Current Calls for Proposals from National, European and International Third-Party Funding Sources
“Write your dream project! What have you always wanted to do, or pursue more intensively, but never had the time or money?”

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Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

BMBF Research Partner Groups for Alumni in Africa

**Aim**

Research projects are funded, in which the German partner institution and the working group of the African partner, who is based at a university/research institution on the African continent, work on a joint research topic in accordance with the funding purpose described above.

In particular, project outlines can be submitted for the following thematic priorities, which contribute to the implementation of the BMBF's Africa Strategy:

- Health,
- Environment,
- Bioeconomics,
- Renewable energies,
- Urbanization,
- Humanities and social sciences.

**Target Group**

German applicants together with at least one African cooperation partner

**Duration**

up to 3 years

**Funding**

max. 450,000 €

**Deadline**

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

**Further information**

website of BMBF

Integration der Länder der Östlichen Partnerschaft in den Europäischen Forschungsraum – Bridge2ERA EaP

**Förderung**

„Die Bekanntmachung ist offen für Forscherinnen und Forscher aller Disziplinen, die zu den im Weiteren identifizierten Themenbereichen relevante Beiträge leisten können. Gefördert werden der Personalaustausch, die Koordinierung der internationalen Kooperation sowie die Organisation von Veranstaltungen/Projektworkshops. Gegenstand der Förderung ist die Antragsvorbereitung von Forschungs- und Entwicklungsprojekten, die auf die […] Themenbereiche des EU-Rahmenprogramms für Forschung und Innovation HORIZONT 2020 bzw. auf noch abschließend zu definierende Schwerpunkte in HORIZONT EUROPA ausgerichtet sind.“

**Zielgruppe**

mind. ein Partner aus einem Land der östlichen Partnerschaft (Armenien, Aserbaidschan, Belarus, Georgien, Republik Moldau, Ukraine)

**Förderdauer**

max. 2 Jahre

**Förderhöhe**

i.d.R. bis zu 40.000 €, bei Beteiligung eines deutschen KMUs bis zu 50.000 €

**Fristende**

6. Dezember 2019

**Weitere Informationen**

Webseite des BMBF
Funding for early-career female KI scientists

**Aim** Within the framework of this announcement, interdisciplinary junior research groups led by women are to be funded. The solutions to be developed in the projects must demonstrate the added value of AI procedures over established procedures, but must also take into account or strengthen self-determination, social and cultural participation and the protection of the privacy of all citizens.

The junior research groups must carry out work in one or more of the following thematic areas:

- **Basics of AI** (e.g. Explainable AI, Knowledge Representation, Autonomous agents or multi-agent systems, Automated reasoning, Decisions under uncertainty, etc.)
- **Machine learning** (e.g. combinations with deductive systems, training efficiency, performance, robustness, practical applicability, etc.)
- **Language, text and image processing** (e.g. image understanding, language understanding, knowledge refinement, etc.)

**Target Group** female early-career scientists with challenging articles in internationally high-ranking journals

**Duration** up to 4 years

**Funding** € 400,000 annually

**Deadline** 16 September 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
Civil Safety - Prevention and Rapid Assistance in the Event of Biological Hazards

**Aim**
Funding will be provided for bilateral collaborative projects that investigate innovative solutions to *improve the prevention, detection and management of biological hazards*. The research projects can address current or expected dangers based on natural or intentional causes and must provide significant added value for *Franco-German cooperation* in civil security research.

Special risks may arise from
- natural events and technical incidents (e.g. outbreaks of disease following floods),
- epidemic and pandemic outbreaks, particularly in the case of emerging diseases, and
- the deliberate release of biological agents that are hazardous to health (for example in the case of criminal or terrorist acts).

**Target Group**
*bilateral cooperation* between *German* and *French partners*

**Duration**
up to 3 years

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

**Deadline**
10 September 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of [BMBF](#)

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Dismantling Educational Barriers: Learning Environments, Educational Success and Social Participation

**Aim**
The subject of this call for proposals is the investigation of conditions for success and the research-based development of design concepts to promote and support the *educational biographies of children and young people in problematic social and spatial situations*. At the centre of this funding call are the interrelations between educational processes and regional and local learning environments, including the respective factors that promote or hinder learning. Therefore, *empirical research projects* are funded in which the potential for action and design to reduce educational barriers is examined from the perspective of children and young people.

Research projects in which more than one of the thematically relevant research areas or disciplines is involved are particularly welcome, such as *educational sociology, educational science, pedagogical psychology, urban sociology, social work and social pedagogy, youth research, educational economics, educational geography, political science, law and ethnology*.

