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Federal and State Ministries

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Käte Hamburger Kollegs

Aim  The Käte Hamburger Kollegs are intended to contribute to the further development of the structures for research in the humanities and their networking and to increase the worldwide visibility of research in the humanities in Germany.

The present announcement consists of two funding lines:

- **Research in the Humanities**: interdisciplinary research in the humanities on innovative issues (Funding Line I)
- **Transdisciplinary Research**: humanities research in cooperation with the life sciences, natural sciences, engineering sciences or technology (Funding Line II)

Target Group  researchers from the field of humanities; 2nd funding line: cooperation with researchers from the life sciences, natural sciences, engineering sciences or technology

Duration  4 years (an extension is possible)

Funding  € 2 million per year

Deadline  15 January 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**INTERNAL SELECTION PROCESS**: Please note that only one proposal per funding line can be submitted per university. Scientists of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Philosophy and Faculty of Humanities can submit short applications to their dean's office on the basis of a template. Please contact your dean’s office now in case you want to apply. There will be internal deadlines set by the respective faculties.

Further information  website of BMBF
European Interest Group (EIG) CONCERT-Japan

**Aim**  The aim of this call for proposals is the strategic funding of research projects that enable **innovation through international cooperation projects**.

The project proposals should focus on the following priorities: (1) Research and development in **materials science** for advanced water treatment processes with ozone/activated carbon or membranes and ceramic materials, (2) Monitoring and evaluation of **water quality**, (3) Process development for waste **water reuse**, (4) Reuse of **waste water** for irrigation, (5) **Energy-saving and efficient technologies** and systems in water treatment including drinking water and waste water treatment, (6) Comprehensive **water resources and environmental management systems** in the watershed ridge of the river basin, (7) **Forecasting** methods for the availability of water resources in relation to climate and land use changes.

**Target Group**  4 or more **research teams** from Japan and the participating **European countries**

**Duration**  up to 3 years

**Funding**  € 150,000 for the German side

**Deadline**  14 June 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

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

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SASSCAL II – Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management

**Aim**  Following stakeholder consultations and in accordance with national and international development agendas, SASSCAL has identified five Research Priority Areas (RPAs). The SASSCAL Science Plan provides the framework for research, capacity building, product development and services to address these priorities. Only projects that fit within the framework of these research priorities are eligible for consideration and possible funding. The five research priorities are: **Food security** [...], **water security** [...], **preservation of biodiversity** [...], **sustainable forestry and forest use** [...], **climate services** [...].

Within the framework of these research priorities, SASSCAL ensures the funding and management of interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, in particular for the investigation of **ecological, biophysical, socio-economic, institutional and management-related factors** and drivers in connection with climate change and land management.

**Target Group**  consortium of at least **2 eligible institutions from the SASSCAL partner countries** and at least **1 eligible institution from Germany**; complementation by **local companies**

**Duration**  3 years

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

**Deadline**  16 August 2019

**Further information** [website of BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
Application of artificial intelligence methods in practice

Aim
The funding measure supports innovative research and development projects from the field of artificial intelligence (AI) which transfer current research results into practice and which relate to one or more of the following topics:
- computer vision/image understanding;
- digital assistants, computational linguistics and automated context-related information processing;
- efficient and robust algorithms for problem solving and decision making;

Target Group collaborative projects with partners from science and industry

Duration up to 2 years

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

Deadline 3 June 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 BMBF

Explanability and transparency of machine learning and artificial intelligence

Aim
The funding measure supports the implementation of projects that relate to one or more of the following themes:
- Traceability: techniques for combining inductive machine learning with model-based, deductive and other AI approaches to improve the traceability and justifiability of the results of machine learning.
- Explanation: innovative methods and robust, everyday techniques and tools to analyse the link between input data, the structure of results and their contribution to output data, and the relationship between data and results to domain models.
- Transparency: techniques for presenting the solution and the way forward in a user-friendly way.
- Anthropomorphisation: design principles, methods and tools that prevent unjustified and risky anthropomorphisation of learning AI systems without restricting or hampering the use of multimodal human-machine interaction.

Target Group collaborative projects partners from science and industry

Duration up to 3 years

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

Deadline 2 June 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 BMBF
Pilot Innovation Competition "Organ Replacement from the Laboratory"

**Aim**  
With its funding, the BMBF intends to overcome existing limitations in the cultivation of organoids and to accelerate the realisation of the vision of replacement organs cultivated in the laboratory. According to Eurotransplant 2017, the most urgent need for donor organs in Germany is **kidney, liver, heart, lung** and **pancreas**. For this reason, the present funding directive initially concentrates on these five organs. In addition to the use of human cell material, the use of animal cells from mammals will also be permitted, as in vivo testing of the functionality of organs cultivated in the laboratory and then transplanted will normally first be carried out in the animal model.

