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from Division 7 Research Management
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Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Measures for the Transfer and Consolidation of Lifeworld-oriented Development Projects in Adult Literacy and Basic Education

**Aim**
Funding is available for projects that evaluate and further develop, and in particular transfer and consolidate, the concepts, measures, products or cooperation models developed and tested within the framework of the BMBF call for proposals ‘lifeworld-oriented development projects in adult literacy and basic education’.

The projects to be funded must be oriented towards at least two of the following fields of action:

- **A. Network** and cooperation structures in lifeworld-oriented literacy and basic education
- **B. Literacy** and basic education programmes with a lifeworld orientation
- **C. Teaching** and learning processes in lifeworld-oriented literacy and basic education

**Target group**
institutions active in adult literacy and basic education as well as institutions active in the lifeworld with a socio-spatial reference, which are exclusively active in the non-economic sector and are already active within the framework of a project cooperation via the current funding priority "Lifeworld-oriented development projects in adult literacy and basic education". The following types of project continuation are possible within the transfer or continuation projects:

- as a collaborative project with the same project partners
- as a collaborative project with (partly) new project partners who are particularly suitable for achieving the project goals
- as an individual project

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to € 300,000 per year

**Deadline**
11 March 2021 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**INTERNAL PROCEDURE:** Please note, that the application form must be signed by an authorised representative of the university (in German: “rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift”). Therefore, please contact Department 73 - National Funding as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de) to arrange an appointment for the support with the proposal preparation.

**Further information**
website of the [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
Project Funding with the Republic of India with the Participation of Industry and Science (2 + 2 projects) on the Priority Topic of "Additive Manufacturing"

**Aim**  
“Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), established by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Government of Germany, invites First Stage Proposals for joint R&D&I projects of **industrial relevance** in 2+2 Mode of Partnership in the thematic area **Additive Manufacturing** with subtopics

- New Materials for Additive Manufacturing
- Printed and Wearable Electronics
- Large scale Additive Manufacturing
- In situ Process Monitoring and Control
- 3d printing processes for biomedical devices and implants.”

**Target group**  
**consortium** (minimum 4 partners) consisting of **one research / academic institute** and **one public / private industry** from both **India** and **Germany**

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

**Funding**  
up to **€ 450,000** for the German applicants per project

**Deadline**  
25 February 2021 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**INTERNAL PROCEDURE**: Please note, that the application form must be signed by an authorised representative of the university (in German: "rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift"). Therefore, please contact Department 73 - National Funding as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de) to arrange an appointment for the support with the proposal preparation.

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Hybrid Interaction Systems to Maintain Health even in Exceptional Situations

**Aim** Exceptional situations such as pandemics threaten health-related quality of life. At the same time, health care and social life remain highly dependent on activities where there is a risk of infection. This dilemma can be mitigated through hybrid interactive technologies. For example, in dealing with the SARS-CoV2 pandemic, few interactive technologies are used for contact-reduced healthcare compared to other application areas. The lack of suitable interaction systems as well as the difficulties in adapting existing systems and processes are particularly evident here. The aim of this funding measure is therefore to maintain health-related quality of life in exceptional situations that make physical contact difficult by using hybrid interaction technologies. To this end, the aim is to relieve the burden on health care and support a more efficient transition of health care from everyday life to health care facilities and vice versa.

**Target group** commercial enterprises, universities, research institutions and civil society actors; participation of start-ups, SMEs or medium-sized enterprises as project partners in the collaborative project with at least 25% of the total funding amount.

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** up to 100% of eligible project-related expenditure and a project lump sum of 20% for higher education institutions

**Deadline** 10 February 2021 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**INTERNAL PROCEDURE:** Please note, that the application form must be signed by an authorised representative of the university (in German: "rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift"). Therefore, please contact Department 73 - National Funding as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de) to arrange an appointment for the support with the proposal preparation.

**Further information** website of the [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
Funding for a Consolidation Phase (Extended Pilot Phase) to Establish a Bioeconomy Monitoring System

**Aim** Funding is provided for a consortium of public and/or private research institutions to further develop the methodological basis for a comprehensive monitoring of the bioeconomy on the basis of the results obtained to date and to submit further pilot reports on the monitoring of the bioeconomy at regular intervals. The object of the funding is scientific research during a second pilot phase.

In setting up the monitoring, the funded consortium is to cooperate with actors who work on complementary aspects of the bioeconomy on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture or the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, and seek cooperation with the Federal Statistical Office and, where appropriate, other national and European research institutions.