**Target Group**
*individual* or *collaborative projects* with *practical partners* (i.e. with day-care centres, schools, companies, associations, organisations active in people's lives)

**Duration**
max. 3 years

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

**Deadline**
15 November 2019

**Further information**
website of [BMBF](#)
Cohesion in Europe

**Aim**
The overall objective is to develop a **better understanding of the state of cohesion in the EU** and to contribute to its **strengthening**. The research projects should provide impulses for the relevant social discourses and be of practical relevance, i.e. they should address **current problems and needs for action** and, if necessary, develop approaches to solving them for policy-makers.

Research projects will be funded that deal with questions from one or more of the following four subject areas:

- Cultural foundations of cohesion
- Organization of cohesion
- Perception and communication of cohesion
- External influences and cohesion
- Methodical approaches

**Target Group**
collaborative projects; participation of practice partners

**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 September 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](https://www.bmbf.de)
Appreciation and Safeguarding of Biodiversity in Politics, Business and Society

**Aim**
Funding will be given to R&D projects that identify effective approaches and develop innovations that enable the transformation of social-ecological systems to conserve biological diversity. The funding aims to examine systems in which politics and administrative instruments, corporate policy or production methods as well as individual and social action can have a leverage effect on the conservation of biological diversity.

Research on the following fundamental topics is planned as part of the funding:

- **A)** **Policy instruments and approaches**, as well as **governance structures** for the conservation, safeguarding and promotion of biological diversity
- **B)** The value of biodiversity in **business activities** and the costs and risks of loss to companies
- **C)** Appreciation of biological diversity in **society** and integrated ways of transformation towards sustainability in political-administrative practice, business and society

**Target Group**
cooperation between universities or non-university research institutions with institutions and organisations from political-administrative practice, civil society (in the target region) and/or the economy

**Duration**
up to 4 years

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

**Deadline**
13 September 2019 (applications for the 1st phase)

**Further information**
website of BMBF

Junior Research Groups in Infection Research

**Aim**
Funding is provided for junior research groups that are researching infectious diseases, in particular antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

- **Module 1:** **Clinical Junior Research Groups** in Infection Research
- **Module 2:** **Nonclinical Junior Research Groups** in Infection Research

**Target Group**
Module 1: particularly qualified doctors with a doctorate in the second half of their specialist training who wish to carry out and supervise their infectious research projects (Clinician Scientists), including infection prevention and hospital hygiene

Module 2: excellent scientists who have a doctorate with an infectiological connection, e.g. in a natural science, computer science or the social sciences

An application is not possible for junior research group leaders who are already eligible for a career, in particular those who have habilitated or have initiated a habilitation procedure.

**Duration**
up to 5 years (an extension is possible twice for 2 years)

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

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

**Further information**
website of BMBF
### Strengthening Resilience and Structural Development in African Cities and Conurbations (AfResi)

**Aim**
The research projects should produce innovative and application-oriented solutions that contribute to **strengthening the resilience of the entire target region to extreme events**. The projects should strengthen capacity and competence building on the ground and support existing structures. In addition to excellent research, the establishment and expansion of research capacities and the strengthening of intra-African networking are essential tasks of the research projects.

**Transnational inter- and transdisciplinary cooperation** is expected. **Topics** could be, for example: megacities, health, climate, food safety, transport, traffic, logistics, resource management, waste and water management, energy supply, renewable energies, municipal administration, education systems, good governance, promotion of co-determination and participation rights, in particular for disadvantaged groups.

**Target Group**
transdisciplinary German-African consortia, whereby in particular **African North-South cooperation** as part of the consortium is desirable; the projects are to be jointly supported by African and German experts from **science, industry, politics and civil society**.

**Duration**
up to **5 years** (an extension is possible twice for **2 years**)

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

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

[Further information](#)

### Coastal Sea Research in the North Sea and Baltic Sea - Coasts in Transition

**Aim**
Coastal seas are very complex and dynamic systems that are in a constant state of natural change. Humans are increasingly intervening in these natural processes on different space and time scales. In addition to the consequences of climate change, the consequences of the manifold economic and social uses are increasingly perceptible and measurable and can already today lead to irreversible changes in the integrity of ecosystems and their material cycles.