Research and development projects of the **maximum three winning teams** of the competition will be supported. The organoids that come closest to transplantable organs will be awarded prizes.

**Target Group**  
1 to 4 working groups

**Duration**  
up to 3 years

**Funding**  
1st place: € 3 million; 2nd place: € 2 million; 3rd place: € 1 million

**Deadline**  
28 June 2019 (two-step evaluation, step 1 competition phase: application, data generation and winner selection)

**Further information**  
website of BMBF

Innovative Systems Toxicology for Alternatives to Animal Testing – Moving towards Application

**Aim**  
"This call for transnational public-private research projects aims to fund the development and application of innovative systems-biology-based methods to replace animal testing in toxicology. Fields of toxicology and risk assessment have undergone an extensive shift towards the development of alternative testing methodologies that potentially can be used to assess the safety of substances and reduce animal use in toxicological research. Establishing integrated toxicological testing strategies ultimately fosters a more specific prediction and quantification of human health risks and an enormous reduction of animals used in experiments."

**Target Group**  
consortia of at least 2 participating countries (Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium); at least 3 partners: 2 public and 1 private partner

**Duration**  
up to 4 years

**Funding**  
max. 36 person-month for the German side

**Deadline**  
2 July 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  
website of BMBF
Adaptive Technologies for Society - Intelligent Interaction between Man and Artificial Intelligence

Aim
Funding is provided for innovative research and development work aimed at the further development and optimisation of Augmented Intelligence. AI methods such as machine learning are to be used in the context of human-technology interaction to find solutions between humans and technology that best combine the respective skills, for example data analysis using methods of machine learning with human creativity. The aim is to show how a cooperative approach can overcome the limitations of current AI systems in specific applications.

Funding will be provided for Augmented Intelligence solutions that focus on the three thematic areas of the BMBF’s human-technology interaction research programme “Bringing technology to people”: Digital society, healthy living, intelligent mobility.

Target Group
consortia of commercial enterprises, universities, non-university research institutions and users

Duration
usually 3 years

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

Deadline
2 July 2019 (submission of a project outline)

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 BMBF

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AI laboratories and qualification in the context of research projects in the field of artificial intelligence

Aim
The current announcement is intended to enable universities and non-university research institutions to research and test new AI software engineering methods, to create test data sets and, at the same time, to advance the education and training of master students and business users by creating AI laboratories.

Target Group
individual projects of universities and non-university research institutions as well as AI laboratories as collaborative scientific projects

Duration
2 years

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

Deadline
18 May 2019

Further information
website of BMBF
Pilot Innovation Competition for Innovations on the Topic of "World Storage"

Aim  The innovation competition is intended to initiate the development of a "world storage system" for domestic use whose performance is at least on a par with that of available systems and which is considerably cheaper and more environmentally friendly. In a sponsored concept phase, several solutions are to be sketched and technically specified in parallel up to the stage of market maturity (concept phase). The two most promising approaches that meet the selection criteria will be selected for funding as part of a joint project (project phase).

Target Group  concept phase: individual projects or consortia of up to 2 partners each from universities, non-university research institutions, commercial enterprises or other organisations

project phase: up to 2 collaborative projects, at least 1 university or non-university research institution and at least 1 commercial enterprise

Duration  1 year (concept phase); up to 5 years (project phase)

Funding  up to € 250,000 (concept phase); up to € 5 million (project phase)

Deadline  15 July 2019 (submission of a project outline; three-step evaluation)

Further information  website of BMBF

Sustainable Special Processors and Development Platforms (ZuSE)

Aim  The aim of the funded projects is to develop dedicated AI processors that best support the special requirements of artificial neural networks and the associated computing processes. These include in particular neuromorphic processors with innovative architectures and processors that integrate novel memory and computing components (post-processor Neumann).

Target Group  industry-led, pre-competitive collaborative projects involving scientific research institutions as well as research alliances of universities and non-university research institutions with close industrial integration

Duration  up to 3 years (possible extension of 2 years)

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

Deadline  12 July 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information  website of BMBF
**Mathematik für Innovationen**

**Förderung**
Gefördert werden Forschungsarbeiten aus dem Bereich MMSO, die die Grundlage zur Lösung von Herausforderungen im Bereich Big Data/Data Science bilden und auf der industriellen Anwendungsseite bevorzugt die Lösung gesellschaftlicher Bedarfe adressieren.

Im Fokus dieser Maßnahme steht die Erarbeitung bedeutender Beiträge der MMSO zu den folgenden Themenschwerpunkten:
- Verknüpfung modellbasieterter und datengetriebener Ansätze; Analyse, Annotation und Simulation von Trainingsdaten; mathematische Analyse und Optimierung von Algorithmen des maschinellen Lernens; Bewertung von Grenzen datengetriebener Modelle.

