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Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Research and Development Projects between Germany and the Western Balkans (WBC2019)

**Aim**  
The funding is open to all topics and addresses applied research questions of mutual interest - especially in the thematic areas of the High-Tech Strategy 2025 of the Federal Government (health and care, sustainability, climate protection and energy, mobility, urban and rural areas, security, economy and labour 4.0) and in the thematic priorities of the EU Framework Programmes for Research and Innovation. If the programme is applied appropriately, topics in the humanities and social sciences (keyword "social innovation") are also eligible for funding.

**Target group**  
German applicant or consortium together with at least one cooperation partner from a Western Balkan country

**Duration**  
up to 3 years

**Funding**  
up to €450,000

**Deadline**  
27 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  
website of the BMBF

German-Ukrainian Centres of Excellence in Ukraine

**Aim**  
The establishment and work of international working groups ("centres of excellence") headed by a top researcher (principle investigator/excellence core leader) who work on current research and development issues in Ukraine are supported. The funding measure will support them in bundling international competence and attracting top international researchers for joint research in Ukraine. The German-Ukrainian Centres of Excellence are to operate administratively and organisationally as independently as possible from potential Ukrainian partner institutes. They are to make outstanding research and development contributions to the thematic priorities of the BMBF specialist programmes and the EU research programmes and are therefore largely open to new topics.

Funding is provided in two funding phases, one after the other with two separate application phases: concept phase and implementation phase.

**Target group**  
individual and, from the implementation phase onwards, also collaborative projects; a German-Ukrainian research group is to be established in the Ukraine.

**Duration**  
concept phase: up to 12 months; implementation phase: up to 4 years

**Funding**  
concept phase: up to €100,000; implementation phase: up to €2,5 million

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

**Further information**  
website of the BMBF
Ethical, legal and social aspects of Neuroscience within the Framework of ERA-NET NEURON

Aim The aim of the call is to support multinational collaborative projects on important questions in the field of ethical, philosophical, legal and socio-cultural aspects of neuroscience and its recent advances. The following topics, among others, may be eligible for multinational collaborative research proposals:

- **consequences** of the development of neuroscientific diagnostic methods;
- **clinical research** involving patients suffering from neurological or psychiatric diseases;
- **intelligent technologies** and direct human-machine interaction; personality changes as side effects of neurological or psychiatric therapies;
- use of **neuroscientific data: biobanks** where nervous tissue is stored;
- brain interventions in **legal contexts**;
- the impact of modern neuroscience on **traditional philosophical questions**, concepts and theories on fundamental aspects of human nature;
- **neuroenhancement** to modulate mental states (cognitive or affective) and abilities in healthy individuals by means of pharmacological or electrical/magnetic stimulation of the brain;
- reduction of **abnormal behaviour** to abnormal states of the human brain;
- **social and cultural developments** triggered by neuroscientific knowledge or its application.

Target group **multinational collaborative research projects** composed by 2 to 5 research groups from different countries

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 **28 April 2020** (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information website of the [BMBF](#)
Multidisciplinary Research Projects on Personalised Medicine – Pre-/Clinical research, Big Data and ICT, Implementation and User’s Perspective

**Aim**
The third transnational call for proposals aims to support research and development projects that create close links between basic biomedical research, clinical research, physics and medical technology, bioinformatics and biostatistics, epidemiology and socio-economic research. Furthermore, the integration of PM into clinical practice as well as ethical, legal and social implications in the participating countries and beyond will be researched.

The overarching goal is to improve the treatment and management of diseases based on better and more efficient stratification, improved diagnostics and tailored treatment protocols and prevention strategies. Funded projects should involve regulatory authorities and, where appropriate, other key players along the value chain at an early stage of development to facilitate translation from initial discovery to market readiness.

