Current Calls for Proposals from National, European and International Third-Party Funding Sources
Prof. Dr. Kroneberg reveals in the interview what was the biggest challenge for him when writing the proposal for his ERC Starting Grant.

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Funding Opportunities for Postdocs in Germany

Webinar
17 October 2019
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9 am PST
Duration: 2h

This webinar gives an overview on current funding opportunities to conduct research in Germany. During the online session, questions can be asked in the chat.

Speakers: Patricia Hoff & Sonja Kloppenburg
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Open Access Publications from completed BMBF-funded Projects (Post Grant Fund)

**Aim**
The purpose of this guideline is to **fund expenses for fees incurred for Open Access publications from completed BMBF-funded projects**. A project within the meaning of this guideline is completed when its funding period has expired. The editions of the publications are eligible for funding if the contributions are published under a licence which grants the reader at least the royalty-free, irrevocable, worldwide right,

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**Target Group**
grant recipients of completed projects funded by the BMBF that are planning an Open Access publication and are not commercial enterprises

**Funding**
up to € 2,400

**Deadline**
continuously open

**Further information**
website of the BMBF

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Selbstvermessung und digitale Selbstbestimmung

**Förderung**
„Gegenstand der Förderung ist […] die Erforschung und Entwicklung von Methoden und Technologien sowie die Analyse gesellschaftlicher Rahmenbedingungen, um die Datenpreisgabe im Rahmen der Selbstvermessung besser zu verstehen und Instrumente für einen verantwortlichen und souveränen Umgang damit schaffen zu können. Projektskizzen können unter anderem die folgenden Aspekte adressieren:

- Anhand von Anwendungsfällen ist zu untersuchen, wie **Gesundheitsdaten** erhoben und genutzt werden können, ohne einen Druck zur Datenpreisgabe zu erzeugen.
- Zu erforschen und zu demonstrieren sind Technologien und Methoden, die einen **verantwortlichen Umgang mit Daten** sicherstellen können, wie beispielsweise Verfahren zur Anonymisierung und zur privatheitsfreundlichen Datenauswertung.
- Im Hinblick auf die Bearbeitung der oben genannten Fragestellungen kann das Phänomen der Selbstvermessung im Kontext der **gesellschaftlichen Rahmenbedingungen** analysiert werden.“

**Zielgruppe**
interdisziplinäre Verbünde

**Förderhöhe**
je nach Beantragung

**Fristende**
18. Oktober 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**
Webseite des BMBF
Ökonomische Aspekte von IT-Sicherheit und Privatheit


**Zielgruppe**  **Verbundprojekte** unter Beteiligung von **Start-ups, KMU sowie mittelständischen Unternehmen**

**Dauer**  3 Jahre

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

**Fristende**  **17. Oktober 2019** (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**  Webseite des [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
Zukunftscluster-Initiative

**Förderung**  "In der Konzeptionsphase erarbeiten die Beteiligten in ihren spezifischen Innovations- und Anwendungsfeldern „Clusterstrategien“ sowie die zu ihrer Umsetzung erforderlichen Projekte der ersten Umsetzungsphase. […] Mittels der Förderung soll das Umsetzen der Forschungs- und Innovationsstrategie unterstützt werden. Die Umsetzungsphasen dienen dazu, die vorhandenen Forschungsergebnisse in Hinblick auf neue Produkte und Dienstleistungen weiter zu entwickeln. Vorrangig werden allerdings Anträge zu folgenden Handlungsfeldern gesehen:

- die Gestaltung von Wirtschaft und Arbeit 4.0 […]
- Lösungen für Mobilität und Kommunikation […]
- Beiträge zu einer ressourceneffizienten Kreislaufwirtschaft und der Energie- […] und Wärmewende,
- die Weiterentwicklung personalisierter Ansätze in der Medizin, insbesondere der Krebsbekämpfung, sowie die Herausforderung der Seltenen Erkrankungen und der Antibiotikaresistenzen."

**Zielgruppe**  Zusammenwirken von Beteiligten aus der Wirtschaft und/oder der Gesellschaft mit der Wissenschaft zur Lösung von gemeinsamen Forschungs-, Entwicklungs- und Innovationsaufgaben (Verbundprojekte)

**Dauer**  Konzeptionsphase: 6 Monate
Umsetzungsphasen: bis zu 3 Jahre pro Förderphase (max. 3 Förderphasen)

**Förderhöhe**  Konzeptionsphase: bis zu 250.000 €
für jede der 3 max. möglichen, aufeinander aufbauenden Umsetzungsphasen: bis zu 5 Mio. € jährlich

**Fristende**  15. November 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze für die Konzeptionsphase; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**  Webseite des 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). The funding is intended to give particularly suitable early-career researchers the opportunity to obtain the prerequisites for an appointment as university lecturer in infection research in the medium term (i.e. after five to seven years).

**Module 1: Clinical Junior Research Groups in Infection Research**  
Funding is provided for particularly qualified doctors with a doctorate who are preferably still undergoing specialist training and who, in addition to their clinical activities, wish to carry out and supervise their own infectious diseases research projects (Clinician Scientists).

**Module 2: Nonclinical Junior Research Groups in Infection Research**  
Funding is provided for excellent scientists who have a doctorate with an infectiological focus, e.g. in a natural science, computer science or social sciences, and who would like to establish a junior research group.