**Zielgruppe**
Verbundprojekte mit mind. 2 Forschungseinrichtungen; Verbünde von Forschungsgruppen verschiedener Disziplinen unter Einbeziehung von Partnern aus produzierender Wirtschaft und/oder dem Dienstleistungssektor werden bevorzugt.

**Förderdauer**
i.d.R. 3 Jahre

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

**Fristende**
22. Mai 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektsummario, zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**
WeBSITE des BMBF

**WTZ mit Neuseeland – Forschung zum Klimawandel**

**Förderung**
Es werden Forschungsprojekte gefördert, die in internationaler Zusammenarbeit mit Partnern aus Neuseeland die nachfolgenden Themen bearbeiten:
- Klimaforschung mit einem Schwerpunkt auf den physikalischen Grundlagen des Klimasystems und Klimawandels einschließlich Paläoklima, Karbonzyklus, Treibhausgase und Aerosole,
- Anpassung an den Klimawandel einschließlich neue Materialien und Verfahren, neue Formen des Wassermanagements, nachhaltige Landwirtschaft und nachhaltige Städte.

Der Nutzen für Deutschland und Neuseeland sollte klar ersichtlich sein und Strategien zur Implementierung der -Forschungsergebnisse in Politik, Gesellschaft und Wirtschaft aufgezeigt werden.

**Zielgruppe**
deutsch-neuseeländische Vorhaben

**Förderdauer**
2 Jahre

**Förderhöhe**
max. 150.000 € für die deutsche Seite

**Fristende**
17. Juni 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektsummario, zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**
Webseite des BMBF
Quality developments in science: Studies on the meso-level

**Aim** Within the framework of this second funding guideline on the overarching topic "Quality Developments in Science", the following topics are the focus of attention, with project proposals that combine individual questions of these topics being accepted in equal measure:

- a) Cross-institutional approaches to **quality assurance/development** in the science system
- b) **Peer review procedures**/further procedures to ensure good scientific practice in the context of publications and conferences
- c) **Reporting** / Reporting Approaches
- d) **Success and failure** as indicators in science
- e) Institutional **autonomy** and quality effects for teaching, research and transfer

Based on the research results, it is possible to apply for **transfer projects** as follow-up projects.

**Target Group** collaborative projects or junior research groups

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

**Deadline** 12 July 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 BMBF
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

Call for funding: The energy turnaround also means social change

**Aim**
The call is explicitly directed at research projects with a **cross-system** and **cross-technology** character on society in the context of energy system transformation. The project proposals should not be reduced to a single technology area. At the same time, they must have a clear added value for energy research.

Eligible for funding are, for example, **cross-sectoral analyses of the social framework conditions** of the energy system transformation, research into acceptance and participation in the transformation process or **socio-economic research** into the consequences of structural change measures.

The call for funding does not focus on original policy advice.

**Target Group**
**transdisciplinary consortia;** cooperation of at least 3 disciplines, whereby at least one actor from the **social science, communication science** or **humanities**

**Duration**
tba

**Funding**
tba

**Deadline**
11 June 2019 (submission of a project outline)

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 BMWi
Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI)

National Cycling Plan 2020 - Call for projects 2020

**Aim**
Cycling is an important and growing part of the traffic volume in Germany. The Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure (BMVI) is therefore funding innovative projects in the field of cycling that serve to implement the National Cycling Plan 2020 (NRVP).

Funding will be given to projects with innovative approaches, a high gain in knowledge and the greatest possible and realistic application potential. National and international existing projects, experiences and findings as well as the state of research and the state of the art should be considered.

**Target Group**
legal persons under public and private law

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
1 August 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of BMVI
GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION (DFG)

Large-scale Equipment Initiative: Call for Concept Submission

**Aim**
In the Large Scale Equipment Initiative programme, the DFG funds complex large-scale equipment and systems with outstanding or novel technology for use in research within the framework of a call for tenders. The early provision of a new technology for research, which is the result of a large-scale equipment initiative, should have a positive and perceptible effect on the respective subject areas addressed and form an infrastructural prerequisite for diverse research projects with a high degree of originality and excellent quality.

This year, the DFG is carrying out the following two large-scale equipment initiatives:
- "Measurement systems for ultra-high data rates for the communication technologies of the future" and
- "Laser cladding for high-throughput investigations and additive 3-D production of complex alloys and composites".

**Target Group**
scientists

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
9 July 2019

**Further information**
website of the DFG

Digitisation and indexing of archival sources

**Aim**
The aim of the new call for proposals is to significantly improve the accessibility of archival sources for research by digitising them and bringing them together centrally in the Archive Portal D and the German Digital Library (DDB). The aim is to provide science with a structured and networked range of digitised sources. For holdings that have not yet been digitally catalogued, the cataloguing of the holdings or the retroconversion of existing analogue finding aids can be applied for at the same time as digitisation.

