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Personalized Medicine – Multidisciplinary Research on the way to Implementation within the ERA Network “ERA PerMed“

Aim  The funding purpose is to support transnational research projects on personalised medicine to improve disease treatment and management based on better and more efficient stratification, improved diagnostics and tailored treatment protocols and prevention strategies. The joint transnational funding guideline contains three different research fields, each with two modules:

Research area 1: Translation from basic to clinical research and beyond
Module 1A: Preclinical research; Module 1B: Clinical research

Research area 2: Integration of Big Data and ICT (Information and Communication) solutions
Module 2A: Data and ICT - Technological prerequisites; Module 2B: Data and ICT - Towards an application in healthcare

Research area 3: Research for responsible implementation in health care
Module 3A: Optimisation of health systems; Module 3B: Ethical, legal and social aspects

Target Group  research and development projects that create close links between basic biomedical research, clinical research, physics and medical technology, bioinformatics and biostatistics, epidemiology and socio-economic research

Duration  up to 3 years

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

Deadline  7 March 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information  website of BMBF
Design of Educational Processes under the Conditions of Digital Change

Aim
The purpose of this call for proposal is to promote projects that deal with the potential of digital media in individual and collective educational processes and with the design of such processes under the conditions of digitisation. This includes processes within and outside classical educational institutions and the interplay and interlocking of various formal, non-formal and informal learning processes. The social relationships, roles and tasks of the educational participants in digitized educational settings are to be included. Thus, the object of research goes far beyond questions of technical equipment and infrastructural measures as well as e-learning processes.

Target Group
individual or collaborative projects in which universities and/or research institutions and practical partners cooperate

Duration
up to 3 years (in exceptional cases 5 years)

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

Deadline
22 March 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information
website of the BMBF

Maria Sibylla Merian International Centre for Advanced Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences

Aim
The BMBF intends to fund a Maria Sibylla Merian Centre located at a university or non-university research institution in a country in North Africa, Jordan or Lebanon. The Maria Sibylla Merian Centre, which is linked to a university or non-university research institution in the partner country, can cooperate with other cooperation partners in the partner country within a network with defined responsibilities. It is welcome if the cooperation of the Maria Sibylla Merian Centre extends beyond its location to the entire country and beyond to other countries in the region. The interdisciplinary focus and the research questions of the Maria Sibylla Merian Centre are open.

Target Group
collaborative project; cooperation with one or more partner institutions in North Africa, Jordan or Lebanon

Duration
preliminary phase: usually 3 years
main phase: up to 6 years
final phase: usually 3 years

Funding
preliminary phase: up to € 1,7 million
main phase: max. € 12 million
final phase: usually 3 years

Deadline
1 July 2019 (proposals for the preliminary phase)

Further information
website of the BMBF
**Cultural Education in Rural Areas**

**Aim** Funding will be provided for projects which are characterised by a research approach based on educational science and anchored in the discourses of cultural education and which empirically investigate the **specific situation in rural areas** on the basis of relevant theory formation using **quantitative and/or qualitative social science methods**. **Interdisciplinary** research approaches (especially from the educational, cultural, art, spatial and social sciences as well as human geography) are particularly welcome. Projects that involve **local actors** in the sense of a community of practice or research are also expressly welcomed.

**Target Group** individual or collaborative projects

**Duration** up to 4 years

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

**Deadline** 6 March 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

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**Development and Establishment of Contract Research in African Innovation Systems**

**Aim** Cooperation with African countries is to be increasingly geared to innovation and exploitation. By strengthening the still rather weak cooperation between universities/research institutes and companies in African countries, they are to be supported in **creating framework conditions for better economic development in the regions**.

- A. **projects for capacity development** in science-enterprise cooperation at African universities and research centres and companies
- B. **joint contract research** projects for African companies
- C. **scientific accompanying** measure

**Target Group** measures of category A and C: German applicant together with at least one cooperation partner from an African country

measures of category B: German applicant together with at least two cooperation partners from African countries (one university or research institute & one company)

**Duration** up to 2 years

**Funding** category A & C: € 300,000

category B: € 500,000

**Deadline** 21 February 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of the BMBF
Künstliche Intelligenz für IT-Sicherheit

**Förderung** „Gegenstand der Förderung ist die Erforschung und Entwicklung neuer IT-Sicherheitslösungen basierend auf Verfahren der KI. Die Lösungen und Verfahren sollen so gestaltet werden, dass sie möglichst intuitiv benutzbar sind und in verschiedenen Anwendungskontexten Einsatz finden können.

- KI-gestützte IT-Sicherheitslösungen bei begrenzten Ressourcen
- KI-gestützte IT-Sicherheitslösungen für Netzwerksicherheit
- Weiterentwicklung KI-gestützter IT-Sicherheitslösungen“

**Zielgruppe** interdisziplinäre Verbünde mit angemessener Beteiligung von Anwendern, wie beispielsweise Unternehmen (insbesondere Start-ups, KMU), Sicherheitsbehörden oder Betreiber Kritischer Infrastrukturen

**Förderdauer** je nach Beantragung

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

**Fristende** 29. März 2019

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BMBF

Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit mit der Islamischen Republik Iran

**Förderung** „Die Förderung bezieht sich auf den Personalaustausch, die Koordinierung der bilateralen Kooperation und auf die Organisation von Veranstaltungen. Die geplanten Maßnahmen sollen Forschungsvorhaben begleiten, die aus anderen Quellen finanziert sind. Hiermit werden die folgenden konkreten Zwecke verfolgt:

- Vorbereitung neuer und Intensivierung bestehender projektbezogener oder institutioneller Kooperationen;
- wissenschaftlicher Austausch zwischen Deutschland und Iran;
- Konzeption und Planung von Vorhaben und Kooperationen, deren Förderung unter einem BMBF-Fachprogramm oder einem Programm der EU beantragt werden soll.