**Target Group**  
Module 2: researchers at least **2 years** after their PhD

**Duration**  
max. **5 years (2 x 2 years extension is possible)**

**Funding**  
as requested

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

**Further information**  
website of the BMBF

Gründungen: Innovative Start-ups für Mensch-Technik-Interaktion

**Förderung**  
„Forschungsteams fördern (Modul 1): Innovationen der MTI an Hochschulen oder außeruniversitären Forschungseinrichtungen. Im Mittelpunkt steht dabei die Förderung von innovativen Forschungs- und Entwicklungsarbeiten, um den Reifegrad der aktuellen Ergebnisse zu erhöhen. […]

Thematische Einzel- und Verbundvorhaben (Modul 2): risikoreiche Forschungs- und vorwettbewerbliche Entwicklungsvorhaben, die technologieübergreifend und anwendungsbezogen sind sowie einen direkten positiven Einfluss auf die Innovationsfähigkeit und erwarteten Wettbewerbschancen der Start-ups haben“

**3 Themenfelder:** intelligente Mobilität, digitale Gesellschaft, gesundes Leben.

**Zielgruppe**  
Modul 1: Forschungsgruppen mit Aussicht auf Potenzial für Ausgründungen  
Modul 2: „Tandem“-Vorhaben mit der „Mutter“-Hochschule/Forschungseinrichtung und ihrem jungen Start-up, Einzelvorhaben eines Start-ups sowie Verbundvorhaben zwischen Start-ups, KMU, Hochschulen und Forschungseinrichtungen

**Dauer**  
18 bis 36 Monate

**Förderhöhe**  
Modul 1: Personal-, Sach- und Reisemittel sowie projektbezogene Investitionen  
Modul 2: max. **400.000 €**

**Fristende**  
jährlich **15. Juli & 15. Januar** (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen**  
Webseite des BMBF
Scientific-Technological Cooperation (STC) with Colombia

**Aim**  The funding relates to staff exchanges, the coordination of bilateral cooperation and the organisation of events. The planned measures are to accompany research projects financed from other sources. Research work itself is not funded under the funding guidelines.

Funding will be provided for projects in the following thematic priority areas:

- Biotechnology,
- Biodiversity,
- Health research,
- Marine research,
- Geosciences.

**Target Group** at least 2 eligible institutions, one from Germany and one from Colombia

**Duration** up to 2 years

**Funding** up to 50,000 €

**Deadline** 2 October 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of the BMBF

Digital Humanities

**Aim** Funding will be provided for innovative, interdisciplinary research projects that further develop the digital humanities in theoretical, methodological and technical respects. The following approaches, among others, are conceivable:

- Modelling, formalisation and operationalisation of humanities theories as a prerequisite for research in the field of digital humanities,
- digital representation, category entanglement and processing of, in particular, multimodal sources for their use in answering questions,
- machine learning, simulations, neural networks etc. as an extension of the classical humanities method repertoire,
- Investigation and comparison of automation potentials and limits in the humanities.

**Target Group** collaborative research projects or junior research groups (postdocs max. 5 years after PhD)

**Duration** projects: max. 3 years

junior research groups: max. 4 years

**Funding** as requested

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

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

**Further information** website of the BMBF
Programme Advocating Women Scientists in STEM (PAWS)

**Aim**
The central objective of the measure is the *sustainable improvement of conditions for women* in scientific institutions, especially in *Africa*.

The projects supported by the grants have to deal with the following tasks:

- Implementation of *joint research projects* of high quality and originality for the mutual benefit of both sides,
- Identification of research topics that address a *local need*,
- Funding for *early-career women scientists*, especially among *African partners*,
- Support for the *international networking* of female scientists.

Funding takes place in two funding phases, one after the other: Phase 1: Definition phase; Phase 2: Main phase.

The research object must be located in the field of *MINT* subjects and address specific *local or regional needs of the African partners*.

**Target Group**
individual or *collaborative* projects; further German partners and min. one cooperation partner from at least one African country are welcome already in Phase 1

**Duration**
Phase 1: 6 months, Phase 2: 4 years

**Funding**
Phase 1: max. € 60,000, Phase 2: max. € 570,000 (The African partners can be supported with federal funds.)

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

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

MARE:N - Coastal, Marine and Polar Research for Sustainability

**Aim**
During the one-year MOSAiC expedition, state-of-the-art measurement methods are used. The backbone is the year-round operation of the research icebreaker Polarstern. Around the ship, a network of observation stations drifting with the ship on the ice is set up at a distance of up to 50 km. This station network consists of autonomous and remote-controlled instruments, which are regularly approached by helicopters from the central ship. The German research aircraft Polar 5 and Polar 6 will complement the measurements on a large scale. So far, scientists have collected their data mainly in the Arctic summer. *MOSAiC will now give scientists the opportunity to do this in the Arctic winter as well*. Accordingly, a very high data volume is expected. Against this background, the evaluation of the collected data and their use for process and climate modelling as well as for remote sensing are to be supported within the framework of this funding measure.