**Target Group**
researchers with PhD

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
31 July 2019 (letter of intent)

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
Transnational Call for Research Proposals on “Next generation networks for neuroscience (NeuroNex) – Technology-enabled, team-based neuroscience”

**Aim**
“The goal of this joint funding initiative is to support collaborative networks […] comprised of international teams of different disciplines working on a common foundational question in neuroscience. It is anticipated that these international networks will enable experimentation, analysis, and discovery in neuroscience at scales much larger than currently possible.”

**Target Group**
collaborative networks (approximately 15 to 20 investigators in each network from Germany, USA, UK, Canada)

**Duration**
as requested

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
14 June 2019 (two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the DFG

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2. Philosophisches Symposium der DFG zum Thema „Gedankenexperiments und Narration in der Philosophie“

**Förderung**

**Zielgruppe**
philosophische NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen, die sich in der Postdoc-Phase befinden

**Dauer**
23. bis 27. März 2020

**Fristende**
18. Juni 2019

**Weitere Informationen**
Webseite der DFG
Priority programme “Geometry at Infinity” (SPP 2026)

**Aim**
“This programme combines research in differential geometry, geometric topology, and global analysis. Crossing and transcending the frontiers of these disciplines it is concerned with convergence and limits in geometric-topological settings and with asymptotic properties of objects of infinite size. The overall theme can roughly be divided into the three cross-sectional topics convergence, compactifications, and rigidity.”

**Target Group**
researchers in the fields of differential geometry, geometric topology, and global analysis

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
15 October 2019 (registration in the elan-portal until 10 October)

**Further information**
website of the [DFG](https://www.dfg.de)
EUROPEAN RESEARCH FUNDING

Horizon 2020

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

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)

Co-funding of regional, national and international programmes (COFUND)

Funding “The COFUND scheme aims to stimulate regional, national or international programmes to foster excellence in researchers’ training, mobility and career development, spreading the best practices of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. This will be achieved by co-funding new or existing regional, national, and international programmes to open up to, and provide for, international, intersectoral and interdisciplinary research training, as well as transnational and cross-sectoral mobility of researchers at all stages of their career.”

Target Group institutions offering a fellowship programme for doctoral or postdoctoral students

Duration 3 to 5 years

Funding € 1,935 for doctoral students, € 2,740 for postdocs; € 325 per person month for the management of the programme

Deadline 18 September 2019

Further information Website of the Funding & Tenders Portal

Individual Fellowships

Funding “Support is foreseen for individual, trans-national fellowships awarded to the most promising researchers of any nationality, for employment in EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries. It is based on an application made jointly by the researcher and the beneficiary in the academic or non-academic sectors. Fellowships take the form of European Fellowships or Global Fellowships. European Fellowships are held in EU Member States or Horizon 2020 Associated Countries and are open to researchers either coming to Europe from any country in the world or moving within Europe. The researcher must comply with the rules of mobility in the country where the European Fellowship is held.”

Target Group researchers with PhD or at least 4 years of full-time research experience

Duration 1 to 2 years (Global Fellowships: +1 year return phase)

Funding living and mobility allowance, contribution to research costs, management & overheads, if applicable special needs allowance for researchers with disabilities

Deadline 11 September 2019

Further information Website of the Funding & Tenders Portal
FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING BODIES

Volkswagen Foundation

Volkswagen Foundation symposia and summer schools

Aim  “The Volkswagen Foundation did set up the funding initiative “Symposia and Summer Schools” to support events in all subject areas dealing with new ideas and research approaches. The Foundation also aims to encourage innovative event formats as well as new ways of supporting interaction and networking among the participants.

Funding can be made available for symposia, workshops, and conferences (usually up to 50 persons) as well as summer schools (max. 60 participants). The initiative is thematically open and not confined to any particular subject area. The basic criteria are

- an interdisciplinary and international context,
- active participation on the part of young researchers (PhDs and post-docs) as well as
- a significant number of female scholars and/or scientists among the speakers and participants.

The symposia, workshops and conferences funded by the Volkswagen Foundation are held in the newly constructed "Herrenhausen Palace" convention center in Hanover.”

Target group  postdoctoral researchers at universities and research institutions in Germany

Funding  Travel expenses for participants actively involved, expenses for accommodation, up to € 500 for non-personnel costs, childcare during the event etc.

Deadline  symposia: 10 September 2019; summer school: any time

Further information  website of the Volkswagen Foundation

Institute of Advanced Study Fellowship Programme Durham University

IAS Fellowship

Aim  The Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) Fellowship provides recipients with the opportunity to develop their ideas and collaborations in a thriving community of researchers, and through engagement with Durham University's Departments and Colleges. The Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) is a prestigious, ideas-based institute with global reach. The IAS brings together world-leading researchers from all disciplines to work with Durham colleagues on collaborative projects of major intellectual, scientific, and practical significance.