Im Einklang mit den spezifischen Forschungsschwerpunkten des BMBF und dem MSRT können Anträge für die folgenden Forschungsbereiche eingereicht werden: (1) Umweltforschung (einschließlich Wasser und Klimawandel), (2) Biodiversitätsforschung, (3) Bioökonomieforschung (einschließlich Nahrungsmittelsicherheit), (4) Gesundheitsforschung.“

**Zielgruppe** Verbundprojekte bestehend aus einem deutschen und einem iranischen Partner

**Förderdauer** max. 2 Jahre

**Förderhöhe** i.d.R. 20.000 € für den deutschen Partner

**Fristende** 15. April 2019

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BMBF
Scientific and Technical Cooperation with Ukraine

**Aim**
The focus of the support is on measures relating to the following aspects:

- preparation of **new and intensification of existing** project-related or institutional cooperation,
- **conception and planning of projects and cooperations** whose funding is to be applied for under a BMBF specialist programme or an EU programme.

In line with the specific research priorities of the BMBF and the MBWU, applications in the following thematic priorities will be considered: Biotechnologies, Technologies for effective use of resources and energy, sustainable environmental technologies, health research and medical technology, information and communication technologies, new materials and production technologies.

**Target Group**
bilateral cooperations between scientists in Ukraine and Germany

**Duration**
up to 2 years

**Funding**
max. € 40,000 for the German partner

**Deadline**
14 March 2019 (submission of a concept paper; two-step evaluation)

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

Research Centers for Mass Spectrometry in Systems Medicine

**Aim**
The working groups involved in a research core will pursue a common concept for establishing mass spectrometry in system medicine. In addition to **clinical, experimental and theoretical expertise**, further expertise from the fields of device development, sample preparation, automation and analysis can be integrated if required. In each research core, a clinically relevant question from systems medicine will be investigated on the basis of mass spectrometry. A major goal is the joint establishment of robust methods and workflows designed for reproducibility and high sample throughput, from patient identification and sample collection to sample preparation, measurement, data management and data analysis. In addition, each research core must have a convincing concept for sharing data within the consortium.

**Target Group**
university or non-university research groups with outstanding expertise in mass spectrometric analysis and method development; the participation of commercial enterprises from the field of mass spectrometry is possible; inclusion of up to 2 junior research groups.

**Duration**
up to 6 years

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

**Deadline**
8 May 2019 (submission of a concept paper; two-step evaluation)

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

**Aim**
With this call for proposals, the thematic focus of the selection round of the "Computational Life Sciences" funding measure for submission in 2019 will [...] be set on the subject area "Deep Learning in Biomedicine". Within the framework of the funding measure, **new, innovative methods and software tools** are to be developed through cooperation between experts from the fields of machine learning and the life sciences in order to **evaluate biomedical research data more efficiently** with the aid of deep learning. The research projects should open up new fields of application for deep learning in biomedicine and address the particular methodological challenges in this area.

**Target Group**
cooperation between experts from the fields of **machine learning** and the **life sciences**

**Duration**
N/A

**Funding**
N/A

**Deadline**
20 March 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the Project Management Jülich

Projects with the Republic of Singapore involving science and industry ("2+2" projects) on the priority topic "Blockchain Technologies"

**Aim**
Funding is provided for collaborative projects that work on one or more of the following priority topics in international cooperation with partners from Singapore:

Blockchain technologies in applications: (1) **industry 4.0/advanced production technologies**, (2) **supply chain**, (3) **logistics**.

Application-related R&D questions are addressed on technological requirements such as security and privacy, scalability, interoperability and performance of blockchain technology, new findings on smart contracts and their application-related further development, decoupling of data and their processing as well as algorithms for the establishment of business models and ecosystems.

**Target Group**
at least 1 German and 1 Singaporean **research institution/university** as well as 1 **German** and 1 Singaporean **commercial enterprise/industry partner**

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
€ 300,000 for the German partner

**Deadline**
27 March 2019 (2 cut-off dates; submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the BMBF
The Future of Work: mid-sized Sector - innovative and social

**Aim**
The R&D topics must be addressed in a pre-competitive cooperation that should also include corresponding medium-sized enterprises. In order to realise a forward-looking, innovative and social working environment, the contents of the nine fields of action of the "Future of Work" programme are to be worked on:

- Enabling social innovation through new work processes
- Exploring new forms of work in the context of globalisation and regionalisation
- Working in the data network - designing the digital working world
- Develop competencies in the work process
- Creating new values between production and service
- Human-Machine Interaction for the New Digital Togetherness
- Tapping the potential of flexibilisation for employees and companies
- Promoting health through prevention
- Securing the future of work through sustainability - economically, ecologically, socially

**Target Group** high-risk, business-driven and applied collaborative projects that require an interdisciplinary cooperation between companies, research partners and, if necessary, other relevant actors

**Duration** 2 to 3 years

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

**Deadline** 1 March 2019 and 2 September 2019 (2 cut-off dates; 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
Musculoskeletal diseases

**Aim** The formation of the network must not be based on individual musculoskeletal diseases, but on cross-sectional topics that jointly affect different musculoskeletal diseases and whose interdisciplinary treatment promises new insights.