**Target Group**
collaborative projects, collaborations of (junior) research groups

**Duration**
up to 4 years

**Funding**
alliances of (junior) research groups: up to 4 scientific staff members per partner

**Deadline**
31 October 2019 | 31 May 2020 | 30 November 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
Vermeidung von klimarelevanten Prozessemissionen in der Industrie (KlimPro-Industrie)

Förderung


Zielgruppe
industrielle FuE-Vorhaben, die eine ausreichende Innovationshöhe aufweisen, risikoreich sind und ohne Förderung nicht durchgeführt werden könnten

Förderdauer
max. 4 Jahre

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

Fristende
16. Dezember 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

Weitere Informationen
Webseite des BMBF

Quantum active - intuitive outreach concepts for quantum technologies

Aim
At the centre of this funding measure are didactic and outreach projects that offer as many people as possible low-threshold access to knowledge about and their own experiences with modern quantum technologies. Thematically, the projects can focus on the following topics:

- Quantum computers and simulation
- Quantum communication
- Quantum-based measurement technology.

Target Group
individual projects

Duration
12 to 18 months

Funding
max. € 150,000

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

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

Further information
website of the BMBF
Wassertechnologien: Wiederverwendung (FONA)

**Förderung** „Die Fördermaßnahme zur Entwicklung von neuen Technologien und Konzepten für eine ressourcen- und energieeffiziente Wasserwiederverwendung und Entsalzung konzentriert sich auf folgende Themenfelder:

- Wasserwiederverwendung durch Nutzung von behandeltem kommunalem Abwasser;
- Kreislaufführung von industriell genutztem Wasser;
- Aufbereitung von salzhaltigem Grund- und Oberflächenwasser.

Die Verbundprojekte können auf ein Themenfeld fokussiert werden, aber auch eine Kombination der Themenfelder ist möglich.“

**Zielgruppe** Verbundprojekte mit Partnern aus Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft und Praxis; bei international orientierten Projekten: Förderung nur für die deutschen Verbundpartner

**Förderdauer** 3 Jahre

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

**Fristende** 13. September 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BMBF
Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

Schutz von Bienen und weiteren Bestäuberinsekten in der Agrarlandschaft

**Förderung** „Mit der vorliegenden Bekanntmachung sollen, auf Grundlage der maßgeblichen Förderprogramme, innovative FuE-Vorhaben zur Förderung des synergistischen Zusammenwirkens von Bienen und weiterer Bestäuberinsekten, der Imkerei und der Landwirtschaft unterstützt werden. Eine bestäuberfreundliche Landwirtschaft steht dabei im Fokus.

Es werden insbesondere Vorhaben gefördert, die auf Innovationen in folgenden Bereichen abzielen:

a) Gesunde und widerstandsfähige Honigbienen […]
b) Bestäuberfreundlicher Pflanzenschutz und Pflanzenbau […]
c) Maßnahmen in Agrarräumen zur Förderung von Bienen und anderen Bestäuberinsekten […]“

**Zielgruppe** Hochschulen, soweit eine substanzielle Kooperation mit der Privatwirtschaft sichergestellt wird

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

**Fristende** 28. November 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BMEL

Innovationen nicht-chemischer Pflanzenschutzverfahren im Gartenbau

**Förderung** „Mit der vorliegenden Bekanntmachung sollen, auf Grundlage der maßgeblichen Förderprogramme, innovative FuE-Vorhaben gefördert werden, die auf die Anwendung von nicht-chemischen Pflanzenschutzmaßnahmen und -verfahren für den Gartenbau abzielen. Innovationspotenzial wird insbesondere in den folgenden Bereichen gesehen:

(A) Praxistaugliche Diagnose-, Monitoring- und Prognosesysteme […]
(B) Entwicklung sowie Weiterentwicklung von alternativen Pflanzenschutzverfahren […]
(C) Biologischer Pflanzenschutz […]
(D) Strategien zur Risikominderung durch Kombination unterschiedlicher Verfahren/Integrierte Pflanzenschutzsysteme […]
(E) Kulturtechnik und Kulturmaßnahmen […]
(F) Wissenstransfer in die Praxis […]“

**Zielgruppe** Hochschulen, soweit eine substanzielle Kooperation mit der Privatwirtschaft sichergestellt wird

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

**Fristende** 4. Dezember 2019 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BMEL
Food environments for improved nutrition

Aim  The aim is to fund joint research projects between German research institutions and those in countries and regions that are severely affected by hunger and malnutrition. The development of demand-oriented findings and solutions as well as the development of scientific networks and partnerships should be supported. This should also contribute to the further development of local capacities (capacity development).

The focus of the announcement is on researching a target-group-specific understanding of dietary behaviour and habits, their drivers and the possibilities of changing them for a healthy diet. The research projects can relate to both the rural and urban populations in the target regions (or both groups together).

Target Group  consortia consisting of at least one German research institution and at least one research institution from sub-Saharan Africa and/or South or Southeast Asia

Duration  as requested (initiation phase: 5 months)

Funding  as requested (initiation phase: up to € 40,000)

Deadline  15 October 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

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

ZIM: 6 Call for proposals Germany - Canada

Aim  “Germany and Canada are pleased to announce a call for proposals for joint industrial R&D projects focusing on developing innovative products, processes, or technology-based services in all technological and application areas which have strong market potential.”