- Research Field I: Climate and Coastal Dynamics
- Research Field II: Biodiversity and food webs
- Research Field III: Ecosystem-based Coastal Protection

**Target Group**
larger interdisciplinary collaborative projects; linking of **natural science, humanities and engineering** issues

**Duration**
up to **3 years**

**Funding**
max. **€ 2 million**

**Deadline**
17 September 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

[Further information](#)
Strengthening Care Research

**Aim**
The funding offer includes two independent modules: the incentive for the establishment of **professorships** (module 1) and the funding of projects of **early-career scientists** (module 2) in nursing research. Both modules are supported by the BMBF through the funding of concrete research projects. These are to deal with relevant and future-oriented topics in care research.

**Target Group**
module 2: early-career researchers max. 6 years after the PhD

**Duration**
module 1: up to 6 years; module 2: up to 3 years

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

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

**Further information**
website of BMBF

Competence Agency Municipalities

**Aim**
The purpose of the funding is to develop and implement a concept for a **nationwide ESD competence agency for municipalities** that supports interested municipalities in structurally anchoring education for sustainable development along the education chain.

**Target Group**
individual or collaborative projects

**Duration**
up to 3 years (a second funding period of another 2 years is possible)

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

**Deadline**
30 September 2019

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**Further information**
website of BMBF
Strategic Projects with Japan under the Participation of Economy and Science in the fields of Optics and Photonics

Aim
Research and development projects in the fields of optics and photonics will be funded which work on one or more of the following priority topics in international cooperation with partners from Japan:

- Optical Metrology and Sensing Technology
- Organic electronics (Organic electronics)
- Photonics in production (Photonics in manufacturing)
- Optical components and systems
- Lighting

The projects should have a high practical relevance and should lead to the expectation of findings and exploitable research results leading to new technologies, products and/or services. At the end of the project, the projects should achieve a degree of technological maturity (TRL) between 3 and 7.

Target Group
at least one German industrial company/industrial partner with a German research institution/university and one Japanese industrial partner with a Japanese research institution/university ("2 + 2 projects")

Duration
max. 3 years

Funding
up to € 600,000

Deadline
25 September 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information
website of BMBF

Projects in the Science Year 2020 - Bioeconomy

Aim
The purpose of this call for proposals is to promote science communication projects that are dedicated to the topics and fields of action of the science year 2020 - Bioeconomy.

A broad spectrum of mediation, information and/or participation formats can be supported. These include formats that promote dialogue and participation (dialogue events, workshops, science shops, participative projects, labs, real laboratories, etc.), educational knowledge transfer formats (exhibitions, participatory actions, learning materials, "serious games", etc.), interdisciplinary transfer formats that can be implemented in a network, as well as low-threshold, popularising formats that also address target groups that are far removed from science (competitions, festivals, public screenings, etc.).

Target Group
individual or collaborative projects

Funding
up to € 150,000

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

Further information
website of BMBF

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Bioeconomy International 2019

Aim
The selected projects are intended to flank the BMBF’s national activities to promote bioeconomics and make a complementary contribution to achieving the funding policy objectives. The joint projects should make an important contribution to at least one of the following fields of action of the National Research Strategy Bioeconomy 2030:

- securing global food supplies;
- Shaping agricultural production in a sustainable way;
- produce healthy and safe food;
- use renewable raw materials industrially;
- develop energy sources based on biomass.

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 26 August 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information website of BMBF

Start-ups in Quantum Technologies and Photonics

Aim
The purpose of the announcement “Start-ups in Quantum Technologies and Photonics” is to promote pre-competitive research and development projects in the field of quantum technology and photonics with the aim of broadening the basis for start-ups or the early phase of start-ups after their establishment. The prerequisite is that the results from current research are transferred to an application by the already completed or imminent establishment of a company. The target application, its transfer there and the economic exploitation must be clearly defined.

Target Group amongst others start-ups that have been on the market for less than 3 years

Duration pilot module: 18 months; main module: 3 years

Funding (a) 100 % of eligible basic research costs,
(b) 50 % of eligible costs for industrial research,
(c) 25 % of eligible experimental development costs.

Deadline continuous submission until 31 December 2021
The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

Further information website of BMBF
**Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)**

**Animal Welfare Competence Centres**

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**Further information**

[BMEL website](#)
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

ZIM: 10th Call for Proposals Germany – Finland

Aim
Germany and Finland hereby publish a call 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 with high market potential.

Target Group
at least one Finish and one German medium-sized company; universities as partners

Duration
max. 3 years

Deadline
15 November 2019

Further information
website of ZIM

ZIM: 5th Call for Proposals Germany – Catalonia

Aim
Germany and Catalonia hereby publish a call 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 with high market potential.