**Target group**
transnational research collaborations with up to 6 partners from several categories (universities or research institutions, health care institutions, commercial enterprises)

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to € 30,000 for the German partners

**Deadline**
5 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the BMBF

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**German-French joint projects on cyber security**

**Aim**
Funding will be provided for collaborative projects between German and French partners that develop innovative and risky solutions for the protection of privacy. Privacy can be addressed at several levels:

- At the data level itself, where the data release mechanism can provide data protection safeguards.
- When data are processed, e.g. in a way that says nothing about the input than what can be calculated from the result itself (input data protection).
- In addition, data protection safeguards can be taken into account in relation to the outcome.

Although theoretical solutions already exist for many of the aspects mentioned above, they are often not suitable for practical use. Therefore, models and protocols are needed that not only capture or provide the desired security guarantees, but also take into account practical aspects such as performance and benefits.

**Target group**
collaborative projects carried out jointly by partners in both countries and consisting of at least one German partner and at least one French partner

**Funding**
up to € 500,000 for each project partner

**Deadline**
28 February 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the BMBF
German-French joint projects on antimicrobial resistance

**Aim**  The project results should substantially increase the knowledge about AMR, provide a scientific basis for future health policy decisions and/or enable innovative measures to combat AMR. Eligible research projects may include all appropriate methods and all relevant scientific disciplines, for example (and not limited to) epidemiological methods such as phenotyping, genotyping, statistical modelling and/or methods of social and economic sciences.

**Target group**  joint projects of consortia consisting of at least one German and at least one French partner from applied research

**Duration**  up to 3 years

**Funding**  up to € 1 million

**Deadline**  28 February 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  website of the BMBF

Urban Migration within the Joint Programming Initiative "Urban Europe" in the context of Global Sustainable Urbanisation

**Aim**  According to a report by the World Economic Forum (2017) on migration and its impact on cities, one seventh of the world's population is on the move for various reasons. The largest share of global migration is accounted for by people moving to and from urban areas. The issue has received increasing attention throughout Europe in recent years. Many European countries have established national research and innovation programmes to gather scientific evidence on migration and to support efforts to address this challenge. This call therefore focuses on the impact of migration on the life and functioning of cities and urban areas in Europe. The call is not intended to address entirely new research projects. Rather, the projects should build on existing knowledge about migration in the city, for example from ongoing or completed research and innovation projects, networks or other types of initiatives.

**Target group**  transnational collaborative research projects with at least 3 partners from at least 3 participative countries (Germany, Great Britain, Latvia, Austria, Sweden)

**Duration**  up to 1.5 years

**Funding**  usually € 50,000 to € 250,000

**Deadline**  26 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  website of the BMBF
Internationalisation of Science and Research Partnerships for Sustainable Solutions with sub-Saharan Africa 2021 to 2024

Aim
This call for proposals focuses on joint research, capacity building and exploitation activities (Module 1). A project outline is only valid in conjunction with the submission of a second project outline for postgraduate education and training (Module 2, see DAAD call for proposals "Partnerships for sustainable solutions with Sub-Saharan Africa 2021 to 2024, Module 2: Postgraduate education and training"). Funding will be provided for research projects that work on one or more of the following priority topics in cooperation with partners from sub-Saharan Africa: (1) closed-loop recycling management (waste disposal/recycling of recyclable materials): demand-oriented method development; (2) food processing: innovative methods for sustainable food processing to meet the demand for high quality food; (3) logistics and transport: technological/digital innovations for logistics (including procurement, production, distribution and sales logistics) and transport (intelligent mobility networks, etc.).

Target group
at least one eligible institution based in Germany together with at least one research institution based in a sub-Saharan country

Duration
up to 4 years

Funding
usually € 400,000; African consortium partners can be supported with federal funds

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

Further information
website of the BMBF

Craft 4.0: digital and innovative

Aim
The BMBF is funding cooperative pre-competitive research projects to strengthen production and services in Germany. The aim is to develop production and service processes efficiently. New forms of value creation driven by digitization are an important aspect of this. They often open up new market opportunities in conjunction with new business models.