**Target group** consortium of public and/or private research institutions

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** up to 100% of eligible project-related expenditure and a project lump sum of 20% for higher education institutions

**Deadline** 30 April 2021

**INTERNAL PROCEDURE:** Please note, that the application form must be signed by an authorised representative of the university (in German: "rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift"). Therefore, please contact Department 73 - National Funding as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de) to arrange an appointment for the support with the proposal preparation.

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

Joint Call 2020: Digital Transformation for Green Energy (MICALL20)

**Aim**  
“The overall aim of the Joint Call 2020 is to support transnational research and innovation activities, unleashing the potential of digital transformation for a sustainable energy society. By accelerating the implementation, adaption and knowledge creation of digital solutions also in energy systems and networks, this call supports the following objectives:

- Advance the green energy transition in all sectors of the energy system while ensuring security of supply
- Shaping new transnational business and investment opportunities by sector coupling and development of new value chains in innovative and cost-effective energy solutions, thereby creating new employment opportunities and contributing to the development of an environmentally sustainable financial growth
- Ensuring social sustainability and coherence with digitalisation in other sectors in the progression of the green energy transition.”

**Target group**  
at least two independent legal entities applying for funding from two different countries (consortia of 5-8 partners for medium-sized projects are typical, but this does not exclude smaller/larger projects)

**Duration**  
up to 3 years

**Funding**  
€ 1 to 2 million for medium-sized projects

**Deadline**  
17 February 2021 (compulsory registration of interest deadline)  
6 May 2021 (full proposal submission deadline)

**INTERNAL PROCEDURE**: Please note, that along with the proposal a draft of a contract between all project partners regulating the terms of their cooperation (Consortium Agreement) has to be submitted. In this case, the contract management of Division 7 Research Management has to be involved as soon as the proposal writing and contract negotiations start. Therefore, please contact Department 73 as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de).

**Further information**  
website of the BMWi
CO² Capture and Utilization in the Primary Industry

Aim
The federal government's goal is to close technical gaps in the capture and use of CO² in basic industries.

1. CO² capture: Scaling CO² capture processes from TRL 6 toward market readiness is a focus of the "CO² Prevention and Utilization in Primary Industries" funding program.

2. CCU/CO² cycles: A major problem with current CO² utilization concepts is the lack of a CO² Infrastructure and thus the ability to cycle CO².

3. CO² infrastructure

Target group collaborative projects under the leadership of an industrial partner

Duration not specified

Funding not specified

Deadline 15 March 2021 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

INTERNAL PROCEDURE: Please note, that along with the proposal a draft of a contract between all project partners regulating the terms of their cooperation (Consortium Agreement) has to be submitted. In this case, the contract management of Division 7 Research Management has to be involved as soon as the proposal writing and contract negotiations start. Therefore, please contact Department 73 as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de).

Further information website of the BMWi

Hydrogen Technology Offensive

Aim
Funding is available for research and development projects on the production, infrastructure and use of hydrogen that contribute to the overarching goals of the National Hydrogen Strategy and can be assigned to the topic areas described below.

subject area 1: Generation of hydrogen and downstream products
subject area 2: Hydrogen infrastructure: storage and transport
topic 3: Utilization
topic 4: Standardization and quality management
topic 5: System analytical aspects

Target group collaborative projects under the leadership of an industrial partner

Duration 3 years

Funding not specified

Deadline 30 April 2021 (first selection of the project outlines: 28 February 2021)

INTERNAL PROCEDURE: Please note, that along with the proposal a draft of a contract between all project partners regulating the terms of their cooperation (Consortium Agreement) has to be submitted. In this case, the contract management of Division 7 Research Management has to be involved as soon as the proposal writing and contract negotiations start. Therefore, please contact Department 73 as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de).

Further information website of the BMWi
Innovationen im urbanen Gartenbau

Förderung „Mit der vorliegenden Bekanntmachung sollen innovative Vorhaben der industriellen Forschung und der experimentellen Entwicklung unterstützt werden, die auf innovative Produkte, Verfahren, Dienstleistungen und Konzepte für den Gartenbausektor im urbanen Raum abzielen. Innovationspotenzial wird in der Erforschung und Entwicklung in den folgenden Bereichen gesehen: (A) Grüne Infrastruktur in der Stadt […], (B) Gartenbauproduktion in urbanen und periurbanen Räumen.“

Zielgruppe Unternehmen, insbesondere kleine und mittlere Unternehmen sowie Hochschulen und außeruniversitäre Forschungs- und Entwicklungseinrichtungen, soweit eine substantielle Kooperation mit der Privatwirtschaft sichergestellt ist; insbesondere Start-ups

Dauer k.A.