Target Group
at least one Catalan and one German medium-sized company; universities as partners

Duration
max. 3 years

Deadline
10 October 2019

Further information
website of ZIM

Joint Research and Development Projects of medium-sized Companies between Germany and Argentina

Aim
Argentina and Germany hereby publish a call for proposals for joint research and development projects (R&D projects) for the development of innovative products, processes or technical services from 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
one company each from Germany and Argentina; universities as partners

Duration
max. 3 years

Deadline
29 November 2019

Further information
website of ZIM
GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION (DFG)

Walter Benjamin Programme

**Aim**
The acquisition of funding for an independent research project lays the foundation for a further, increasingly independent scientific career and strengthens the desired personal responsibility of particularly qualified postdoctoral researchers. The programme thus serves to promote early scientific careers and aims to support mobility and thematic development relevant in this career phase.

**Target Group**
scientists exclusively at an early stage of their scientific careers

**Duration**
up to 2 years

**Funding**
This depends on the choice of module:
- **Walter Benjamin Scholarship**: if you would like to carry out your research project abroad.
- **Walter Benjamin position**: if you would like to carry out your research project in German.

Irrespective of the module selected, a general research cost subsidy (for material and travel costs as well as publication costs) and possibly increased publication costs (book) are granted.

**Deadline**
Proposals can be submitted at any time.

**Further information**
website of the DFG

Digitisation of Historical Newspapers of the German-speaking Area

**Aim**
The aim of the call for proposals is to increase the number of digitised newspapers in a coordinated and significant manner and to provide central evidence for research. The aim is to achieve a representative cross-section of the newspaper tradition in Germany that takes account of historical diversity. In order to provide the various scientific disciplines with research-relevant stocks, to meet the already existing demand in research and to create a comparatively fast and cost-effective entry into large-scale and structured digitisation, both original newspaper stocks and microfilmed newspapers can be considered as digitisation templates. The quality of the original is essential in this context and must be taken into account in the digitisation projects.

**Target Group**
digitization with Optical Character Recognition (OCR)

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
15 August 2019 (submission of a 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
Priority Programme “Auditory Cognition in Interactive Virtual Environments – AUDITIVE” (SPP 2236)

**Aim**  “AUDICTIVE aims to significantly extend the knowledge of hearing-related cognitive performances in real-life scenes and to enable creating “auditory-cognition-validated” VR technology. AUDICTIVE targets fundamental research addressing the three research priorities (a) “auditory cognition”, (b) “interactive audiovisual virtual environments”, and (c) “quality evaluation methods”, the latter being located at the interface between (a) and (b).”

**Target Group**  scientists from the field of acoustics, cognitive psychology, and computer science/virtual reality

**Duration**  3 years

**Funding**  as requested

**Deadline**  4 December 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 20 November 2019)

**Further information**  website of the DFG

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Priority Programme "Transottomanica: Eastern European - Ottoman - Persian Movement Dynamics" (SPP 1981)

**Aim**  The priority programme concentrates on processes of migration, travel, knowledge circulation, trade and the mobility of entire societies between the Tsarist Empire, Poland-Lithuania, the Ottoman Empire and Persia in relational social spaces, each with a very different range. As for the first phase, proposals can be submitted within the framework of three selected thematic research corridors, each of which opens up different perspectives on some of the same phenomena: 1) mobile players, 2) knowledge circulation, 3) trade and goods.

**Target Group**  historians

**Duration**  3 years

**Funding**  as requested

**Deadline**  31 December 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 17 December 2019)

**Further information**  website of the DFG
Call for Papers 4th DFG Symposium in Media Studies on the Topic of “Filters”

**Aim**
“The 4th Symposium in Media Studies addresses the entire range of operations and technologies of filtering within their systematic contexts. The concept of filtering, with its material, aesthetic and political implications addresses the multifarious approaches and facets of media studies and draws novel connections between them. Furthermore, the concept enables to take up current public debates regarding digitalisation and to develop robust media studies positions, to be discussed in four sections: (1) the **history, materiality and aesthetics of filter**, (2) **algorithmic filters in digital cultures**, (3) **the politics of filtering**, and (4) **media studies as an actor in academic research and the public sphere**.”

**Target Group**
scientists from the field of **media studies**

**Deadline**
31 August 2019 (submission of abstracts)

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

Priority Programme “Bioelectrochemical and Engineering Fundamentals to Establish Electro-biotechnology for biosynthesis – Power to Value-added Products (eBiotech) (SPP 2240)"

**Aim**
“In order to **design and optimise electrodes and corresponding scalable bio-reactor systems**, the programme focuses especially on the following aspects: 1) investigation of **electrode-biocatalysts interactions** on a quantitative and mechanistic level; 2) improvement of the **electron transfer rate** by tailor-made electrodes or use of novel mediators; 3) development and detailed characterisation of **novel reactor concepts** with high energetic efficiency and suitable for both fundamental study and potential scale-up; 4) design and characterisation of **integrated reactors** to combine electrochemical and biotechnological steps, ideally in one reactor.”