The solutions sought must be innovative and go well beyond the current state of the art and should enable new or significantly improved craft services that can be provided economically, sustainably and efficiently.

Target group
high-risk, business-driven and applied collaborative projects that require interdisciplinary cooperation between craft enterprises, technology suppliers, service providers, research partners and, if necessary, other relevant actors, e.g. from the creative industries or the maker scene, in a pre-competitive cooperation

Duration
up to 3 years

Funding
up to € 1 million

Deadline
4 May 2020 (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
Urban Accessibility and Connectivity (Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) "Urban Europe")

**Aim**  
The aim of the funding is to explore ways of improving participation in the urban transport system and urban network connectivity while reducing environmental impacts and maintaining a competitive economy in the city. Network connectivity reflects the directness of routes, using different modes to travel between points. This applies to both passenger and freight transport.

Research is planned in the following thematic areas within the framework of the funding:

- Development of solutions for an integrated approach to sustainable urban mobility and to transport, land use and digital connectivity.
- Development and support for the implementation of innovative mobility systems and services with the potential to contribute to sustainable urban mobility.
- Transforming and reorganising urban spaces to lay the foundations for sustainable urban mobility and accessibility.
- Developing effective policy options for transformation towards sustainable urban accessibility and connectivity.
- Changing behaviour and perspectives towards sustainable urban accessibility and connectivity.

**Target group**  
collaborative projects; participating countries: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom

**Duration**  
not specified

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

**Deadline**  
17 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  
website of the BMBF
Förderbezogene Diagnostik in der inklusiven Bildung

Förderung


Zielgruppe

sowohl Einzel- als auch Verbundprojekte; Einbezug von Praxispartnern (d. h. von KiTas, Schulen, Vereinen, Organisationen oder anderen in der Lebenswelt der Menschen agierenden Stellen) sowie von weiteren Akteuren, die für den Transfer von Erkenntnissen im Bildungsbereich eine wichtige Rolle einnehmen

Förderdauer

bis zu 3 Jahre

Förderhöhe

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

Fristende

4. März 2020 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; mehrstufiges Antragsverfahren)

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Pre-clinical Research to Develop Effective Therapies for Rare Diseases (EJP RD)

Aim

Within this funding measure, a limited number of cooperative and interdisciplinary research projects with clinical relevance are funded, which can be expected to contribute to the development of effective therapies for rare diseases.

Research proposals must address at least one of the following topics:

- Development of advanced therapies in a preclinical setting, focusing on diseases with unmet medical need;
- use of disease models suitable for the development of medicinal products according to EMA guidelines;
- Development of predictive and pharmacodynamic (PD) biomarkers in a preclinical environment to monitor the efficiency of therapy.
- proof-of-principle studies addressing an preclinical stage of drug development.

Target group

transnational research collaborations of at least 4 research groups from 4 different countries

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

18 February 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information

website of the BMBF
Systems medicine research network for early detection and prevention of liver cancer (LiSyM cancer)

**Aim**
Funding will be given to a national research network for the early diagnosis and prevention of liver cancer that uses the systems medicine research approach to analyse the complex, dynamic processes of disease progression in order to better understand, predict and in the best case even prevent the development of liver cancer on the basis of findings from the LiSyM research network.

The overall goal of LiSyM-Cancer is to identify possible systemic medical starting points for early diagnosis and to develop therapeutic measures that start at the preliminary stages of liver cancer and thus enable individual cancer prevention.

**Target group**
research network consisting of universities and non-university research institutions, health care institutions and companies

**Duration**
up to 6 years (2 funding phases)

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

**Deadline**
18 May 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the BMBF

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Multinational research on diseases of the sensory systems within the ERA-NET NEURON

**Aim**
Under this joint call for proposals, a limited number of transnational research projects will be funded that contribute to basic research on diseases of the sensory systems, to improving prevention and (early) diagnosis and to developing innovative therapies and rehabilitation methods.