Target group  researchers of any nationality and from any discipline

Duration  3 months

Funding  honorarium of £ 3,000, travel costs

Deadline  7 June 2019

Further information  website of the IAS
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

PPP Programmes for project-related personal exchange

**Aim**

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

In April, the call for proposals for the following countries was launched: **Australia, France (PROCOPE and PROCOPE PLUS), Hong Kong, Canada, Croatia, Peru, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Taiwan, Czech Republic, Hungary and USA.**

**Target group**

German universities, higher education institutions and research institutions

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

**Duration**

2 years

**Funding**

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

**Deadline**

application deadline varies, see country-specific information for further information

**Further information**

website of DAAD

GENKO - German-Korean partnership programme

**Aim**

The aim of the programme is to consolidate existing and initiate new bilateral partnerships between German and Korean universities. Special emphasis will be placed on the qualification of early-career researchers.

**Target Group**

German universities; funding is provided for the mobility of university lecturers, post-docs, doctoral students and graduates

**Duration**

2 years

**Funding**

€ 22,500

**Deadline**

1 July 2019

**Further information**

website of DAAD
### PAJAKO – Partnership with Japan and Korea

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Ministerium für Kultur und Wissenschaft des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen
und der Stifterverband für Lehrende

Fellowships für Innovationen in der Hochschullehre

Ziele des Programms

- Anreize für die Entwicklung und Erprobung digital gestützter Lehr- und Prüfungsformate (beispielsweise MOOCS, flipped/inverted classroom, Games, Simulationen, E-Prüfungen) oder die Neugestaltung von Modulen und Studienabschnitten unter konsequenter Nutzung digitaler Technologien schaffen
- den Austausch über (digitale) Hochschullehre und die Verbreitung der entwickelten Lehrinnovationen durch eine Vernetzung der Fellows befördern
- zur Verstetigung digitaler Hochschullehre in den Hochschulen selbst beitragen.

Zielgruppe

Lehrende aller Disziplinen, die an Hochschulen des Landes NRW tätig sind

Förderdauer

1 Jahr

Förderhöhe

50.000 €, 100.000 € (Tandems) für z.B. wiss. Hilfskräfte, Sachkosten, Gastaufenthalte, Deputatsreduktion

Fristende

12. Juli 2019

Für die Einreichung des Antrags ist die Unterschrift eines Mitglieds der Hochschulleitung erforderlich. Wenden Sie sich bitte hierfür spätestens 6 Wochen vor Fristende an Martina May-Topalidis, stellv. Leitung der Abt. 73 Nationale Förderung (m.may@verw.uni-koeln.de, 0221/470-1453).

Weitere Informationen

Webseite des Stifterverbands
M.S. Merian – R. Tagore International Centre of Advanced Studies

ICAS: MP senior and postdoctoral short-term fellowships

Aim
"ICAS:MP is funded by the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and has its main location in New Delhi, India. It offers a fellowship programme for senior and postdoctoral scholars whose research focuses on at least one of the following ICAS research themes (TM=Thematic Modules).


Target group
senior and postdoctoral scholars from the field of social sciences and humanities

Duration
senior fellowships: 6 months
postdoctoral fellowships: 7 months

Funding
senior fellowships: either a stipend or reimburse a teaching substitute in the home institution, travel costs and allowances for housing and other costs in Delhi
postdoctoral fellowships: stipend and allowances for housing and other costs in Delhi, travel costs

Deadline
30 June 2019

Further information
website of ICAS:MP

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

GIP – Germanistische Institutspartnerschaften

Aim
The "Germanistische Institutspartnerschaften" (GIP) programme aims to strengthen the position of the German language and culture in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) as well as in Turkey, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Africa, Asia and Latin America. It aims to support German studies abroad in teaching and research and to promote its specific potential.

Target group
German Studies Institutes of German Universities; funding is provided for the mobility of students, graduates, doctoral students, post-doctoral candidates and university lecturers from both German and foreign partner universities

Duration
1 to 3 years

Funding
usually between € 20,000 and € 40,000 per year

Deadline
13 August 2019

Further information
website of DAAD
German-Ecuadorian Research Cooperation on Biodiversity and Climate Change

Aim
The programme is intended to enable German and Ecuadorian universities to develop implementable research results in the fields of biodiversity and climate change, to strengthen the internationalisation of German and Ecuadorian universities and to contribute to the SDG.

Target Group
jointly by at least one German and at least one Ecuadorian university or research institution

Duration
18 months

Funding
max. € 250,000

Deadline
5 August 2019

Further information
website of DAAD

DBU (German Federal Environmental Foundation)

Green start-up – focus on digitisation

Aim
Support will be given to start-ups that innovatively combine solutions for the environment, ecology and sustainability with a focus on digitisation.

