Februar 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des Preises

European Commission

EU Prize for Woman Innovators 2019

**Aim**

“Women are underrepresented in terms of creating innovative enterprises. This is untapped potential for Europe, which needs to optimise all available resources to remain competitive and find solutions to our societal challenges. This award recognises the role of women in bringing about game-changing innovations to market and honours the outstanding achievements of female entrepreneurs running innovative companies. […] This is a cash prize awarded every year to European women who founded a successful company and brought an innovation to market.”

**Target group** women from across the EU, who have (1) founded a successful company and (2) brought innovation to market

**Endowment** 3 prizes of € 100,000 each
Rising Innovator (35 or younger): € 50,000

**Deadline** 16 January 2019

**Further information** website of the prize
Gesellschaft für Informatik e.V. (Society for Informatics)

GI Dissertation Prize

Aim
Together with the Swiss Informatics Society (SI) and the Austrian Computer Society (OCG), the Gesellschaft für Informatik e.V. (Society for Informatics) annually awards a prize for an outstanding dissertation: the GI Dissertation Prize.

The dissertation must be located in computer science. This includes not only work that represents progress for computer science, but also work from the applications of computer science in other disciplines and work that investigates the interactions between computer science and society.

Target group
only dissertations for which the date of the oral examination is in the period from 1 January to 31 December of the previous year

Endowment
€ 5,000

Deadline
15 February 2019 (nominations)

Further information
website of the prize

Stifterverband, Deutsche Mathematiker-Vereinigung, Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft, Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker & Verband Biologie, Biowissenschaften und Biomedizin in Deutschland

Ars Legendi Faculty Award Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Aim
The prize is intended to make visible the special importance of university teaching for the training of young scientists in mathematics and the natural sciences and to create a career-effective incentive to become involved in university teaching and to promote it beyond one's own sphere of influence. At the same time, the quality of teaching as a central quality criterion for higher education institutions and the strategic goal of quality management at higher education institutions should be anchored more firmly.

Target group
outstanding, innovative and exemplary achievements in teaching, consulting and support

Endowment
€ 5,000 each

Deadline
15 January 2019 (self-applications as well as nominations)

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

Further information
website of the prize
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)

Bernd Rendel Prize

Aim “Since 2002 the DFG has annually awarded the Bernd Rendel Prize to early career geoscientists who do not hold a doctorate. These prizes, funded by proceeds from the Bernd Rendel Foundation which is managed by the Stifterverband, aim to enable prizewinners to attend international conferences and congresses or may be used for other scientific purposes.”

Target group early career geoscientists who do not hold a doctorate

Endowment € 1,500

Deadline 15 February 2019 (self-applications as well as nominations)

Further information website of the prize

Stiftung Polytechnische Gesellschaft

Polytechnic Prize 2019

Aim The Polytechnic Prize 2019 is awarded by the Polytechnic Society Foundation to scientists who develop teaching concepts for dealing constructively with diversity in MINT subjects. Such teaching responds to the diversity of the pupils and creates a constructive learning atmosphere in which the pupils are individually supported and at the same time challenged in the communal learning process. The aim is to enable every pupil to develop his or her potential to the best of his or her ability.

Target group scientists at universities

Endowment € 50,000 for the 1st prize; € 20,000 for the other prize winners

Deadline 31 March 2019 (self-applications as well as nominations)

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

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 are funded, i.e. collaborative projects with several Principal Investigators (PI), whereby the PI of the University of Cologne acts as coordinator. Individual proposals are not funded. Consultation with the responsible project manager of Division 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 10 January 2019 (3 cut-off dates annually)
Further information website of Division 7 Research Management
Contact: Patricia Hoff, Division 7 Research Management, Dept. 71 Analysis and Consulting Services
email: anschubfinanzierung@verw.uni-koeln.de, phone: 0221/ 470-5379

Mobility Grants 2019

Aim
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Target Group young researchers at the UoC who have earned a doctoral degree or international young researchers in the postdoc phase who already cooperate or would like to cooperate with researchers at the UoC
Duration between 1 week and 1 month
Funding max. € 5,000
Deadline Applications can be submitted at any time.
Further information website of Division 7 Research Management
Contact: Susanne Ludewig-Greiner, Division 7 Research Management, Dept. 72 email: mobilitygrants@verw.uni-koeln.de
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**Aim**

“The objective of the programme is to provide support for postdoctoral candidates and assistant professors at the University of Cologne who are also responsible for caring for children or have obligations to care for relatives.

This support includes subsidies for child- or eldercare costs or funding for the employment of a student assistant to help with the individual’s research tasks. The intention is to provide balance between family life and research and improve the career opportunities for researchers with a strong career potential who also have dependent family members.”

**Target Group**

“Female postdoctoral candidates and assistant professors who

- are either employed by the University of Cologne or who are conducting research at the University of Cologne funded by a scholarship are eligible to apply. […]
- have one child aged under twelve years or a disabled child or a relative in their care […]”

**Duration**

1 year

**Funding**

Module 1 Child or eldercare subsidy: € 3,000 per calendar year

Module 2 Student assistant for research tasks: up to € 3,000 for max. 1 year

**Deadline**

1 February 2019

**Further information**

website of [Division 7 Research Management](#)

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University of Cologne: Survey on the handling of research data at the UoC

“The newly founded [Cologne Competence Center for Research Data Management (C3RDM)] of the University of Cologne is addressing the question of what a future storage infrastructure for research data could look like. In cooperation with the BMBF-funded project [UNEKE], the C3RDM therefore conducts a survey on storage practices and storage requirements for research data at the University of Cologne.”

Further information is available [here](#).

MSCA-Network Net4Mobility+: MSCA ITN Handbook 2019

The network of National Contact Points MSCA, Net4Mobility+, has produced a handbook on how to submit applications in the current call with hints and suggestions and has also evaluated in detail the comments of the experts in the Evaluation Summary Reports of the ITN 2018 call for proposals with regard to strengths and weaknesses. (source: newsletter NCP MSCA)

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

31.01.2019
National, European and International Funding Opportunities for Postdocs

Speakers from the following funding organisations will present their programmes for postdoctoral researchers and fellows will give insights to their application experiences:

- German Research Foundation (DFG)
- Fritz Thyssen Foundation
- KoWi - European Liaison Office of the German Research Organisations
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

During a networking lunch, participants will have the opportunity to talk to the experts and fellows. This event is jointly organised by the University of Bonn, the University of Cologne and the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf.

Place: Seminar Building 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

11.12.2018
Information event on the application process in the Innovative Training Networks (ITN)
Place: Bonn

12.12.2018
ERC Proof of Concept 2019: Webinar für Antragstellende
Place: online

14.-15.02.2019
Successful R&I in Europe 2019: 10th European Networking Event
Place: Düsseldorf
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