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

Fristende 26. März 2021 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze, zweistufiges Verfahren)

INTERNES VERFAHREN: Bitte beachten Sie, dass das Antragsformular von einem/n bevollmächtigten VertreterIn der Universität unterschrieben werden muss („rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift“). Wenden Sie sich daher bitte an die Abteilung 73 - Nationale Förderung, sobald Sie sich für eine Antragstellung entschieden haben (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de), um einen Termin für die Unterstützung bei der Antragsvorbereitung zu vereinbaren.

Weitere Informationen Webseite des BLE
Reduzierung von Kunststoffverpackungen entlang der Lebensmittelkette

**Förderung** „Mit der vorliegenden Bekanntmachung sollen innovative Forschungs- und Entwicklungsanliegen gefördert werden, die auf eine Reduzierung von Kunststoffverpackungen und -abfällen entlang der Lebensmittelkette abzielen. Die weiter oben geschilderten Zielkonflikte sollen hierbei berücksichtigt werden. Bei der Entwicklung entsprechender Vorhaben wird empfohlen, möglichst mehrere Partner entlang der Wertschöpfungskette einzubeziehen, um eine Umsetzung zu gewährleisten. Innovationspotenzial wird insbesondere in den folgenden Bereichen gesehen: (A) Entwicklung und Optimierung von Verpackungslösungen mit reduziertem Kunststoffeinsatz [...], (B) Weiterentwicklung der Kreislaufwirtschaft von Kunststoffverpackungen [...], (C) Akzeptanz/Verhaltensänderung bei Verbraucherinnen und Verbrauchern."

**Zielgruppe** Unternehmen, insbesondere kleine und mittlere Unternehmen sowie Hochschulen und außeruniversitäre Forschungs- und Entwicklungseinrichtungen, soweit eine substanzielle Kooperation mit der Privatwirtschaft sichergestellt ist; insbesondere Start-ups

**Dauer** k.A.

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

**Fristende** 18. März 2021 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze, zweistufiges Verfahren)

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**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BLE
ANR-DFG Funding Programme for French-German Research Projects in the Humanities and Social Sciences

**Aim** Since 2007, the joint agreement between the French Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) on scientific cooperation in the humanities and social sciences has made it possible to fund integrated French-German research projects. In 2021, this funding programme will be announced for the 15th time.

The ANR-DFG funding programme does not contain any thematic specifications. However, special attention is paid to intensive French-German cooperation and the specific scientific added value that can be achieved by bringing together nationally shaped scientific traditions in research fields in the humanities and social sciences.

**Target group** joint French-German research projects; postdoctoral researchers

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** as requested

**Deadline** 3 March 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 17 February 2021)

**Further information** website of the DFG

Joint Sino-German Research Projects 2021 in Chemistry, Life Sciences, Medical Sciences and Management Sciences

**Aim** “The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) are continuing their long-standing collaboration in the field of joint Sino-German research projects. This initiative aims to bring together relevant and competitive researchers from Germany and China to design and carry out jointly organised research projects of outstanding scientific quality. Funding within this initiative will be available for collaborative research projects consisting of researchers from both partner countries. Within these research teams, each national funding organisation will generally only fund those project components that are carried out within its own country. The collaborative research projects must involve active communication and cooperation between the participating researchers. [...] The present initiative is open to joint research projects in the fields of chemistry, life sciences, medical sciences and management sciences.”

**Target group** joint Sino-German research projects

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** as requested

**Deadline** 3 March 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 17 February 2021)

**Further information** website of the DFG
COVID-19 Focus Funding: Measures to Prevent Infection in Social Settings and Population Groups

**Aim**
“The focus of this call is on measures relating to individual behaviour and/or contact between people. Applicants are expected to explain the scientific relevance of the social settings and/or population groups chosen with regard to containing the pandemic. In addition to collecting and analysing quantitative and qualitative data on the current pandemic, it is also possible to address the topic from a historical perspective by comparing previous pandemics or by using a modelling approach. The research projects should go beyond individual case studies and form the basis for generalised statements on how the current pandemic can be managed. An outlook of future research activities, such as a systematic evaluation of the measures and how they can be implemented or the development of new measures, is desired but not compulsory. However, a clear differentiation must be made from projects which are ongoing or which have been completed.”