Target Group
individuals or teams of founders whose companies are not older than 5 years of age

Duration
up to 2 years

Funding
up to € 125,000

Deadline
30 June 2022

Further information
website of DBU
FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience - PRIME 2019/20

Aim
Postdoctoral researchers of all nationalities, who see their long-term career perspectives in Germany, will be given the opportunity to combine temporary employment at a German university with a research stay abroad. The possibility of continuous coordination with the German host institution shall ensure an efficient reintegration following the research stay abroad.

Target group
postdocs that comply with the programme’s mobility rule

Duration
18 months (12 months abroad, 6 months reintegration phase)

Funding
temporary job position at the selected German university (TVL-E13), lump sum travel allowance

Deadline
30 August 2019

Further information
website of DAAD

Hans Böckler Foundation

Maria-Weber-Grant for Junior Professors and Habilitands

Aim
The Maria Weber Grant serves to promote outstanding scientists in the postdoctoral phase. With the Maria Weber Grant, the Hans Böckler Foundation supports a temporary replacement for junior professors and post-doctoral students for one or two semesters. The target group consists of scientists from German universities from all disciplines. The junior professors must have already undergone a positive interim evaluation at the time of application. The post-doctoral students must enclose an expert opinion; in addition, the Hans Böckler Foundation initiates a peer review procedure.

Target group
outstanding postdocs from all fields of research, and the Hans Böckler Foundation is particularly interested in their remaining in science

Duration
up to 1 year

Funding
20,000 € per semester

Deadline
15 September 2019

Further information
website of Hans Böckler Foundation

Further information
website of Hans Böckler Foundation
Daimler and Benz Foundation

The Daimler and Benz Foundation Scholarship Programme 2020

**Aim**
“The goal of the programme is to strengthen the autonomy of our next generation of academics. The phase after completing a doctorate is particularly productive. The Foundation would therefore like to focus its scholarship programme on this stage of the career path in order to support the academic careers of dedicated researchers. The scholarship programme is aimed at young academics who have completed their PhD, are in the early stages of their postdoctoral career and have already attained a certain level of autonomy in their research. It is open to applicants across all disciplines (humanities, cultural studies, medicine and engineering as well as social, natural and life sciences) and there is no restriction on topics. Applicants must have their own research project as well as institutional ties to an academic institute within Germany.”

**Target Group**
Postdoctoral researchers, in particular assistant professors or academics in equivalent positions, such as independent heads of research

**Duration**
2 years

**Funding**
€20,000 (for research trips, conference attendance and the organisation of conferences by the recipient, temporary employment of research assistants, computers, laboratory equipment and special chemicals)

**Deadline**
1 October 2019

**Further information**
Website of the Daimler and Benz Foundation

European Molecular Biology Organization

**EMBO Long-Term Fellowships**

**Aim**
“The European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) Long-Term Fellowships […] support post-doctoral research visits to laboratories throughout Europe and the world. International exchange is a key feature in the application process.”

**Target group**
Postdoctoral researchers max. 2 years after the PhD

**Duration**
Max. 2 years

**Funding**
Subsistence allowance, child & childcare allowance, travel allowance, private pension scheme

**Deadline**
2 cut-off evaluation dates: 2nd Friday of February, 2nd Friday of August

**Further information**
Website of EMBO
### German Historical Institute Moscow

#### Stipends for research projects

**Aim**  
The DHI Moscow awards stipends for research projects on German or Russian/Ukrainian/Belarusian history or on the history of other post-Soviet countries for the period from September 1 to 31 December 2019. The fellowship is intended to cover the additional expenses resulting from the research stay in Moscow/St. Petersburg. The amount of the fellowship is determined by the DHI Moscow and is based on DFG guidelines. An appropriate participation in the scientific work of the institute is expected.

**Target group**  
post-doctoral researchers working on German or Russian/Ukrainian/Belarusian history or history of other post-Soviet countries

**Duration**  
up to 3 months

**Funding**  
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**Deadline**  
15 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 DHI](#)

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### Robert Bosch Foundation

#### Robert Bosch Junior Professorship in Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

**Aim**  
The Robert Bosch Foundation annually supports an excellent young scientist and his/her research project in the field of sustainable use of natural resources. Research projects that have special relevance for developing or transition countries will be funded. The findings are intended to contribute to one or more of the United Nations’ sustainable development goals.