Research approaches on the following topics, for example, can be funded: (1) Research into common pathomechanisms; (2) new diagnostic techniques and methods and therapy, with particular emphasis on personalised stratification tools and treatment approaches; (3) innovative regenerative therapy approaches involving biomaterials for bone healing and connective tissue regeneration; (4) Research into the connections between musculoskeletal diseases and existing comorbidities such as obesity, metabolic syndrome, diabetes mellitus and their integration into holistic therapy approaches; (5) new approaches in health care research taking into account big data and digital applications at population level (e.g. body sensors and wearables).

**Target Group** interdisciplinary collaborative projects in which working groups from university, non-university and, where appropriate, industrial research institutions at regional or supra-regional level join together

**Duration** up to 3 years

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

**Deadline** 11 April 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of the BMBF

Early Clinical Trials

**Aim** Science-initiated early clinical studies up to phase II according to international standards are funded, which are highly relevant for the patients concerned and for the medical care of these people in Germany.

The funding measure is divided into the modules listed below:

- Module 1: Early clinical studies for a new application of already known drugs (repositioning or "repurposing")
- Module 2: Early clinical studies for novel therapeutic approaches

**Target Group** collaborative projects with partners from science and practice

**Duration** up to 3 years

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

**Deadline** 28 March 2019

**Further information** website of the BMBF
Confirmatory Preclinical Studies - Quality in Health Research

Aim
The aim of this funding measure is to strengthen preclinical research and its transfer of results. The aim is to increase the evidence, robustness and reliability of science-initiated preclinical research results. To this end, science-initiated confirmatory studies are to be funded. The research results obtained in these studies should be highly relevant for medical care in Germany. They should be suitable for transfer to further preclinical development in a next step and then to early clinical studies.

The funding measure is divided into the following modules:

- Module 1: Confirmational preclinical studies
- Module 2: Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
- Module 3: Accompanying scientific project

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 28 March 2019

Further information website of the BMBF

JPIAMR Joint Transnational Call 2019: Diagnostics and Surveillance

Aim
“[…] JPIAMR is pleased to launch this joint transnational call for proposals for innovative research projects on new or improved diagnostic and surveillance strategies, tools, technologies and methods. The call will support research projects that also have the potential for impact in areas where the risk and burden of AMR is greatest, such as in LMIC settings in Asia and Africa. Projects are encouraged to use a One Health approach where relevant.”

Target Group consortia including min. 3 and max. 6 project partners from at least 3 eligible countries

Duration up to 3 years

Funding € 300,000 for 1 or € 500,000 for 2 German partners per consortium

Deadline 18 February 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information website of the BMBF
French-German Call for Projects on Antimicrobial Resistance

**Aim**
"In the present call, French and German scientists are invited to set up productive research collaborations, whose outcomes could be implemented into current French and German public health policies or products tackling AMR. […] The call is open to four research areas:

**Resistance to antibiotics […]**
- Microbiota-based prevention and treatment strategies
- Antibacterials with new modes of action differing from modes of action of existing antibiotics, e.g., small molecules, peptides/proteins, DNA/RNA based products, natural products, bacteriophages and bacteriophage-derived products
- Investigations of the emergence, dissemination and burden of resistance using epidemiology, modelling, microbiology and cell biology

**Resistance to antifungals**
- Pathogenic mechanisms, investigational diagnostics and treatment strategies in relation to resistance issues."

**Target Group** joint projects of applied research and experimental development involving at least one German partner and at least one French partner

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** between € 100,000 and € 1 million

**Deadline** 27 February 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of the BMBF

Stärkung der Evidenzbasierung und des Transfers in der Präventionsforschung – Qualität in der Gesundheitsforschung

**Förderung** „In den geförderten Projekten sollen Forschungsfragen bearbeitet werden, die eine hohe Relevanz für die Erhaltung der Gesundheit der Bevölkerung in Deutschland aufweisen. Die Fördermaßnahme ist in vier Module unterteilt.

- Modul 1: Systematische Übersichtsarbeiten nach internationalen Standards […]
- Modul 2: Konfirmatorische Studien zur Wirksamkeit von konformen und lebensweltbezogenen Maßnahmen der Primärprävention und Gesundheitsförderung […]
- Modul 3: Nacherhebungsuntersuchungen von abgeschlossenen Evaluationsstudien […]
- Modul 4: Implementierung von Forschungsergebnissen in die Praxis […]“

**Zielgruppe** Verbundprojekte

**Förderdauer**
- Modul 1: bis zu 1 Jahr; Modul 2, 3 und 4: bis zu 3 Jahre

**Förderhöhe**
- Modul 1: max. 100.000 €
- Modul 2, 3 und 4: je nach Beantragung

**Fristende** 28. März 2019

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BMBF
Biomass Production and Biomass Transformation in the Framework of the ERA-NET Co-fund FACCE SURPLUS

Aim
The present call for proposals aims to improve collaboration and cooperation in the area of sustainable intensification of food and non-food biomass production and transformation systems, including biorefinery concepts. It aims at supporting innovation, value creation and sustainable intensification of biomass production, taking into account the required economic, environmental and social conditions and resilience to climate change. In the call options will be explored which utilise all the biomass from agricultural land, uncultivated land and forestry with a holistic view with regards to food and non-food systems. In line with the previous calls it is expected that the projects will build upon the research already conducted in FACCE SURPLUS and under the broader umbrella of FACCE-JPI.