Target Group  at least one Canadian and one German company; universities as partners

Duration  max. 2 years

Deadline  20 September 2019

Further information  website of ZIM

ZIM: 12 Call for proposals Germany - Israel (EUREKA)

Aim  “Germany and Israel are announcing a call for proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications in all technological and application areas. Applicants are expected to develop market-ready solutions for products, technology-based services or processes with high market potential for Germany, Israel and Europe. Partners apply for their R&D project for a EUREKA label, a pan European network for market-oriented R&D.”

Target Group  at least one Israeli and one German commercial company; universities as partners

Deadline  28 November 2019

Further information  website of ZIM

ZIM: 6 Call for proposals Germany - France

Aim  “France and Germany are announcing a call for proposals for joint R&D projects, focusing on developing innovative products and applications in all technological and application areas. Applicants are expected to develop market-ready solutions for products, technology-based services or processes with high market potential for the French, German, European and/or international market.”

Target Group  at least one French and one German company; universities as partners

Duration  max. 3 years

Deadline  29 November 2019

Further information  website of ZIM
Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community (BMI)

Future Building

**Aim** Research funding is explicitly open to all research priorities and topics that can be expected to contribute to the sustainable development of the building sector. Overarching research questions that take up the increasing number of connections and networks of topics and sound out integrated future perspectives for building and housing are just as welcome as the treatment of special topics that do justice to the claim not to be considered in isolation but embedded in an overall context. Research foci: (1) development of the entire construction process and value chain, (2) added value of architecture and building culture practice, (3) dealing with the building stock, (4) challenges of demographic change, (5) reduction of construction and life cycle costs, (6) development of new materials and techniques against the background of closed-loop economy, (7) establishment of climate and environmentally friendly construction methods.

**Target Group** cooperation between universities and research institutions and commercial or industrial partners, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

**Deadline** 15 October 2019 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of [Future Building](#)

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.
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)

Measures to adapt to the Consequences of Climate Change

**Aim**
With the programme "Measures to adapt to the consequences of climate change", the Federal Environment Ministry supports projects that provide answers to the consequences of global warming such as heat waves, floods or heavy rainfall events and support adaptation to climate change. Support is provided for local and municipal actors, associations and medium-sized enterprises as well as educational institutions in the following three priority areas:

Priority 1: Adaptation concepts for enterprises

Priority 2: Development of educational modules on climate change and climate adaptation

Priority 3: Municipal lighthouse projects and development of local and regional cooperation

**Target Group**
priority 2: educational institutions

**Duration**
priority 2: usually 2 years

**Funding**
priority 2: € 200,000

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

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

[Website of Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH](https://www.zug.de)
Ministry of Economics, Innovation, Digitalisation and Energy of the State of North-Rhine Westfalia

Start-up Transfer.NRW

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<th>The &quot;START-UP-Hochschulausgründung&quot; funding programme is intended to enable university graduates or university teams who are willing to found a company to further develop their innovative ideas with high application potential to market readiness. At the same time, they have the opportunity to continue and refine their business plan and then set up a company. They will be accompanied by individual coaching measures.</th>
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<td>university graduates who are willing to found a company and whose degree is generally no more than 3 years old, university scientists or start-up teams</td>
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Further information website of the [Project Management Jülich](#)
GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION (DFG)

DFG and Fraunhofer: joint cooperation projects in the field of knowledge transfer

**Aim**  Transfer projects must be based on **results generated in DFG-funded research projects**. The project partners take up these results and jointly develop them into a **demonstrator/prototype**. In the case of platform technologies, development is expected on the basis of a concrete application example. The project application must also contain detailed information on the intended marketing.

**Target Group**  **trilateral transfer projects** by scientists from universities, Fraunhofer Institutes and application partners to close the gap between basic research and applications

**Duration**  max. 3 years

**Funding**  € 3 million for 5 transfer projects

**Deadline**  23 September 2019 (project outline)

**Further information**  website of the DFG

Trilateral French-Japanese-German Research Projects on Artificial Intelligence

**Aim**  “The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) together with the French National Research Agency (ANR, France), and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST, Japan) is announcing the first trilateral call for research proposals on “Artificial Intelligence” (AI).

There has been remarkable progress in AI research in recent years. The progress of AI brings a tremendous opportunity, though at the same time it can potentially violate **individual privacy** and the right to **informational self-determination**. The three countries participating in this joint programme share the same values. Based on the added value obtained through the collaboration of the three countries, the aim is to present the direction of **future digital economy and society** through technical progress in AI research to strengthen trust, transparency and fairness as well as improving performance and investigating AI methods.”

**Target Group**  **Trilateral French-Japanese-German Research Projects**

**Funding**  as requested

**Deadline**  25 October 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 18 October 2020)

**Further information**  website of the DFG
German-African Cooperation Projects in Infectiobiology

**Aim**
“The scope of the call includes:

- The investigation of neglected infectious diseases in humans and animals including their social and behavioural aspects.
- The establishment or consolidation of mutually beneficial equal partnerships that allow African researchers to investigate topics of local significance and that open up research opportunities in Africa for German scientists in the long term.
- An additional central goal is to provide support and funding for the academic and professional careers of young African researchers in their home countries in order to contribute to building research capacities in Africa.
- It is furthermore desirable to strengthen research networks within Africa, therefore several African partners may participate in one project.”