**Target group** researchers who already have access to the relevant settings and/or population groups, who can ensure access to them reasonably and quickly or who have access to existing (historical) sources and/or data

**Duration** up to 1 year

**Funding** as requested (unlike proposals for individual projects, instrumentation over €10,000 and the modules for Mercator fellows, temporary positions for principal investigators, substitutes, temporary substitutes for clinicians, and project-specific workshops are not eligible for funding.)

**Deadline** 13 January 2021 (short proposal of not more than 5 pages)

**Further information** website of the DFG

Junior Academy ”Cardiac Surgery II - From Individual Applications to Networking”

**Aim**
“The academy for early career researchers is intended to provide concrete assistance to interested early career researchers in cardiac surgery in the development and application of scientific projects that meet the quality requirements of a public third-party funded project. The academy offers the opportunity to develop their own project ideas with the help of targeted training and the support of a project mentor, to recognise pitfalls and shortcomings in research proposals and in the design of projects and to network with each other.”

**Target group** Postdocs up to 6 years after the PhD

**Duration** planning workshop: 19 April 2021 | academy: 20 until 25 June 2021 | deadline for the submission of research proposals: 15 September 2021

**Funding** costs for participation, catering, travel and accommodation expenses; own contribution: € 150

**Deadline** 15 January 2021

**Further information** website of the DFG
Priority Programme “Rhizosphere Spatiotemporal Organisation – a Key to Rhizosphere Functions” (SPP 2089)

Aim  “This Priority Programme aims at the identification of spatiotemporal patterns in the rhizosphere and at the explanation of the underlying mechanisms. The key concept of the programme consists of approaching the rhizosphere as a self-organised system. Self-organisation arises from a cascade of feedback loops between root, microbiome and soil. Emerging patterns in the rhizosphere cannot be understood from studying the components in isolation.”

Target group  “This call invites proposals from appropriate disciplines such as rhizosphere research, soil chemistry, plant genomics and physiology, soil microbiology, soil physics, exudate analysis, image/pattern analysis and modelling.”

Duration  3 years
Funding  as requested
Deadline  31 March 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 20 March 2021)
Further information  website of the DFG

Joint Sino-German Research Projects 2021 in Chemistry, Life Sciences, Medical Sciences and Management Sciences

Aim  “The Priority Programme’s main objective is the synthesis of new metal and polymer powders for efficient laser-based 3D additive manufacturing by means of formulations, additivations and (chemical) modifications of both, new and commercial powders. By this, the range of powder materials accessible for laser-based additive manufacturing shall be enhanced significantly. Improving the processability includes requirements like efficient, low cycling time, highly reproducible and precise laser-based additive manufacturing processes. Hence, a recursive research, where the knowledge on materials behaviour during laser-based additive manufacturing is used as input for improved materials design, and vice versa, is preferred. A deepened, preferably predictive, understanding of the material’s behaviour during laser-based additive manufacturing by means of suitable analytical and theoretical examination methods is desired.”

Target group  interdisciplinary and transregional cooperation between the two fields of “materials” and “laser-based additive manufacturing” in the form of tandem projects

Duration  up to 3 years
Funding  as requested
Deadline  21 June 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 7 June 2021)
Further information  website of the DFG
European Research Funding

Horizon Europe

The 9th Research and Innovation Framework Programme of the European Union "Horizon Europe" is expected to start on 1 January 2021 and will run for seven years. It will follow the current Research and Innovation Framework programme, "Horizon 2020", which expires at the end of 2020.

The new EU Framework Programme will consist of the following three pillars: “Scientific excellence”, “Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness” and “Innovative Europe”. These will be complemented by the area “Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area”.

Contact: Department 74 International Funding

Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme_en

European Research Council (ERC)

The first ERC Calls in 2021 will be delayed due to the late adoption of the EU Budget 2021-2027 and the Horizon Europe programme.

Prospective applicants should be aware that the Calls due to open in January will be rescheduled to the earliest possible date in 2021, in order to preserve the Call calendar that was initially foreseen as much as possible. We hope to be able to provide further information around mid-January.

Further information is available at the Website of the ERC.

EIT Health

EIT Health Business Plan 2022 Call for Proposals

**Aim**
The Call invites those who understand the needs in health care and those who can help to provide a solution, to work together and with us to deliver value to patients, citizens and healthcare systems.

The University of Cologne and the University Hospital are partners of EIT Health, which receives EU funding to promote innovative and collaborative pan-european projects.

You have an idea in mind that fits with the focus areas of EIT Health?