Target Group
transnational 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 March 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information
website of BMBF

Pilot Actions for Science, Research and Education Partnerships with Belarus

Aim
The aim of this joint announcement is both the expansion of existing project cooperations between Belarusian and German researchers and the initiation of new ones. The funded projects should have a high practical relevance and show strategies for the implementation of the research results in politics, society and economy. Applicants are invited to submit project proposals in the following fields:

- Local use of renewable energies in the context of agricultural and forestry waste management (in particular biomass and biogas),
- Biotechnologies in agriculture and forestry,
- Ecology, biodiversity and environmental protection (especially forest ecosystems).

Target Group
at least 1 German and 1 Belarusian (junior) researcher

Duration
up to 2 years

Funding
€ 100,000 for the German partner

Deadline
5 April 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information
website of BMBF
### CLIENT II - International Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation

**Aim**
The CLIENT II funding measure focuses on the implementation of applied collaborative research projects for the development and implementation of technologies, products, services and system solutions that are specially adapted to the partner countries and contribute to overcoming corresponding local challenges. The development of prototypes or pilot applications can also be supported, as can R&D work to introduce new technical equipment into existing plants, but not associated major investments or the construction of new production plants.

Cooperation with selected emerging and developing countries, which represent interesting markets for German environmental technology providers, is the focus of this announcement.

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

**Further information**
website of the BMBF

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### Resource-efficient Environmental Service Branch - Construction and Mineral Material Cycles (ReMin)

**Aim**
The purpose of this announcement is to fund collaborative projects for the research and development of new technologies, products and processes that contribute to the expansion of the recycling sector in the construction industry and to the closure of mineral material cycles. Collaborative projects in the field of applied and industrial research, which are characterised by a high scientific and technical risk, are to be jointly supported by the relevant actors in the value chain and scientific institutions. An interdisciplinary and systemic approach in the sense of sustainability is expected. The socio-economic context must be taken into account. Furthermore, an integrative and interdisciplinary approach is required, which includes material and energy inputs of the entire value chain and also represents possible problem shifts and performance and quality losses.

**Target Group**
cooperation of several independent partners from industry, science or institutions of the municipalities and federal states

**Duration**
up to 3 years

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

**Deadline**
30 April 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
Transnational Collaborative Projects in the Field of Aquaculture and Fisheries

Aim
For the development of the Blue Bioeconomy in Europe, research into the **biological basis of aquatic organisms from sweet and salty waters** as well as the development and application of **new biotechnological and converging methods** are of great importance. The partners of the ERA-NET BlueBio are pursuing the goal of **advancing the development of biotechnological potentials and opportunities**, even for previously undiscovered biological resources from freshwater and saltwater waters, as well as the sustainable use and exploitation of aquatic biomass along the entire value chain. This includes the biotechnological cultivation of various aquatic breeding stocks. The aquatic biomass is to be used as a raw material for sustainable industrial processes and for the conception, manufacture and production of novel, high-quality products of a bio-economy.

Target Group: transnational 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: 17 March 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)
Further information: website of the BMBF

Sources, Distribution and Effects of Microplastics in Marine Systems

Aim
In addition to the ongoing collaborative projects of the research focus "Plastics in the Environment", the following four funding topics are announced within the framework of the European initiative:
(1) identification, characterisation and quantification of **microplastic entries** - in particular through the fragmentation of macroplastics, (2) development of new methods for **identification of submicroplast**y and in situ measurement methods for **detection of microplasty**, (3) to record the **spatial distributions of microplastics** in the marine environment and to investigate possible **effects** of microplastics on marine communities.

The BMBF will not fund project outlines in topic area 4.

Target Group: European consortia
Duration: up to 3 years
Funding: € 2 million for each consortium
Deadline: 28 February 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)
Further information: website of the BMBF
Computer-Aided Photonics - Comprehensive System Solutions from Photonic Processes and Digital Information Processing

**Aim** Funding is provided for high-risk pre-competitive research and development projects that are cross-technology and application-oriented. Only research and development projects directly related to photonics are eligible for funding. Possible objectives are:

- Hardware-related processing of optical data
- Automated image acquisition method
- Combination of different imaging techniques
- Data fusion/processing of large amounts of data
- Multimodal/spectral recording techniques (5D-Imaging/Coherent Diffraction Imaging)
- Self-configuring photonic systems
- Imaging methods/multimodal, functional 3D visualization
- Parallelization of data processing to image analysis
- Visual Sensor Fusion (Grid Method/Object Map)
- Novel methods and applications of holography
- Neural network architectures specially designed for the evaluation of optically captured data
- Method for visualizing optically acquired data or for the integrated representation of hybrid data

**Target Group** industry-led consortia

**Duration** up to 3 years

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

**Deadline** 16 April 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
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

6th German-South Korean Call for Proposals for Joint Research and Development Projects of medium-sized Companies

Aim  Germany and the Republic of Korea hereby call for proposals for joint research and development projects for the development of innovative products, processes or technical services from all technologies and application areas. Applicants are expected to provide market-ready solutions for products, services or processes that develop processes with great market potential.