**Target group**  
outstanding scientists with a PhD max. 5 years ago, international research experience

**Duration**  
5 years

**Funding**  
€ 1 million

**Deadline**  
13 May 2019

**Further information**  
[website of Robert Bosch Foundation](#)
PRIZES

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

Stifterverband

**Ars Legendi Award for Excellence in Academic Teaching**

**Aim**

This year's call is dedicated to **teaching as a scientific activity** or to the "Scholarship of Teaching and Learning". This means teaching that is based on fundamental, transdisciplinary academic standards, which also apply to research, in particular:

- the systematic reflection of one's own teaching actions
- on the basis of the state of the art in university and/or subject didactics research,
- with a special focus on the effects achieved on the students and
- in exchange with colleagues.

**Target group**

scientists with **outstanding achievements** in the field of teaching on the basis of scientific knowledge, who in this sense **design their own teaching** in an exemplary and outstanding manner and thereby give **impetus for the further development** of university teaching beyond the own teaching activities.

**Endowment**

€ 50,000

**Deadline**

5 July 2019 (nominations by faculties, departments or student councils; self-applications are possible)

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

**Further information**

[website of the prize](#)

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Akademie gemeinnütziger Wissenschaften zu Erfurt

**Dalberg Prize for transdisciplinary research**

**Aim**

This Thuringian Academy Award brings research into the focus of the public, whose transdisciplinarity does not only focus on links between individual subjects, but **bridges the gap between the humanities and the natural sciences**. The emphasis on transdisciplinarity sends a signal to the public, that the scientific disciplines, which often seem to be separately apart, should be perceived together and not just reciprocally. They differ less by their common questions that ultimately unite them, but rather on the basis of their methodical dispositions.

**Endowment**

€ 2,000

**Deadline**

30 June 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 prize](#)
Technology Academy Finland

Millennium Technology Prize

Aim
“The Millennium Technology Prize is awarded for groundbreaking technological innovations that benefit millions of people around the world by:

- enhancing quality of life
- promoting sustainable development and mitigation of climate change
- generating applications with global commercial viability
- creating new socioeconomic value
- stimulating further cutting-edge research and development in science and technology

Nominations from around the world are invited, from all fields of technology, excluding military technology. Special emphasis is placed on proposals related to: energy and the environment, life sciences, including health and food, information and communications technology and smart systems, new materials, processes and manufacturing.”

Target group
individual or to a team of any nationality

Endowment
€ 1 million

Deadline
31 July 2019, only nominations are accepted, self-applications are not possible.

Further information
website of the prize

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

Aim
“The Sofja Kovalevskaja Award allows you to spend five years building up a working group and working on a high-profile, innovative research project of your own choice at a research institution of your own choice in Germany.”

Target group
top junior researcher from abroad who completed their doctorate no more than 6 years ago with outstanding results

Duration
5 years

Endowment
up to € 1,65 million

Deadline
31 July 2019

Further information
website of the prize
Holberg Prize

**Aim**

"The Holberg Prize is an international prize awarded for outstanding contributions to research in the arts and humanities, social sciences, law and theology. […] Scholars holding positions at universities, academies and other research institutions, are entitled to nominate candidates to the Holberg Prize."

**Target group**

scholar who has made outstanding contributions to research in the arts and humanities, social sciences, law or theology

**Endowment**

NOK 6 000,000 (approximately € 760,000)

**Deadline**

15 June 2019

**Further information**

website of the prize

University of Vechta

The Höffmann Academic Award for Intercultural Competence 2019

**Aim**

"The Höffmann Academic Award is part of a long-term programme aimed at promoting intercultural skills, which are the key to peaceful and constructive co-operation between people of various ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. Intercultural competence enables us to identify common ground and to learn from our characteristic features. In many ways, intercultural issues are an integral element of academic research for numerous disciplines."

**Target group**

outstanding academics with groundbreaking work carried out on topics of intercultural competence

**Endowment**

€ 10,000

**Deadline**

15 July 2019, only nominations are accepted, self-applications are not possible. Please send your proposals by 11 June 2019 to Sonja Kloppenburg, Department 7 Research Management (e-mail: s.kloppenburg@verw.uni-koeln.de, Tel.: 0221 / 470-5219)

**Further information**

website of the prize
Graduate Institute Geneva

The Paul Guggenheim Prize in international law

Aim “The Paul Guggenheim Foundation was created in 1979 to honour the memory of Professor Paul Guggenheim, an eminent scholar of international law and professor at the Graduate Institute. Every two years, the Paul Guggenheim Prize rewards a young specialist in the field of international law, author of a first monograph of outstanding quality on a subject of general interest and likely to make a real contribution to the study of international law.”

Target group authors of a first monograph of outstanding quality

Endowment CHF 15,000

Deadline 31 May 2019

Further information website of the prize

Ernst Haage-Foundation

Ernst Haage Prize in Chemistry

Aim “Since 2006 the Ernst Haage Prize awards young scientists for outstanding achievements in the field of chemical science and promotes particularly young academics.”