Reforming Care Pathways | Healthcare Transformation | Harnessing Real-World-Data | Bringing Care Home | Health in the Workplace | Fostering Healthier Lives

**Target group**
If you want to profit from EIT Health and be part of an Innovation, Education or Business Creation Project, please contact Sarah.Denzel@UK-Koeln.de.

You will get assistance in identifying collaborators complementing your skills and expertise and in submitting an Expression of Interest.

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to € 2.5 million for each project, with maximum of € 850,000 in years one and two, and € 800,000 in year three

**Deadline**
13 January 2021 (formal Expression of Interest)

Further information
website of the EIT
DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program

Aim “The DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program, funded by a generous grant from the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD), is designed to bring both senior and junior scholars and specialists working on key issues of central importance to the German-American relationship to AICGS for research stays of between two to four consecutive months each. […] Project proposals should address a topic closely related to one or more of AICGS’ three research and program areas:

- Foreign and Security Policy
- Society, Culture & Politics
- Geoeconomics”

Target group German nationals who are doctoral candidates, junior academics, and academics; Foreign (non-German) doctoral candidates, junior academics, and academics permanently living in Germany; German and foreign doctoral candidates, junior academics, and academics at the network centers of currently or formerly supported DAAD Centers for German and European Studies outside of the United States.

Duration 2 to 4 months

Funding monthly stipend of up to €3,204 (depending on the seniority of the applicant); transportation to and from Washington, DC; financial support for research-related travel to institutions within the DAAD center network (Centers for German and European Studies) in North America; and office space at the Institute

Deadline 15 January 2021 (Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, AICGS anticipates that travel to and in-person residency in Washington, DC, for the fellowship will likely not be possible until spring or summer 2021.)

Further information website of the AICGS
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Target group joint French-German research projects; postdoctoral researchers

Duration up to 3 years

Funding at least €60,000 per country; average funding amount on the German side in recent years: approx. €280,000.

Deadline 11 March 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 4 March 2021)

Further information website of the DFG
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) & American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS)

DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship Program

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**Further information**
website of the AICGS
PRIZES

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

Einstein Foundation

The Einstein Foundation Award for Promoting Quality in Research

Aim  “The Einstein Foundation Award for Promoting Quality in Research aims to provide recognition and publicity for outstanding efforts that enhance the rigor, reliability, robustness, and transparency of research, and stimulate awareness and activities fostering research quality among scientists, institutions, funders, and politicians. To acknowledge the outstanding role early career researchers (ECRs) have in promoting research quality, ECRs will be invited to propose projects that foster research quality and value. Projects will be competitively selected for funding and internationally showcased.”

Target Group

individual award: individual scientist or small teams of collaborating scientists (only nominations)
institutional award: governmental and non-governmental organizations, institutions, or other entities (self-applications or nominations)
early-career award: early-career researcher up to 5 years after the PhD (self-applications)

Endowment

individual award: €200,000 | institutional award: €200,000 | early-career award: €100,000

Deadline

31 March 2021

Further information

website of the prize

Schering Foundation

Ernst Schering Prize

Aim  “The prestigious Ernst Schering Prize annually honors outstanding scientists whose groundbreaking work has yielded new, inspiring models and led to fundamental shifts in biomedical knowledge. As of now, we invite both established scientists and scientific research institutions and societies to nominate candidates for this prize.”

Target Group

scientists who, in addition to their top-level research in biology, medicine or chemistry, actively engage in socially relevant debates or have launched initiatives that inspire and support future generations of scientists

Endowment

€50,000

Deadline

17 February 2021 (only nominations)

Further information

website of the prize
Friedmund Neumann Prize

**Aim**
“The Schering Stiftung awards the Friedmund Neumann Prize to young scientists for **outstanding basic research in human biology, organic chemistry or human medicine.** [...] The award aims to make visible excellent scientific achievement and thus help the prize winners establish themselves in their field of research.”

**Target Group** scientists who have completed their dissertation within the last **six years** and have already developed a distinctive scientific profile

**Endowment** € 10,000 (only nominations)

**Deadline** 17 February 2021 (only nominations)

**Further information** website of the [prize](#)

Klaus Tschira Stiftung

**KlarText-Preis für Wissenschaftskommunikation**

**Ziel** „Was hast Du da eigentlich gemacht in Deiner Doktorarbeit? – Um die Antwort auf diese Frage geht es bei KlarText, dem Preis für Wissenschaftskommunikation der Klaus Tschira Stiftung!
Denn die Stiftung sucht junge Forschende, die eine **sehr gute Doktorarbeit** geschrieben haben und die Lust darauf haben, einem **nicht-wissenschaftlichen Publikum** zu erklären, was sie da eigentlich gemacht haben, in ihrer Forschung. Und zwar in Form eines **allgemein verständlichen Artikels**, in deutscher Sprache.”