Target Group  at least 1 South-Korean and 1 German company; other companies and research institutions as additional participants or subcontractors

Duration  up to 3 years

Funding  as requested

Deadline  18 April 2019

Further information  website of ZIM

ZIM: 3rd German-Japanese Call for Proposals for Joint Research and Development Projects of medium-sized Enterprises

Aim  Germany and Japan hereby publish a call for proposals for joint research and development (R&D) projects for the development of innovative products, processes or technical services in all fields of technology and application. Applicants are expected to develop market-ready solutions for products, services or processes that have great market potential.

Target Group  at least 1 Japanese and 1 German company (SME); other companies and research institutions as additional participants or subcontractors

Duration  up to 2 years

Funding  as requested

Deadline  25 March 2019

Further information  website of ZIM
ICT for electromobility: intelligent applications for mobility, logistics and energy

**Aim**
The funding objectives of this call address the necessary changes towards environmentally and user-friendly networked mobility and the further development of transport and logistics systems with the help of ICT. Solutions are sought which help to meet the challenges in the areas of mobility, transport, logistics and energy networks with the help of the use of new ICT-based electrical and electronic technologies mobility solutions.

**Target Group**
Joint projects of at least 3 to 7 partners from industry and science as well as any other non-funded associated partners (e.g. multipliers or municipalities)

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to 100% of eligible project-related expenses; an appropriate contribution is desirable.

**Deadline**
31 March 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 BMWi

IT Security in the Economy

**Aim**
The goals of the initiative "IT Security in Economy" are:
- sensitization and support of SMEs and craftsmen on the topic of IT security in the course of their digital transformation
- strengthening the competitiveness and innovativeness of SMEs through the secure use of digitised processes and business models
- promotion of technological, organizational and work-designing IT security competencies and strengthening of security and trust (provider/user) of ICT systems including hardware and software.
- increasing the IT security level in SMEs
- enable SMEs to make competent IT security relevant decisions

Field of action 1: establishment and operation of a transfer office

Field of action 2: individual or joint projects are supported which [...] actively contribute to the sensitisation and support of SMEs and craft trades in the field of IT security [...].

**Target Group**
individual or 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**
28 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 BMWi
Digitization of the Turnaround in Energy Policy

**Aim**  In contrast, this call explicitly addresses research projects of a higher character in the context of the digitalization of the energy system transformation. These can also support implementation options that complement the energy research programme, such as those planned within the framework of the BMWi's Digital Strategy 2025 or the law on the digitisation of the energy system transformation. The project proposals should not be reduced to a single technology area and must have a clear added value for energy research. There will be no further thematic restriction. However, the project proposals must be characterised by a high level of transdisciplinary cooperation. The project consortia must therefore cover at least three disciplines; for example - and not exclusively - electrical engineering, computer science, economics and sociology.

**Target Group**  consortia of actors from at least 3 research disciplines; significant participation of commercial enterprises

**Duration**  as requested

**Funding**  as requested

**Deadline**  15 March 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 BMWi
NRW-Patent-Validierung

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Förderung


Die Förderung umfasst sowohl die Erstellung eines Proof of Concepts wie auch die Entwicklung von Prototypen. Damit soll die Verwertung von Hochschulerfindungen und Hochschul-Know-how, abgesichert durch Patente, unterstützt werden.“

Zielgruppe

Projekte von Hochschulen (Hochschul-ErfinderInnen) zur Weiterentwicklung von Hochschul-Erfindungen/-Patenten mit relevantem Marktpotenzial

Förderdauer

max. 2 Jahre

Förderhöhe

bis zu 200.000 € (Förderquote bis zu 90%)

Fristende

31. März 2019

Weitere Informationen

Webseite des Projektträger Jülich
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GAČR-DFG cooperation: Possibility for joint German-Czech Research Projects

**Aim**
On the basis of their long-standing cooperation and the respective Memorandum of Understanding the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Czech Science Foundation (GAČR) have opened the possibility for funding of joint German-Czech projects in all areas of basic research for the period 2020–2022. The joint proposals should be based on a close interaction between the German and Czech research teams and should present joint project goals and a joint work plan with balanced contributions from all project partners.

**Target Group**
joint German-Czech research projects

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
8 April 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 1 April 2019)

**Further information**
website of the DFG

Joint Sino-German research projects 2019 in Chemistry, Life Sciences, Medical Sciences and Management Sciences

**Aim**
This initiative aims to bring together relevant and competitive researchers from Germany and China to design and carry out jointly organised research projects. The objectives of the initiative are (1) funding research projects of outstanding quality in the participating countries, (2) stimulating the mobility of researchers between the participating countries, (3) promoting the training of researchers, and (4) accelerating the exchange of new scientific knowledge between researchers and other interested groups.