**Target Group**
joint research projects between scientists in Germany and Africa investigating infectious diseases including their social and behavioural aspects

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
4 December 2019

**Further information**
website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Exit Strategies of Intracellular Pathogens” (SPP 2225)

**Aim**
“The Priority Programme aims at exploring the spectrum of convergently evolved exit pathways employed by bacterial, parasitic and fungal pathogens with relevance for human health. Considered exit types include exit from the host cell, exit from vacuolar compartment as a prerequisite of host cell exit, and exit from a pathogen-containing cyst. It is the goal of the Priority Programme to dissect the molecular mechanisms that trigger, regulate, mediate, and synchronise the exit programme, and to unveil the link between exit strategy and disease pathogenesis. Projects to be considered for funding shall address at least one of the following aspects:

- the sequential steps of pathogen-specific host cell exit pathways
- the link between exit pathway and host cell specificity
- the endogenous and environmental triggers of host cell exit
- the signalling pathways mediating host cell exit
- the key molecular mediators, regulators and effectors of host cell exit
- the cross-taxa conservation and species-specific variation of host cell exit.”

**Target Group**
researchers from the field cellular and applied infection biology

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
15 January 2020 (registration in the elan portal until 8 January 2020)

**Further information**
website of the DFG
Priority Programme “Exploring the Diversity of Extrasolar Planets” (SPP 1992)

**Aim**

“One of the most exciting recent discoveries in astronomy is the existence of a huge variety of extrasolar planets orbiting other stars, including numerous multi-planet systems. Exoplanets can be very different to those found in our Solar System, and range from the so-called “Hot Jupiter” and “mini-Neptune” gas planets to large rocky planets (“super”-Earths). The Priority Programme aims to explore such diversity and understand its origins. The programme wants to make substantial contributions to answering the following fundamental questions:

- What does the diversity of exoplanets tell us about their formation processes and the evolution of planets and planetary systems?
- What can we learn about the astrophysical conditions necessary to harbour life and are these conditions common in our Milky Way?”

**Target Group**

projects which have a direct relationship to observational exoplanetary data which will become available within the time frame of the programme, their analysis and/or their scientific interpretation.

**Duration**

3 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

13 January 2020

**Further information**

website of the DFG

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**Aim**

Spray flame synthesis offers a promising approach for the production of functional nanomaterials. The potential of the process for the production of technologically highly relevant materials has already been demonstrated in a wide variety of laboratory-scale projects. Compared to existing large-scale gas-phase processes, spray flame synthesis offers access to a wealth of materials that cannot be produced with other processes. However, the actual industrial use often fails due to the necessity of using expensive raw materials and an insufficient understanding of the process. This situation is to be overcome within the framework of the priority programme by an interdisciplinary approach which creates the basis for the practical use and (further) industrial dissemination of spray flame synthesis.

**Target Group**

subprojects within the programme that take into account all three phases (solid: particle, liquid: solution, gaseous: flame) of the spray flame synthesis process

**Duration**

3 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

4 February 2020 (registration in the elan portal until 21 January 2020)

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 “Memristive Devices Toward Smart Technical Systems” (SPP 2262)

Aim
“…A multitude of different devices manufactured in distinct technologies can be classified as memristors or memristive devices. Their most popular application field so far is the non-volatile memory sector. However, in-memory processing, neuro-morphic computing, machine learning, are other emerging areas of practical interest. The MemrisTec programme is devoted to seven main research areas, three concerning theoretical and experimental studies, and four focusing on applications. The integration between experimental results and theory is crucial for advancing the understanding of memristive dynamics. The development of innovative mem-computing paradigms and their implementation through novel memristive circuits and systems will enable fast, adaptive, and low-power data sensing, storage and processing, as required in IoT applications. Memristor-based dynamic processors, extending the functionalities of conventional purely-CMOS computing systems, will be prototyped.”

Target Group
projects envisioning a close interaction between theoreticians and experimentalists, toward the development of memristor-centered bio-inspired, reconfigurable, energy-efficient and real-time computing systems

Duration 3 years
Funding as requested
Deadline 15 October 2019 (registration in the elan portal until 1 October 2019)
Further information website of the DFG
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.

European Research Council (ERC)

ERC Synergy Grants

Funding  “Synergy Grant Groups are expected to demonstrate that they can successfully bring together those elements – such as skills, knowledge, experience, expertise, disciplines, methods, approaches, teams, access to infrastructures – necessary to address the scope and complexity of the proposed research question.” (source: Work Programme 2020)

Target Group  group of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 innovative and active Principal Investigators

Duration  up to 6 years

Funding  max. € 10 million

Deadline  5 November 2019

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

Robert Bosch Stiftung

Our Common Future

Aim  “The goal of Our Common Future is to give teachers and students the ability to actively discover the latest findings in sustainability research as well as how they can play an active role in implementing change. The projects are devised and carried out together with scientists and offer science-based answers to everyday issues like transportation, nutrition and the environment. At the same time, the students become acquainted with university courses related to sustainability.”