Projects should cover at least one of the following research areas:

- basic research approaches to the pathogenesis and/or etiology of diseases of the sensory systems. This may include the development of particularly innovative or jointly used resources and technologies for the diagnosis, prevention and/or therapy of such diseases;
- clinical research approaches to develop new methods and strategies for diagnosis, prevention, therapy and/or rehabilitation of diseases of the sensory systems.

**Target group**
clinically and experimentally oriented working groups from university and non-university research institutions and/or commercial enterprises, which are organised in consortia

**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 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
website of the BMBF
Novel Imaging and Brain Stimulation Methods and Technologies related to Neurodegenerative Diseases

**Aim**  
“The aim of the call is to establish a number of ambitious, innovative, multi-disciplinary and multinational collaborative research projects that will further advance the development and the use of imaging technologies and brain stimulation techniques in order to better understand, diagnose or treat neurodegenerative diseases. Technical progress on relevant techniques is eligible as long as the expected benefit for patients or for routine scientific and clinical applications is well defined. Thus, approaches must be translational and patient-centered. It is encouraged to integrate basic research and cost-effectiveness studies, where appropriate. They must be hypotheses-driven and combine cutting-edge technological developments with a clear, substantial research question.”

**Target group**  
ambitious, innovative, multinational and multidisciplinary collaborative research projects with 3 to 6 partners of at least 3 participating countries

**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**  
3 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

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Competence and Networking Centre for Successful MINT Education

**Aim**
The aim of the funding is the establishment of a competence and networking centre for successful MINT education. The actors in MINT education follow these with great commitment, but often act locally and in isolation from each other. Structural support is needed to support the MINT education actors in their effective and efficient implementation.

The BMBF focuses on the following objectives in the field of MINT education:

- improved networking and cooperation between the actors involved in science, vocational and academic education and training, as well as society and industry
- a nationwide bundled provision and communication of information on successful MINT education - and thus an improved information situation through increased transparency - also for actors who are involved in MINT education for the first time
- an organised professional exchange of MINT actors, through the dissemination of good examples of MINT education and support for their transfer
- IT-supported networking through the design and development of a MINT-E platform
- increasing the impact and quality of existing and new MINT education programmes.

**Target group**
exclusively one joint project as a competence and networking centre

**Duration**
5 years (possible extension for a maximum of 3 years)

**Funding**
up to € 12 million

**Deadline**
6 March 2020 (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
R&D projects between Germany and the Czech Republic within the framework of EU-REKA

Aim
Within this call for proposals, R&D projects will be funded both as individual and joint projects which work on one or more of the following priority topics in international cooperation with partners from the Czech Republic:

- Advanced nanotechnologies,
- New materials, especially for lightweight construction,
- Digitization for Mobility 4.0 and Industry 4.0.

Funding will be provided for measures whose results contribute to market-effective innovations that have great market potential for Germany, the Czech Republic and Europe. The objective of the funded activities is the development of new commercial products, processes or services.

Target group
individual and joint projects with partners from the Czech Republic; at least one Czech and one German business enterprise as partners

Duration
up to 3 years

Funding
up to € 400,000

Deadline
31 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information
website of the BMBF

Forschungsvorhaben im Bereich Alphabetisierung und Grundbildung

Förderung
„Trotz zunehmender Erkenntnisse zum funktionalen Analphabetismus in Deutschland sind viele Fragen noch nicht hinreichend erforscht und beantwortet. Es ist daher erklärtes Ziel der Nationalen Dekade für Alphabetisierung und Grundbildung 2016 bis 2026, die Forschungslage in diesem Bereich zu verbessern. Mithilfe wissenschaftlicher Erkenntnisse sollen die Ansprache der Betroffenen und die Lernangebote selbst passgenauer zugeschnitten werden, um die Teilnahme der Betroffenen an entsprechenden Lernangeboten zu erhöhen. Mit dieser Richtlinie zur Förderung von Forschungsvorhaben im Bereich Alphabetisierung und Grundbildung werden anwendungsorientierte Forschungsvorhaben gefördert, die eine oder mehrere der folgenden übergreifenden Zielsetzungen verfolgen und deren Befunde das Potenzial haben, in der Praxis dauerhaft genutzt zu werden:

- mehr über die Adressaten von Alphabetisierungs- und Grundbildungsangeboten, ihre Lebenswelt und ihr soziales Milieu zu erfahren,
- die Qualität und Gelingensfaktoren von Lehr- und Lernprozessen in Lernangeboten der Alphabetisierung und Grundbildung zu untersuchen
- mehr über die Wirksamkeit von Strukturen und Investitionen in der Alphabetisierungs- und Grundbildungsarbeit zu erfahren."

Zielgruppe
Einzel- und Verbundprojekte

Förderdauer
bis zu 3 Jahre

Förderhöhe
150.000 € jährlich

Fristende
13. März 2020 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; zweistufiges Antragsverfahren)

Weitere Informationen
Website des BMBF
Academic success and dropout II

Aim  Topic clusters and possible questions:
A) Success/abortion of studies in digital study formats
Particularly eligible for funding here are research projects that take into account subject-related (e.g. social background, learning strategies, educational intention, self-regulatory competence, gainful employment, experience of stress, etc.) as well as institutional and curricular influencing factors and their interactions in digital study formats in contrast to traditional study formats and thereby generate corresponding generalisable findings.
B) International comparative research projects on the success/abortion of studies
The focus of the projects supported here should be on identifying measures, offers and interventions abroad that are particularly effective in ensuring the success of studies (e.g. first year programs/first year seminars, certificate courses) and, in particular, on the prerequisites for transferability to the national higher education system.
C) Prevention and intervention measures in studies to reduce drop-out
Eligible for funding are projects on the effectiveness or on the conditions for effectiveness of existing prevention and intervention measures, which allow the identification of good practice with regard to these - and possibly also other - design features. In addition, the development and experimental testing of innovative prevention and intervention measures is also eligible for funding.
D) Non-monetary returns to education on drop-out
Funding will be given to projects that address this issue on the basis of qualitative or quantitative studies. In particular, the multidimensionality of such educational outcomes will be explored.

Target group  individual or collaborative projects
Funding  up to 100% of eligible project-related expenditure and a project lump sum of 20% for higher education institutions
Deadline  13 March 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)
The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

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

Transnational Research Projects within the European Research Network (ERA-NET) "Food Systems and Climate (FOSC)"

**Aim** Funding will be provided for transnational collaborative projects dealing with the range of topics "Food systems and climate".

The topics of the transnational call are formulated as follows:

- assessment of the **risks to the food value chain** associated with climate change, including the impact on producers, prices, availability, quality, international trade and food security and the resulting changes in consumer behaviour
- promote the **use of innovative technologies** to build sustainable and resilient food value chains affected by changing nutritional needs and patterns and to develop better efficiency of inputs and outputs of food systems;
- improve the **resilience and reduce the volatility of agricultural and food production and food markets** in order to improve food security in a sustainable manner in the context of climatic differences;
- **reducing food losses** due to climate change, including novel approaches to valorise material flows and reduce food waste.