The present initiative is open to joint research projects in the fields of chemistry, life sciences, medical sciences and management sciences. A further call for proposals, 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**
27 March 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 13 March 2019)

**Further information**
website of the DFG
Infrastructure priority programme “Exploratories for Large-Scale and Long-Term Functional Biodiversity Programme“ (SPP 1374)

Aim
“The first decade of Biodiversity Exploratories research has contributed to an in-depth understanding of land use – biodiversity – ecosystem functioning relationships. It revealed strong effects of land-use intensity on many facets of biodiversity and ecosystem functioning in grasslands and forests and many similarities, but also pronounced differences, between study regions […].“

For the new phase, a more mechanistic understanding of land use – biodiversity – ecosystem functioning relationships is an important ambition. It is essential that all new research projects make use of the common research design which involves three study regions, the so-called Exploratories. All proposals should clearly describe how the planned research fits into the Biodiversity Exploratories’ framework, uses the common design, and complements existing research.

Target Group research groups with expertise in investigating land-use effects on biodiversity, and of the functional and societal consequences of biodiversity changes

Duration up to 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 30 April 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 16 April 2019)

Further information website of the DFG

Trilaterale Forschungskonferenzen 2020–2022

Förderung „Um den Austausch und die Netzwerkbildung zwischen Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaftlerinnen und -wissenschaftlern aus Deutschland, Frankreich und Italien nachhaltig zu fördern und dabei den Gebrauch von Deutsch, Französisch und Italienisch als Wissenschaftssprachen ausdrücklich zu unterstützen, haben die Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), die Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme (FMSH) und die Villa Vigoni das Programm „Trilaterale Forschungskonferenzen“ entwickelt, in dem Mehrsprachigkeit ein tragendes Prinzip ist.”

Zielgruppe Geistes- und SozialwissenschaftlerInnen aus Deutschland, Frankreich und Italien

Förderdauer Serie von 3 Veranstaltungen, die möglichst im Jahresrhythmus aufeinanderfolgen

Förderhöhe je nach Beantragung

Fristende 30. April 2019

Weitere Informationen Webseite der DFG
DFG Junior Academy Medical Technology

**Aim**
With the topic "Quantitative magnetic resonance imaging as a key technology in the life sciences", the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is launching the ninth junior academy in medical technology. The aim of the junior academies is to prepare scientists for independent research projects at an early stage of their careers and to introduce them to the management of their first own DFG project.

**Target Group**
early-career researchers from the natural sciences and medicine who have recently completed their doctorate or will complete it by 2019 at the latest and who have not yet acquired DFG funding themselves

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
travel expenses (train, 2nd class), accommodation and meals; participants’ contribution: € 100

**Deadline**
22 May 2019

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

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Priority Programme "Manipulation of Matter Controlled by Electric and Magnetic Fields: Towards Novel Synthesis and Processing Routes of Inorganic Materials" (SPP 1959)

**Aim**
"The objective of the Priority Programme is to develop a unified description of matter transport activated in inorganic solid materials by electric and magnetic fields based on experimental evidence, theoretical modelling, and computational simulation. Irreversible transformations from an initial state (which can be a mixture of solid state reactants, powder compacts, or already fully dense polycrystalline materials) into a final state (new phase, modified microstructure, deformation state) will be considered. In that respect, defects such as single or clustered point defects, dislocation networks, interfaces between two reacting solids, grain boundaries, or pores play a key role, as their structure and mobility determine the response of the whole material."

**Target Group**
joint proposals from groups of the relevant fields of research

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
26 June 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 12 June 2019)

**Further information**
website of the DFG
FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING BODIES

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

5th Call of the Philipp Schwartz Initiative

Aim
“The Philipp Schwartz Initiative provides universities and research institutions in Germany with the means to host threatened foreign researchers on a fully funded research fellowship.”

Target Group
Universities are eligible to apply in order to host threatened researchers with a PhD from any academic field and any country of origin who do not reside or have not been resident outside their own country for more than three years.

Duration
2 years

Funding
fellowship: € 3,500 monthly; auxiliary funds for the host institution of € 20,000 per each fellow hosted

Deadline
8 March 2019

Further information
website of the AvH

Deutsch-Französische Hochschule

Wissenschaftliche Veranstaltungen

Förderung

Zielgruppe
deutsche und französische Hochschulen; die Einbeziehung eines Drittlandes wird begrüßt.

Förderdauer
mind. 2 Tage bis max. 4 Wochen

Förderhöhe
2.000 € bis 15.000 €

Fristende
15. März 2019 (3 Förderrunden jährlich)

Weitere Informationen
Webseite der DFH
Wissenschaft-Praxis-Kooperationen für Unterrichtskonzepte mit digitalen Medien

Förderung


Die Durchführung der Projekte in Kooperation von Wissenschaft und Praxis soll dazu beitragen, die Lücke zwischen erziehungswissenschaftlicher und psychologischer Forschung und Theoriebildung auf der einen Seite und einer hochkomplexen und im Kontext zu betrachtenden Schulpraxis auf der anderen Seite zu verringern.“

Zielgruppe

WissenschaftlerInnen aus Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz in Kooperation mit allgemeinbildenden Schulen; weitere Kooperationspartner können eingebunden werden.