**Target Group**
collaborations between groups of natural science and engineering across locations

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
18 December 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 1 December 2019)

**Further information**
website of the [DFG](https://www.dfg.de)
Priority Programme “Bioelectrochemical and Engineering Fundamentals to Establish Electro-biotechnology for Biosynthesis – Power to Value-added Products (eBiotech)” (SPP 2240)

**Aim**
“This Priority Programme focuses on fundamentals of electro-biotechnology. Specifically, scientific questions from basic electron transfer mechanisms in bio-electrochemical systems (BES) to fundamental reactor and microorganism design should be studied quantitatively and systematically. For these purposes new and more reliable methods and tools are to be developed for quantitative analysis, modelling and system-level understanding of BES. Based on mechanistic and system-level understanding, design principles should be worked out to develop suitable electrodes and bioreactors and to establish new extracellular electron transfer pathways and electroactive biocatalysts (enzymes and microorganisms) for efficient biosynthesis.”

**Target Group**
interdisciplinary collaboration in tandem projects

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
30 September 2019 (submission of a proposal outline)

**Further information**
website of the DFG

Priority Programme “2D Materials – Physics of van der Waals [hetero]structures (2DMP)” (SPP 2244)

**Aim**
“Successful proposals shall address the exploration of 2DMP’s fundamental research goal: to explore and to deeply understand the physical phenomena in 2D vdW materials that are emerging from interlayer interactions, moiré superstructures and/or proximity effects. Each project shall advance at least one of the following three Research Areas:

A - electronic properties and transport […]

B - optical and optoelectronic effects […]

C - collective and correlated phenomena and novel topological states emerging in 2D vdW [hetero]structures […]”

**Target Group**
It is expected that each principal investigator (PI) is involved only in one proposal. Applications for proposals covering more than one research area (A, B, C) are encouraged and can be either individual or consortial proposals (2 to 3 PI).

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
13 November 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 30 October 2019)

**Further information**
website of the DFG
Priority Programme "Cyclical Damage Processes in High Performance Concretes in the Experimental Virtual Lab" (SPP 2020)

Aim The scientific objective of the Priority Programme is to record, understand, describe, model and predict material degradation in high-performance concretes under fatigue stress using a combination of the latest experimental and virtual-numerical methods. The focus is on the determination of findings on microstructural behaviour and damage processes in concrete structures as well as on the development of effective calculation models and evaluation methods.

The methodology of the Experimental Virtual Lab to be developed in this priority programme should be the basis for future, completely new procedures in the evaluation and (further) development of building materials. The investigations are to be carried out in three working areas:

- recording and characterisation of damage mechanisms
- modelling of material degradation in high-performance concretes
- degradation prognosis

Target Group scientists from the fields of building materials science and mechanics; tandem applications are encouraged.

Duration 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 7 October 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 30 September 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

Indo-German Collaborative Research Activities in Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics

Aim "Pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Department of Science and Technology, India (DST), and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation), DST and DFG are opening the possibility for joint Indo-German research project funding in the fields of chemistry, mathematics, physics [...]."

Target Group joint project proposals from teams of Indian and German (early-career) researchers;

Duration 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 20 November 2019

Further information website of the DFG
Quality Assurance of Research Software through its Sustainable Utilization

**Aim**
The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) requests applications for the **sustainable utilization of research software**. The aim of these proposals should be to make research software that has the potential to be used in research well beyond its original context available for reuse and possible further development, and to make it accessible to a specialist community for quality assurance purposes. The projects should be oriented towards **best practice examples** of user-centred further development and community-based quality assurance or even the development of entire software ecosystems, or should develop and test new and innovative concepts for this purpose.

**Target Group**
The current version of the research software must have been developed in substantial parts within the framework of a DFG-funded research project.

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
6 November 2019

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

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Priority Programme “Dynamics of Ore Metals Enrichment – DOME” (SPP 2238)

**Aim**
“The Priority Programme addresses open questions regarding the dynamics of **ore metals enrichment in nature**. Economic ores of most metals require enrichment by a factor of about 1000 from the typical concentrations in Earth’s crust and mantle. Providing resources for the present and future generations requires effective, knowledge-based predictive models of how this enrichment takes place. […] Key aspects and focus areas of the Priority Programme are: (1) **research on natural systems**, (2) **laboratory and numerical simulation studies**.”