Target Group  joint projects of teachers, students and scientists (natural, life, engineering, humanities or social scientists researching sustainability)

Duration  3 years

Funding  research costs (travel expenses, costs for meals), networking activities, excursions, material etc.) and personnel costs to a limited extent (only for students/scientific assistants)

Deadline  30 November 2019 (short application)

Further information  website of the Robert Bosch Stiftung

Fritz Thyssen Stiftung

Conferences

Aim  “The Fritz Thyssen Foundation supports scholarly events, in particular national and international conferences with the aim of facilitating the discussion and analysis of specific scholarly questions as well as fostering cooperation and networking of scholars working in the same field or on interdisciplinary topics.”

An application can be filed in the following areas of support:

- History, Language & Culture
- The interdisciplinary field “Image–Sound–Language”
- State, Economy and Society
- Medicine and the Natural Sciences (“Molecular causes in the development of illnesses”)

Target Group  universities or non-profit research institution, max. 15 to 20 speakers

Funding  travel expenses, costs of accommodation, meal costs for active participants/speakers, generally up to € 1.000 resources to defray incidental conference costs (printing of flyers and posters, conference support by student helpers or assistants, rental costs for conference rooms etc.), childcare costs incurred during the conference

Deadline  30 November 2019 (4 cut-off dates per year)

Further information  website of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation
Deutsch-polnische Wissenschaftsstiftung (DPWS)

**Anträge im Hauptverfahren**

| Zielgruppe | deutsch-polnische Partnerschaft zweier Institutionen; die Beteiligung weiterer Partner aus anderen Ländern ist möglich.
| Förderhöhe | bis zu 80.000 €
| Fristende | 31. Oktober 2019
| Weitere Informationen | Webseite der DPWS

Gerda Henkel Stiftung

**Special Programme “Security, Society and the State”**

| Aim | “The Security, Society and the State research programme […] targets new security-related issues that are prime examples of the post-Cold-War era but have been largely neglected in mainstream research. The programme is intended to encourage junior scholars to pursue unconventional research agendas that are nonetheless crucial, while providing senior scholars with the opportunity to focus intensively on work in progress for a limited period. Moreover, the objective is to combine basic theoretical research with concepts that are applicable to present-day political issues of security policy.” |
| Target Group | universities, other research institutes or comparable institutions as well as one or several postdocs or scholars with post doctoral lecture qualification |
| Duration | up to 2 years |
| Funding | costs for personnel, travel, materials and/or other costs |
| Deadline | 29 November 2019 |
| Further information | website of the Gerda Henkel Foundation |
### General research grants: Scholarships

| **Aim** | “A research scholarship is usually applied for by one scholar who will work on a specific project on his own. […] Applications for a research scholarship can be made in the following fields: Archaeology, History of Art, Historical Islamic Studies, History, History of Science, History of Law, Prehistory and Early History.” |
| **Target Group** | postdocs or scholars with post doctoral lecture qualification; max. 10 years after the PhD |
| **Duration** | 1 month to 2 years |
| **Funding** | monthly scholarship award: €2,300 (postdocs) / €3,100 (scholars with post doctoral lecture qualification), child allowance: €400, monthly endowment for scholarships abroad: €575 (postdocs) / €775 (scholars with post doctoral lecture qualification) |
| **Deadline** | 25 November 2019 |
| **Further information** | website of the Gerda Henkel Foundation |

### Volkswagen Foundation

**Life? – A Fresh Scientific Approach to the Basic Principles of Life**

| **Aim** | „Via this funding initiative the Foundation aims to encourage and support projects that contribute to comprehending fundamental principles of life. Funding can be made available for projects that link up most recent research from the interface between the natural and life sciences promising to achieve significant progress in answering fundamental questions on life itself. Amongst others, the Foundation will consider approaches from Synthetic, Systems or Cell Biology, Xenobiology as well as Biophysics, Prebiotic Chemistry or similar research areas. The main focus of the proposals should be to connect excellent research in the natural and life sciences with the aim to reveal fundamental characteristics of life. Projects dealing with basic biomedical research or treatment of diseases as well as the establishment of biomedical methods are not part of this initiative’s scope.” |
| **Target Group** | researchers at all stages of their postdoctoral career; single or integrative joint projects (up to 5 partners), opt. to include international partners |
| **Duration** | up to 5 years |
| **Funding** | up to €1,5 million |
| **Deadline** | 15 October 2019 |
| **Further information** | website of the Volkswagen Foundation |
FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

Minerva Stiftung

Minerva Fellowships

Aim
“The Minerva Fellowship Programme (funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research) enables Israeli and German scientists to complete a research residency at institutions in the respective other country. Minerva Fellowships are not only intended to promote research but also to strengthen the cultural and scientific exchange between Germany and Israel. Younger scientists (graduates and post docs) get the possibility to further their scientific background while they conduct a research project at their host institution in Israel or Germany.”

Target Group  postdocs max. 7 years after their PhD
Duration  6 months to 2 years
Funding  between € 1,365 and € 1,519 per month, between € 1,042 and € 1,489 monthly country allowance, € 135 monthly for books, travel to conferences etc., € 100 monthly children's allowance
Deadline January 2020 (date to be announced in December 2019)
Further information  website of the Foundation

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Research Fellowships for Early-Career Postdoctoral Scientists - Short-term Fellowships

Aim  The aim of the programme is to carry out a self-chosen research project abroad and thus to achieve an important qualification step for a later career in science, business or culture. Funding is provided for research stays in all disciplines at a host institute abroad of one's own choice. Participation in courses, workshops or similar courses is not funded.