Förderdauer bis zu 3 Jahre

Förderhöhe bis zu 260.000 €

Fristende 30. März 2019

Weitere Informationen Webseite der Robert Bosch Stiftung

Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

Research Grants: Program Grants

Aim

“The aim of the Program is to promote, through international cooperation, basic research focused on the elucidation of the sophisticated and complex mechanisms of living organisms for the benefit of all humankind. Applicants are expected to develop novel lines of research distinct from their ongoing research. HFSPO attaches the highest importance to novelty, scientific merit, internationality, and interdisciplinarity.”

Target Group 2 to 4 member teams, with not more than one member from any one country; independent scientists at all stages of their careers

Duration 3 years

Funding up to $ 450,000 per year

Deadline 28 March 2019 (letter of intent)

Further information website of HFSP
Frank and Eva Rutzen Foundation

Research Funding

Aim
The Foundation funds science and research primarily in the fields of **archaeology**. It supports scientific **events** and **research projects** as well as **publications** and grants subsidies for **printing costs**.

Target Group
**universities** etc.

Duration
as requested

Funding
as requested

Deadline
30 April 2019

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 [foundation](#)
FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

University of Cologne

Hans Kelsen Prize for Junior Scientists 2020

Aim
With the Hans Kelsen Prize for Junior Scientists, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding junior scientists from the fields of law, social sciences and economics and to expanding their research opportunities.

Target group
junior researchers at the University of Cologne max. 6 years after their PhD and who have made outstanding scientific contributions in their field over the past 3 years

Endowment
€ 30,000 annually

Duration
2 years

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

Further information
website of the prize

Leo Spitzer Prize for Junior Scientists 2020

Aim
With the Leo Spitzer Prize for Junior Scientists, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding junior scientists from the humanities and to expanding their research opportunities.

Target group
junior researchers at the University of Cologne max. 6 years after their PhD and who have made outstanding scientific contributions in their field over the past 3 years

Endowment
€ 30,000 annually

Duration
2 years

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

Further information
website of the prize

Max Delbrück Prize for Junior Scientists 2020

Aim
With the Hans Delbrück Prize for Junior Scientists, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding junior scientists from the natural and life sciences and to expanding their research opportunities.

Target group
junior researchers at the University of Cologne max. 6 years after their PhD and who have made outstanding scientific contributions in their field over the past 3 years

Endowment
€ 30,000 annually

Duration
2 years

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

Further information
website of the prize
Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

Research Grants: Young Investigators’ Grants

**Aim**
“The aim of the Program is to promote, through international cooperation, basic research focused on the elucidation of the sophisticated and complex mechanisms of living organisms for the benefit of all humankind. Applicants are expected to develop novel lines of research distinct from their ongoing research. HFSPO attaches the highest importance to novelty, scientific merit, internationality, and interdisciplinarity.”

**Target Group** teams of scientists who are all within 5 years of establishing an independent laboratory and within 10 years of obtaining their PhDs

**Duration** 3 years

**Funding** up to $450,000 per year

**Deadline** 28 March 2019 (letter of intent)

**Further information** website of HFSP

German Historical Institute in Rome (DHI Rome)

Stipends

**Aim** The German Historical Institute in Rome awards scholarships for the training of early-career researchers in the fields of history and music history within the framework of its tasks.

**Target Group** doctoral students and postdocs

**Duration** between July and December 2019

**Funding** stipend

**Deadline** 15 February 2019

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 DHI Rome
Ludwig und Margarethe Quidde Fellowship

Förderung
"Das Deutsche Historische Institut in Rom (DHI Rom) ist eine Einrichtung der Max Weber Stiftung – Deutsche Geisteswissenschaftliche Institute im Ausland. Es widmet sich der epochenübergreifenden, interdisziplinären Erforschung der italienischen und deutschen Geschichte und Musikgeschichte in ihren europäischen und globalen Bezügen vom Mittelalter bis heute. […]

Die Ludwig und Margarethe Quidde Fellowship fördert einen Forschungsaufenthalt in Rom, der der selbständigen wissenschaftlichen Arbeit dienen soll."

Zielgruppe NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen, die sich durch besonders herausragende wissenschaftliche Leistungen im Bereich der Geschichte oder Musikgeschichte auszeichnen

Förderdauer mind. 6 Monate bis max. 1 Jahr

Förderhöhe Stipendium i.H.v. 2.250 € monatlich; Sachmittelpauschale i.H.v. 250 € monatlich

Fristende 15. Juni 2019

Weitere Informationen Webseite des DHI Rom

Pacific Regional Office of the GHI Washington (GHI West)

GHI West Fellowship on the History of Forced Migration

Aim
"The Pacific Regional Office of the GHI Washington ("GHI West") and the Institute of European Studies at the University of California, Berkeley (IES) are pleased to announce a new Fellowship on the History of Forced Migration. […] The new initiative will increase collaboration between social scientists and historians working on topics related to forced migration with a particular focus on the environment. The fellow will be based at GHI West, which is hosted by the Institute of European Studies at UC Berkeley. As part of the initiative, the fellow will have the opportunity to pursue their research on the history of forced/environmental migration in collaboration with a social scientist based at the Zolberg Institute in New York City."