**Target Group**
researchers from the field of **Earth and Environmental Sciences**

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
1 October 2019

**Further information**
website of the [DFG](https://www.dfg.de)
Priority Programme “Atmospheric and Earth System Research with the High Altitude and Long Range Research Aircraft (HALO)” (SPP 1294)

**Aim**
“Funds provided within the Priority Programme help to develop high-tech sensors and instruments, and to implement them for atmospheric studies. HALO enables earth system research on a high international level. Main foci of the scientific investigations are:

- sources, properties and processing of aerosol particles
- formation, evolution and radiative effects of clouds and precipitation
- transport and dynamics in the troposphere and lower stratosphere
- transport and transformation of chemical composition: multiphase and photochemical processing
- atmospheric coupling processes.”

**Target Group**
scientists from the field of earth sciences

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
23 October 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 9 October 2019)

**Further information**
website of the [DFG](http://www.dfg.de)
FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING BODIES

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

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  13 September 2019

Further information  website of the AvH Academic Refugee Support at the University of Cologne

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

East-West Dialogue: Higher Education Dialogue with the Countries of the Western Balkans

Aim  The programme is intended to contribute to the strengthening of civil societies, the development of democracy and the reduction of ethnic conflicts in the target region. In this way the programme also contributes to the sustainable development of academic teaching and research, to the promotion of young researchers and to cross-border professional cooperation in the region.

Target Group  German universities or their departments and institutes or research institutions that maintain partnership relations with universities or research institutions in the respective regions

Duration  1 year

Funding  usually € 40,000

Deadline  23 September 2019

Further information  website of the DAAD
### Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World

**Aim**  
“The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) supports the “Higher Education Dialogue with the Muslim World” programme using funding from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme supports the strengthening of ties between higher education institutions in Germany and in the Muslim world and encourages academic and cultural dialogue between students and young academics from Germany and the partner countries.”

**Target Group**  
“Particularly welcome are projects relevant to relations between Germany and the Muslim world, the development of partner regions and the formation of a knowledge society, and in which higher education institutions contribute to this development through teaching and research.”

**Duration**  
max. 1 year

**Funding**  
max. € 100,000

**Deadline**  
19 September 2019

**Further information**  
website of the DAAD

### Partnership Programme with the University of Tsukuba 2020-2021

**Aim**  
“The focus will be on consolidating existing partnerships and initiating new partnerships with the University of Tsukuba under an existing partnership agreement or memorandum of understanding to enter into a partnership. Special emphasis will be placed on the qualification of young academics.”

**Target Group**  
German universities

**Duration**  
max. 2 years

**Funding**  
max. € 22,500

**Deadline**  
16 September 2019

**Further information**  
website of the DAAD

### Kyoto University Partnership Programme 2020-2021

**Aim**  
“The aim of the programme is to establish long-term research partnerships and networks between German universities and the University of Kyoto and its partner institutions. The special focus is on the strengthening and international qualification of young scientists against the background of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).”

**Target Group**  
German universities

**Duration**  
1 year

**Funding**  
max. € 10,000

**Deadline**  
16 September 2019

**Further information**  
website of the 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 June, the call for proposals for the following countries was launched: Finland, India (DST), India (UGC), Japan (JSPS), Norway, Portugal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

**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

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**Aim**
“Existing and new conflicts in the regions of Eastern Europe pose a threat to security and cooperation in Europe. Academic exchange and scientific cooperation can make an important contribution to promoting dialogue and civil society development in and with regions.

The aim of the programme is therefore to promote dialogue and understanding, conflict research and the development of concepts and instruments for conflict management and conflict prevention in the target countries. The programme also focuses on promoting democratisation processes, the rule of law, good governance, the protection of minorities and civil society development.”

**Target Group**
German universities

**Duration**
1 year

**Funding**
Module A (specialist courses, workshops, conferences, seminars, study trips, summer schools or conferences): max. €40,000;

Module B: 3 months-stipends for research projects

**Deadline**
2 September 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 DAAD
German-Iraqi Academic Partnerships in 2020

**Aim**  “The aim of the programme is to support the development and expansion of the higher education landscape in Iraq. It helps to identify academic partners and initiate higher education relations between Germany and Iraq, thus creating and promoting sustainable structures at the partner institution(s). The programme mainly focuses on improving and developing teaching in the partner country.”

**Target Group**  State or state-approved German higher education institutions and/or research institutes

- **Duration**  1 year
- **Funding**  max. € 25,000
- **Deadline**  30 August 2019
- **Further information**  website of the DAAD

Summer Schools in Germany

**Aim**  The programme serves the implementation of high-quality summer schools in Germany for foreign students and/or doctoral students to provide information on Germany as a location for study and research as well as on German culture and geography."