Target Group  candidates with above-average qualifications who completed their PhD before starting their scholarship with very good results (at least magna cum laude or very good)
Duration  3 to 6 months
Funding  € 1,750 monthly, € 1,351 mobility allowance, € 400 child allowance, € 250 research costs, travel allowance
Deadline  15 November 2019
Further information  website of the DAAD
Federal Ministry for Education and Research

Junior Research Groups in Infection Research

**Aim**
Funding is provided for junior research groups that are researching infectious diseases, in particular **antimicrobial resistance (AMR)**. The funding is intended to give particularly suitable early-career researchers the opportunity to obtain the prerequisites for an appointment as university lecturer in infection research in the medium term (i.e. after five to seven years).

**Module 1: Clinical Junior Research Groups in Infection Research**
Funding is provided for particularly qualified doctors with a doctorate who are preferably still undergoing specialist training and who, in addition to their clinical activities, wish to carry out and supervise their own infectious diseases research projects (Clinician Scientists).

**Module 2: Nonclinical Junior Research Groups in Infection Research**
Funding is provided for **excellent scientists who have a doctorate with an infectiological focus**, e.g. in a **natural science, computer science or social sciences**, and who would like to establish a junior research group in a research area with an application focus.

**Target Group**
Module 2: researchers at least **2 years** after their PhD

**Duration**
max. **5 years** (**2 x 2 years extension** is possible)

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
12 September 2019

**Further information**
website of the BMBF

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**Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**

**Habilitationsförderung**

**Förderung**
„Zur Förderung herausragend begabter promovierter Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaftler vergibt die Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Stipendien zur Erlangung der Habilitation. Die Stipendien werden an politikwissenschaftlich oder zeithistorisch ausgerichtete Habilitanden vergeben."

**Zielgruppe**
HabilitandInnen der Neuesten Geschichte, Zeitgeschichte und Politikwissenschaft, max. **5 Jahre** nach der Promotion

**Dauer**
bis zu **1 Jahr**

**Förderhöhe**
max. **1.900 €** monatlich; Forschungskostenpauschale i.H.v. **300 €** monatlich, ggf. Familienzuschlag i.H.v. **155 €** monatlich, Zuschuss für Auslandsaufenthalte

**Fristende**
15. Januar 2020

**Weitere Informationen**
Webseite der Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft

Stipendien

Förderung „Die mit der SOG verbundene Fritz und Helga Exner-Stiftung fördert den wissen- schaftlichen Nachwuchs aus Deutschland und Südosteuropa durch Stipendien für kürzere Forschungsaufenthalte in der jeweiligen anderen Region. Gefördert werden Forschungsvorhaben mit historischem bzw. zeithistorischem Schwerpunkt."

Zielgruppe Postdocs max. 4 Jahre nach der Promotion

Förderhöhe Reisekosten nach Südosteuropa und zurück (Bahn 2. Klasse und/oder Flug Economy Class, Spartarif); Tage- und Übernachtungsgeld für den Aufenthalt von StipendiatInnen aus den südosteuropäischen Ländern in Deutschland in Höhe von € 50 pro Tag (für max. 28 Tage)

Fristende Ende Dezember

Weitere Informationen Webseite der Südosteuropa-Stiftung

German Historical Institute Paris (DHI Paris)

Stipends

Aim The German Historical Institute Paris (DHIP) funds early-career researchers in the field of historical sciences. It awards scholarships for research projects on French, German-French, African and digital history. The DHIP supports ongoing research projects in their implementation (mobility scholarships, resident scholarships) as well as the development of new research projects (research start scholarships).

Target Group postdocs

Funding monthly € 2,000 for postdocs and € 2,500 for researchers who have completed their postdoctoral thesis

Deadline continuously open

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 DHIP
Eugen Ewig Stipends

**Aim**  The DHIP supports postdoctoral researchers on their way to becoming professors when applying for third-party funding. The aim of the grant is to prepare an individual project financing or, preferably, a research group within the framework of the Institute’s thematic priorities.

**Target Group**  postdocs

**Duration**  4 months

**Funding**  stipend and family allowance, if applicable

**Deadline**  continuously open

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 DHIP
PRIZES

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

University of Cologne

University Prize 2019

**Aim**  The University of Cologne awards the University Prize 2019 in the categories "Research", "Teaching and Studies" and "Administration". The research prize is awarded for an outstanding scientific lifetime achievement.

**Target Group**  University lecturers and academic employees

**Deadline**  11 October 2019 (nominations)

**Further information**  website of the prize

University of Augsburg, FiLL e. V. & City of Augsburg

Augsburg Science Prize for Intercultural Studies 2020

**Aim**  The Augsburg Science Prize for Intercultural Studies, which was first awarded in 1997 on the initiative of the founder of FiLL e. V., the entrepreneur and later winner of the Augsburg Peace Prize Helmut Hartmann, honours outstanding achievements by early-career scientists whose research deals with intercultural reality in Germany and the associated questions and challenges.