Target Group postdocs in history or related fields based in North America or Europe with a PhDs completed within the past 5 years

Duration 18 months

Funding monthly stipend of $ 4,600; allowance for the cost of travel and health care

Deadline 15 February 2019

Further information website of the GHI Washington
Robert Bosch Stiftung

Postdoc Academy for Transformational Leadership

Aim
For the Postdoc Academy for Transformational Leadership, the Robert Bosch Stiftung collaborates with four leading academic research centers to unite expert knowledge and educate the next generation of leading sustainability and transformation scholars.

Target Group
postdocs max. 4 years after the PhD

Duration
4 seminars over a period of 2 years

Funding
participation in the 4 seminars; travel and accommodation; seed funding (e.g. for stakeholder meetings or proposal writing activities) to small groups of participants who plan to initiate research collaborations

Deadline
15 March 2019

Further information
website of the Foundation
PRIZES

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

Klaus Tschira Stiftung

KlarText-Preis für Wissenschaftskommunikation 2019


Zielgruppe: WissenschaftlerInnen, die 2018 ihre Promotion mit sehr guten Ergebnissen abgelegt haben; die Promotionsurkunde bzw. die Bescheinigung über die mündliche Prüfung/Verteidigung muss spätestens am 28. Februar 2019 ausgestellt worden sein.

Dotierung: jeweils 5.000 €

Fristende: 28. Februar 2019

Weitere Informationen: Webseite des Preises

Geoverbund ABC/J

2019 Geoverbund ABC/J Young Academics Award

Aim: “Supporting early-career scientists is a fundamental concern of Geoverbund ABC/J. This is why in 2019, Geoverbund ABC/J will for the ninth time be presenting the Geoverbund ABC/J Young Academics Award in recognition of outstanding, innovative, and interdisciplinary research in the field of geosciences, including geography.”

Target group: Scientists whose competition entry is based or was developed at an institute connected to Geoverbund ABC/J; doctoral degree completed no longer than 3 years ago.

Endowment: 1st prize: € 1,000, 2nd prize: € 750, 3rd prize: € 500

Deadline: 28 February 2019

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** 31 May 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

Hans Kelsen Prize for Junior Scientists 2020

**Aim**  
With the Hans Kelsen Prize for Junior Scientists, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding junior scientists from the fields of law, social sciences and economics and to expanding their research opportunities.

**Target group** junior researchers at the University of Cologne max. 6 years after their PhD and who have made outstanding scientific contributions in their field over the past 3 years

**Endowment** € 30,000 annually

**Duration** 2 years

**Deadline** 11 March 2019 (nominations as well as self-applications)

**Further information** website of the prize
Hans Kelsen Prize Senior 2020

**Aim**
With the Hans Kelsen Prize, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding scientists from the fields of law, social sciences and economics and to expanding their research opportunities.

**Target group**
established research personality of the University of Cologne, which has made outstanding scientific contributions in its field over the past 6 years

**Endowment**
€ 60,000 annually

**Duration**
2 years

**Deadline**
11 March 2019 (nominations as well as self-applications)

**Further information**
website of the prize

Leo Spitzer Prize for Junior Scientists 2020

**Aim**
With the Leo Spitzer Prize for Junior Scientists, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding junior scientists from the humanities and to expanding their research opportunities.

**Target group**
junior researchers at the University of Cologne max. 6 years after their PhD and who have made outstanding scientific contributions in their field over the past 3 years

**Endowment**
€ 30,000 annually

**Duration**
2 years

**Deadline**
11 March 2019 (nominations as well as self-applications)

**Further information**
website of the prize

Leo Spitzer Prize Senior 2020

**Aim**
With the Leo Spitzer Prize, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding scientists from the humanities and to expanding their research opportunities.

**Target group**
established research personality of the University of Cologne, which has made outstanding scientific contributions in its field over the past 6 years

**Endowment**
€ 60,000 annually

**Duration**
2 years

**Deadline**
11 March 2019 (nominations as well as self-applications)

**Further information**
website of the prize
**Max Delbrück Prize for Junior Scientists 2020**

**Aim**
With the Hans Delbrück Prize for Junior Scientists, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding junior scientists from the natural and life sciences and to expanding their research opportunities.

**Target group**
junior researchers at the University of Cologne max. 6 years after their PhD and who have made outstanding scientific contributions in their field over the past 3 years

**Endowment**
€ 30,000 annually

**Duration**
2 years

**Deadline**
11 March 2019 (nominations as well as self-applications)

**Further information**
website of the prize

**Max Delbrück Prize Senior 2020**

**Aim**
With the Max Delbrück Prize, which has been awarded since 2013, the University of Cologne would like to contribute to ensuring excellent working conditions for outstanding scientists from the natural and life sciences and to expanding their research opportunities.

**Target group**
established research personality of the University of Cologne, which has made outstanding scientific contributions in its field over the past 6 years

**Endowment**
€ 60,000 annually

**Duration**
2 years

**Deadline**
11 March 2019 (nominations as well as self-applications)

**Further information**
website of the prize
ELectronic Research Funding Information System (ELFI)
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EVENTS

13.02.2019
KoWi: MSCA Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) – Webinar zur Antragstellung
Place: online

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

12.03.2019
EUB: Horizont 2020 für Einsteigerinnen und Einsteiger
Place: Bonn

19.-21.03.2019
EU-Kompakt I Einführung in die europäische Forschungsförderung
Ort: Bonn

14.05.2019
Save the date: BMBF-Conference on the European Research Area
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