The programme aims at:

- gaining qualified foreign students and/or young academics
- further professional training in current research areas as well as professional and cultural exchange between foreign and German participants
- insight into German teaching and research practice or, at art and music colleges, into new artistic developments for foreign participants
- positioning of German universities on the international education market (e.g. integration into the university's own internationalization strategy)

**Target Group**  German universities

- **Duration**  summer school: at least 1 week and a maximum of 4 weeks
- **Funding**  € 25,000 (plus € 5,000 for the integration of one or more digital components)
- **Deadline**  12 September 2019
- **Further information**  website of the DAAD
Summer Schools Abroad

Aim
The programme serves the implementation of high-quality summer schools abroad for foreign students and/or doctoral students in order to provide information on Germany as a location for study and research as well as on German culture and geography.

The programme aims at:
- gaining qualified foreign students and/or young academics
- continuing professional education in current research areas as well as professional and cultural exchange between foreign and German participants
- insight into German teaching and research practice or, at art and music universities, into new artistic developments for foreign participants
- positioning of German universities on the international education market

Target Group
German universities

Duration
summer school: at least 1 week and a maximum of 4 weeks

Funding
€ 25,000 (plus € 5,000 for the integration of one or more digital components)

Deadline
12 September 2019

Further information
website of the DAAD

Bilateral Exchange of Scientists

Aim
In order to improve international relations and bilateral research cooperation between German and foreign universities, the DAAD promotes the mutual exchange of scientists and scholars from partner countries. The exchange of scientists and scholars is based on cultural exchange programmes and bilateral agreements with foreign partner organisations.

Target Group
German scientists who generally have a PhD and work at universities and research institutions in Germany

Duration
stays of at least 14 days to max. 3 months

Funding
travel costs, subsistence costs, daily allowance

Deadline
applications are possible for most regions at any time, but must be submitted to the DAAD at least 3 months before the planned stay

Further information
website of the DAAD
Become a Fellow at the National Humanities Center

Aim  “The National Humanities Center will offer up to **40 residential fellowships for advanced study in the humanities** for the period September 2020 through May 2021. […] In addition to scholars from all fields of the humanities, the Center accepts individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life who are engaged in humanistic projects. The Center is international in scope and welcomes applications from scholars outside the United States.”

Target Group  Applicants with a **doctorate** or equivalent scholarly credentials; **mid-career** and **senior scholars** are encouraged to apply.

Duration  **9 months**

Funding  **half salary up to $65,000** with the expectation that a Fellow’s home institution will cover the remaining salary; **travel expenses** to and from North Carolina and **dependents living** with the Fellow in North Carolina during the fellowship

Deadline  **10 October 2019**

Further information  website of the [National Humanities Center](http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org)
FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

Franco-German University (DFH)

Scientific Events for Early-career Scientists

Aim The Franco-German University (DFH) promotes Franco-German events for early-career scientists (doctoral and postdoctoral students) with the aim of networking scientists and developing the Franco-German scientific dialogue. The events are intended to promote a fruitful exchange between the German and French scientific communities within the framework of a scientific topic or an interdisciplinary and innovative approach. The format comprises both individual events and series of events. The call is open to all fields of research. Additionally, there are two key topics: Digitisation and Europe.

Target Group German and French universities as well as non-university research institutions; the involvement of a third country is possible and supported.

Duration The events must be scheduled for a minimum of 2 days and a maximum of 4 weeks.

Funding Usually between € 2,000 and € 15,000

Deadline 15 September 2019

Further information website of the DFH

National Humanities Center

Become a Fellow at the National Humanities Center

Aim “The National Humanities Center will offer up to 40 residential fellowships for advanced study in the humanities for the period September 2020 through May 2021. […] In addition to scholars from all fields of the humanities, the Center accepts individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life who are engaged in humanistic projects. The Center is international in scope and welcomes applications from scholars outside the United States.”