Target group researchers max. 40 years old with a doctorate from a German research institution/university

Endowment € 7,500

Deadline 3 August 2019

Further information website of the prize

Peter und Traudl Engelhorn Stiftung

Research Prize Peter und Traudl Engelhorn Foundation

Aim The Peter and Traudl Foundation announces a research prize every two years. The topics refer to current areas of the life sciences that are in significant development. Topic of the research prize 2020: Computational Biology: New Methods in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Basic and Applied Research.

Target group outstanding early-career researchers max. 35 years old

Endowment € 10,000

Deadline 31 July 2019

Further information website of the prize
**Jenny Gusyk Awards**

**Aim**

“The University of Cologne offers three prizes annually in the field of Equality/Gender- &/or Queer Studies/Family-Friendly Management:

Jenny Gusyk “Young Scientists Award” […], Jenny Gusyk “Innovation Award” […], Jenny Gusyk Award “Family Friendly Leadership” […].”

**Target Group** scientists at the University of Cologne with an outstanding scientific thesis in the field of Gender- &/or Queer Studies at the UoC with the rating at least "good"

**Funding** € 1,000

**Deadline** 15 July 2019

**Further information** website of the prize

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**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

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

MISCELLANEOUS

**DFG: Three candidates for presidential election**
“The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is now able to announce the candidates to succeed the current President, Prof. Dr. Peter Strohschneider, when his term of office concludes at the end of the year. […]
The candidates are (in alphabetical order): Prof. Dr. Katja Becker, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Justus Liebig University Giessen; Prof. Dr.-Ing. Wolfgang Marquardt, Process Engineering, Forschungszentrum Jülich; Prof. Dr. Dorothea Wagner, Theoretical Informatics, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT).”
Further information is available [here](#).

**Partial Agreement on Horizon Europe**
On 17 April 2019, the European Parliament has approved a partial agreement on the next EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon Europe (2021-2027).
The European Parliament’s vote paves the way for the European Commission to proceed with the preparations for the implementation of Horizon Europe. In the upcoming weeks and months, this will in particular include the strategic planning and setting up of Mission Boards and Partnerships as well as the future Model Grant Agreement (MGA). (source: KoWi)
Further information is available [here](#).

**European Commission: Public consultation on gender equality**
The European Commission has launched a consultation to gather views on the gender equality situation and the strategic framework for gender equality. Among many other issues, the strategy also covers science and research issues. The current strategy expires at the end of the year. The next Commission will set priorities for future gender equality policy in the light of the results of the consultation. Participation is open until 31 May 2019. (source: newsletter Horizon 2020.NRW)
Further information is available [here](#).

**ELectronic Research F unding 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**

**Sommersemester 2019**

**Neue Seminarreihe: Fit für Forschungsförderung**

Die D7-Seminarreihe "Fit für Forschungsförderung" möchte den WissenschaftlerInnen der Universität zu Köln das Beratungsangebot des Dezernates 7 Forschungsmanagement in kompakten Einzel-Workshops näher bringen. In acht thematisch ausgerichteten Seminaren werden Kenntnisse zur Förderrecherche, Antragsformaten, Budgetkalkulation und weiteren Aspekten der Drittmittelbeantragung vermittelt.

**Ort:** GATEWAY (Ägidiusstr. 14, 50937 Köln)

**Weitere Informationen & online-Anmeldeform:** [https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/fff](https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/fff)

**11 July 2019**

**Workshop on ERC Starting Grants**

The Division 7 for Research Management of the University of Cologne organises a workshop on the ERC Starting Grants in Horizon 2020. Information on the general principles of the ERC and the current call will be given by Dr. Olivia Kamden from the National Contact Point ERC. Furthermore, Dr. Alexander Blanke, ERC Starting Grantee at the Institute of Zoology, and former ERC Panel Member, Prof. Dr. Manolis Pasparakis (CECAD), will provide you with useful tips.

**Place:** GATEWAY (Ägidiusstr. 14, 50937 Cologne)

**Further information & online registration form:** [https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events](https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events)

**Further events:**

**14.05.2019**

**Experten-Workshop “Digital Health in der Innovative Medicines Initiative 2”**

Bonn

**16.05.2019**

**COST-Informationsveranstaltung**

Berlin

**23.05.2019**

**KoWi: MSCA Cofund Workshop**

Bonn

**28.05.2019**

**EUB: Horizont 2020 für Antragstellende**

Bonn

**29.05.2019**

**Wege in der Wissenschaft - Fördermöglichkeiten und Karrierewege in der Postdoc-Phase**

Aachen

**04.07.2019**

**Horizon 2020 Info Day on Societal Challenge 2 calls for proposals of 2020**

Brussels

**19.09.2019**

**EUB: Horizont 2020 für EinsteigerInnen**

Bonn

**24.-26.09.2019**

**European Research & Innovation Days**

Brussels
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