**Target Group**  scientific qualification theses (for dissertations or postdoctoral theses) submitted to a German university no more than 2 years before the deadline

**Endowment**  € 5,000

**Deadline**  31 October 2019

**Further information**  website of the prize
Seed Funding by the University of Cologne

**Aim**

“By offering a seed funding, the University of Cologne intends to support its researchers in the preparation and application for third-party funded projects. The program is open to all fields of research. Proposals for **coordinated programs** and **cooperative projects** are funded, i.e. collaborative projects with several Principal Investigators (PI), whereby the PI of the University of Cologne acts as coordinator. Individual proposals are not funded. Consultation with the responsible project manager of Division 7 for Research Management Patricia Hoff is obligatory for applicants.”

**Target Group** scientists at the **University of Cologne**

**Duration** as requested

**Funding** The seed funding is designed for **coordination activities** for projects that are already well elaborated. Preliminary scientific work will not be funded. Applications may be submitted for e.g. personnel, material and travel expenses.

**Deadline** 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

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

"Network & Exchange – NetEx" postdoctoral programme

**Aim** „The objective of the programme is to promote **international networking** and increase the career opportunities of female postdoctoral researchers and junior professors of the University of Cologne (UoC) in the scientific community. We aim to achieve this through funding for:

- a **stay abroad** for a female postdoctoral researcher or junior professor from the University of Cologne at a university or research institution abroad,
- a **visit** by an international female researcher at the University of Cologne,
- an **international workshop or symposium** at the University of Cologne."

**Target Group** female junior researchers at the University of Cologne

**Duration** research stays: **3 weeks to 3 months**

**Funding** max. **€ 5,000** for each module; max. **€ 10,000** for all 3 modules

**Deadline** last call for now – 1 October 2019

**Further information** website of **Division 7 Research Management**
Postdoc-Kids&ElderCare

Aim
“The objective of the programme is to provide support for postdoctoral candidates and assistant professors at the University of Cologne who are also responsible for caring for children or have obligations to care for relatives. […] The intention is to provide balance between family life and research and improve the career opportunities for researchers with a strong career potential who also have dependent family members.”

Module 1: child / eldercare subsidy | Module 2: student assistant for research tasks

Target Group “Female postdoctoral candidates and assistant professors who
- are either employed by the University of Cologne or who are conducting research at the University of Cologne funded by a scholarship are eligible to apply.
- have one child aged under 12 years or a disabled child or a relative in their care”

Duration up to 1 year
Funding up to € 3,000 for each module
Deadline last call - 1 October 2019
Further information website of Division 7 Research Management
Online consultation on implementation aspects of Horizon Europe
“The European Commission has launched a public online consultation on implementation aspects of the future EU Research and Innovation Framework Programme Horizon Europe. Both, individuals and representatives of organizations are invited to provide feedback on the following main areas of the Horizon Europe Implementation Strategy: Work Programme design | Submission and Evaluation | Model Grant Agreement | Dissemination and Exploitation | Data and Reporting | Control Strategy | Extended use of simplified forms of costs | Outreach | Digital transformation | European Partnerships | Synergies between EU funding programmes. The consultation is open until **8 September 2019.**” (Source: KoWi)
Further information is available [here](#).

Cologne Competence Center for Research Data Management (C3RDM)
The team of the Cologne Competence Center for Research Data Management (C3RDM) now offers you a contact form for your research data management inquiries!
The contact form is available [here](#).

ELectronic Research Funding Information System (ELFI)
In addition to the individual funding search by the staff of Division 71, the comprehensive ELFI funding database is available to researchers at the University of Cologne free of charge.
Further information is available [here](#).
17 October 2019, 18:00h (noon ET | 9 am PST)
Webinar: Funding Opportunities for Postdocs in Germany
This webinar gives an overview on current funding opportunities for postdocs abroad to come or return to Germany. Both incoming fellowships and return programmes for a research stay in Germany will be presented. In addition, opportunities to start one’s own research group and programmes for professorships will be discussed.
Place: online
Further information & online registration form: https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events

6 November 2019
Workshop on ERC Consolidator Grants
The Division 7 for Research Management of the University of Cologne organises a workshop on the ERC Consolidator Grants in Horizon 2020. Information on the general principles of the ERC and the current call will be given by Dr. Kristina Wien from the National Contact Point ERC. Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Sebastian Diehl, ERC Consolidator Grantee at the Institute for Theoretical Physics, and former ERC Panel Chair, 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

Drittmittel erfolgreich einwerben – Möglichkeiten für Postdocs
In diesem Workshop werden Ihnen die wichtigsten Grundlagen der Forschungsförderung vermittelt, und es wird Ihnen aufgezeigt, welche Ressourcen und Voraussetzungen Sie benötigen, um von einer Forschungsidee zu einem Forschungsprojekt zu gelangen. Dabei spielt auch eine Rolle, wo Sie sich auf Ihrem wissenschaftlichen Karriereweg sehen, und wo Sie hinwollen.
Ort: Seminarzentrum, Kerpernerstrasse 15, Köln
Weitere Informationen: https://fortbildung.verw.uni-koeln.de/default.aspx?act=det&pid=-688696063&kid=1195075300

19.09.2019
EUB: Horizont 2020 für EinsteigerInnen
Bonn

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NKS-L Symposium
Frankfurt am Main

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EUB: Horizont 2020 für Antragstellende
Bonn

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