**Zielgruppe** WissenschaftlerInnen, die 2019 und 2020 in Biologie, Chemie, Informatik, Geowissenschaften, Mathematik, Neurowissenschaften oder Physik eine **Doktorarbeit** geschrieben haben

**Dotierung** je 7.500 €, Aufnahme in das aktive Alumni-Netzwerk der Klaus Tschira Stiftung

**Fristende** 28. Februar 2021

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des [Preises](#)
Geoverbund ABC/J

ABC/J Young Academics Award 2021

Aim “Supporting early-career scientists is a fundamental concern of Geoverbund ABC/J. This is why in 2021, Geoverbund ABC/J will for the 11th time be presenting the Geoverbund ABC/J Young Academics Award in recognition of outstanding, innovative, and interdisciplinary research in the field of geosciences, including geography.”

Target Group postdocs up to 3 years after the PhD; competition entry must be based or was developed at an institute connected to Geoverbund ABC/J

Endowment € 1,000 (first prize), € 750 (second prize) and € 500 (third prize)

Deadline 15 March 2021

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.

To cover the costs for on-site reviews (such as catering, printing costs, etc.) of Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios, Research Training Groups and Research Units of the DFG, a lump-sum subsidy can be applied for:

- Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios: € 4,000
- Research Training Groups and Research Units: € 1,000

**Deadline** 10 January 2021 (3 cut-off dates annually)

**Further information**
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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**DFG: new option for offsetting CO² emissions in research funding and funding projects**
Compensation payments will now be possible for all CO² emissions caused by business trips in the funding projects and by DFG staff, committee members and reviewers. DFG grantees may compensate CO² emissions caused by business travel in a funded research project on their own responsibility by purchasing CO² certificates. For projects that have already been approved, the offsets can be financed from existing DFG funds. For newly planned projects, the funds can be applied for as part of the travel costs. Further information is available [here](#).

**DFG: continuation of the Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) network and thus further possibility to apply for sequencing costs in projects**
In its meeting on 10 December 2020, the Senate of the German Research Foundation (DFG) decided to extend the Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) initiative until 2023. The NGS competence network provides the necessary infrastructure for the sequencing services that are called up via the projects. The centres themselves are already involved in the project planning and provide an initial bioinformatic evaluation for the data obtained. With the extension that has now been decided, the DFG will again call for project ideas in further calls. The next call is expected to start as early as spring 2021. Further information is available [here](#).

**Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) update: current deadline postponements & information on ongoing third-party projects**
We have listed extensions of deadlines for calls for proposals due to the Corona pandemic as well as information of the different funding organisations on ongoing third-party projects on our website. In addition to that, you can find an overview on current calls for proposals relating to various research opportunities on the pandemic. Further information is available [here](#).

**Informationsdienst „Forschung Internationales Transfer“ - FIT für die Wissenschaft**
Für die Forschenden der Universität zu Köln steht ab sofort der Informationsdienst Forschung, Internationales, Transfer – FIT zur Verfügung. Registrierte Nutzer können gezielt und passgenau Informationen zur Forschungsförderung per E-Mail erhalten oder die aktuellsten Ausschreibungen in der Datenbank einsehen. Weitere Informationen sind [hier](#) abrufbar.

**D7-Webseite zu Ausschreibungen mit uni-internen Auswahlverfahren**
EVENTS

18.01.2021
NKS Gesellschaft: Horizon Europa - Cluster 2 - Demokratische Regierungsführung
online

19.01.2021
NKS Gesellschaft: Horizon Europa - Cluster 2 – Kulturelles Erbe und die Kreativwirtschaft
online

20.01.2021
NKS Gesellschaft: Horizon Europa - Cluster 2 – Soziale und wirtschaftliche Transformationen
online

26. & 27.01.2021
NKS Lebenswissenschaften: Auftaktveranstaltung zum Thema „Horizont Europa“
online

28.01.2021
NKS ERC: ERC for Social Sciences and Humanities
online

29.01.2021
Online Information Event: Individual Funding Opportunities in Horizon Europe – Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions and European Research Council
online

25.02.2021
KoWi: Der European Innovation Council
online
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