Target Group Applicants with a doctorate or equivalent scholarly credentials; emerging scholars with a strong record of peer-reviewed work

Duration 9 months

Funding Half salary up to $65,000 with the expectation that a Fellow’s home institution will cover the remaining salary; travel expenses to and from North Carolina and dependents living with the Fellow in North Carolina during the fellowship

Deadline 10 October 2019

Further information website of the National Humanities Center
German Historical Institute (DHI) Warsaw

**Stipends**

| **Aim** | The German Historical Institute Warsaw awards scholarships within the framework of its tasks and in accordance with the budget funds available to it to support such research work in the field of **Polish, German-Polish and Polish-Eastern Central European history** that requires a stay in Poland. |
|**Target Group** | early-career researchers |
|**Duration** | one to several months |
|**Funding** | € 1,600 monthly for postdocs, child care costs |
|**Deadline** | 30 September 2019 |
|**Further information** | website of [DHI Warsaw](#) |
PRIZES

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

academics

academics Young Talent Award

Aim The academics Nachwuchspreis annually honours early-career scientists who have sustainably advanced the respective field of science with outstanding research achievements and who are also distinguished by exemplary action and honorary commitment to science.

Target Group doctoral or postdoctoral early-career researchers of all research disciplines up to the age of 35

Endowment € 5,000

Deadline 30 September 2019 (only nominations)

Further information website of the prize

German Association of University Professors and Lecturers (Deutscher Hochschulverband, in short DHV)

University Teacher of the Year

Aim The German Association of Universities and other Higher Education Institutions (Deutscher Hochschulverband) honours university teachers who have outstandingly promoted the reputation of their profession in the public eye through their exceptional commitment.

Target Group every professor who belongs to a German university under corporate law, as well as German professors abroad; an individual or a group of university teachers may be nominated

Endowment € 10,000

Deadline 30 September 2019

Further information website of the prize
Democracy Foundation of the University of Cologne

Foundation Prize

Aim
In accordance with the statutes and the foundation concept, the main task of the Democracy Foundation is to carry out and promote scientific projects that make a peaceful contribution to the deepening of democratic ideas. One of the regular projects is the annual Foundation Prize, which is awarded in two categories: dissertations and postdoctoral theses as well as student theses (bachelor's and master's theses).

Target group
authors for the category of qualification theses with habilitations or dissertations published in 2018

Endowment
prize for dissertations or postdoctoral theses: € 5,000

Deadline
31 July 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

Joachim Herz Foundation

German Prize for Economics

Aim
In 2020, the prize is aimed at scientists who conduct research in the field of work economics and who work at a research institution in Germany. The prize is awarded in two categories:
1st category: best research work by an established scientist
2nd category: best contributions from early-career researchers

Target group
1st category: renowned researchers who have made decisive contributions to the economics of the work
2nd category: PhD students, postdocs and junior professors

Endowment
1st category: € 25,000 (1st place), € 15,000 Euro (2nd place) and € 10,000 (3rd place)
2nd category: € 150,000

Deadline
26 September 2019 (1st category: nomination of possible prize candidates exclusively at the suggestion of the members of the selection committee, 2nd category: self-applications)

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 30 September 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
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**DFG: New Systematic of the Funding Portfolio**
The German Research Foundation (DFG) updated its funding portfolio and introduced different funding foci, such as “Investigators”, “Themes” or “Forum”. The overall classification is composed by these three areas: “Project Proposals by Individuals”, “Collaborative Institutional Proposals” and “Prizes”.
Further information is available here.

**DFG: Review Board Election 2019 - Candidates are confirmed**
The candidates for the election of the members of the Review Boards of the German Research Foundation (DFG) in autumn 2019 have been selected. The corresponding list was approved by the DFG Senate at its meeting at the beginning of July 2019. It comprises 1681 candidates, for whom the approximately 165,000 eligible researchers can cast their votes. The Review Boards evaluate the applications for financial support for research projects and also monitor the maintenance of uniform standards in the peer review process. Their advice is consulted on issues relating to the further development and design of the DFG’s funding programmes.
Further information is available here.

**BMBF: New Framework Programme for the Humanities and Social Sciences**
The new framework programme for the humanities and social sciences "Understanding Society - Shaping the Future" is now published. Around € 700 million have been earmarked for this purpose by 2025.
Further information is available here.

**Horizon 2020: Public consultation on the strategic direction of Horizon Europe published**
The European Commission invites the general public to contribute to the long-term strategic design of the funding activities and to comment on the following questions: What are the most pressing challenges EU-funded research and innovation should face? What are the main objectives it should pursue? The contributions will feed into the preparation of a "Strategic Plan" for Horizon Europe, which will determine the work programmes and calls for proposals for the first four years of the forthcoming Framework Programme.
The consultation is open until 8 September 2019." (Source: National Contact Points for Horizon 2020)
Further information is available here.

**ELectronic Research Funding Information System (ELFI)**
In addition to the individual funding search by the staff of Department 71, the comprehensive ELFI funding database is available to researchers at the University of Cologne free of charge.
Further information is available here.
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