**Target group** interdisciplinary, innovative and multinational **collaborative projects**

**Funding** up to € 250,000 for the German partner

**Deadline** 19 February 2020 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of the BMEL
Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE)

Ehrenamtliches Engagement in ländlichen Räumen

Förderung „Eine finanzielle Förderung können Forschungsarbeiten erhalten, die das ehrenamtliche und bürgerschaftliche Engagement in ländlichen Räumen untersuchen. […]"

Folgende Themen und Fragestellungen können beispielsweise im Fokus stehen:

- Ist-Zustand, Herausforderungen und Perspektiven von Vereinen und anderen ehrenamtlich getragenen Organisationen (z. B. Kirchen) in ländlichen Räumen […]
- Wegbrechen traditioneller Vereinsstrukturen – Wer füllt die entstehenden Lücken?
- Analyse der Rolle und Vernetzungsstrukturen unterschiedlicher Akteure des ländlichen Engagements […]
- Merkmale, Entwicklung und Bedeutung neuer Formen des Engagements in den ländlichen Räumen […]
- Fokus Jugend auf dem Land: Wie (in welchen Organisationsformen) und wofür engagieren sich junge Menschen in ländlichen Räumen?
- Strukturelle Bedingungen ehrenamtlichen Engagements – z. B. Hemmnisse für die Arbeit von Vereinen und anderen ehrenamtlich getragenen Organisationen, die sich aus den räumlichen Rahmenbedingungen ergeben […]
- Rolle und Wirkung des ehrenamtlichen und bürgerschaftlichen Engagements und seiner Organisationsformen für die Integration von Migrantinnen und Migranten in den ländlichen Räumen.
- Ländliches Ehrenamt und politische Teilhabe […]
- Soziale Bedingungen für ehrenamtliches und bürgerschaftliches Engagement auf dem Land […]“

Zielgruppe Hochschulen oder Forschungsinstitute; besonders angesprochen sind sozial-, raum-, wirtschafts-, gesellschafts- und geisteswissenschaftliche Disziplinen.

Förderdauer bis zu 3 Jahre

Förderhöhe bis zu 300.000 €

Fristende 31. März 2020 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; mehrstufiges Antragsverfahren)

Weitere Informationen Webseite des BLE
GERMAN RESEARCH FOUNDATION (DFG)

Research Units and Centres for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences in the field of “Artificial Intelligence”

**Aim**
The German Research Foundation (DFG), within the framework of its strategic funding initiative on artificial intelligence (AI), invites applications for the funding of Research Units and Centres for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences in order to strengthen knowledge-driven basic research in this field. Methods of AI are key processes in various research fields. A successful integration of AI in basic research and scientific research on AI itself should therefore go hand in hand. The aim of this call for proposals is to promote the integration of AI methods with research fields that either use AI methods for the purpose of gaining scientific knowledge or that investigate overarching issues associated with the use of AI.

**Target group**
work alliances of several outstanding scientists, who want to work together on methods of AI under the mentioned premise

**Duration**
up to 8 years (two funding periods)

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
23 June 2020 (registration in the elan portal until 17 June 2020)

**Further information**
website of the DFG

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GAČR-DFG Cooperation: Possibility for Joint German-Czech Research Projects

**Aim**
“On the basis of their long standing cooperation and the respective Memorandum of Understanding the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Czech Science Foundation (GAČR) have opened the possibility for funding of joint German-Czech projects in all areas of basic research for the period of 2021–2023.”

**Target group**
joint German-Czech projects

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
7 April 2020 (registration in the elan portal until 31 March 2020)

**Further information**
website of the DFG
ANR-DFG funding programme for German-French 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 German Research Foundation (DFG) on scientific cooperation in the humanities and social sciences has enabled the promotion of integrated Franco-German research projects.

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

Target group
joint German-French research projects

Duration
up to 3 years

Funding
as requested

Deadline
12 March 2020 (registration in the elan portal until 5 March 2020)

Further information
website of the DFG

Trilaterale Forschungskonferenzen 2021–2023

Förderung

Jede Trilaterale Forschungskonferenz besteht aus einer Serie von drei Veranstaltungen, die im Jahresrhythmus aufeinanderfolgen. Alle drei Treffen finden in der Villa Vigoni statt.“

Zielgruppe
je ein/e WissenschaftlerIn aus Deutschland, Frankreich und Italien

Förderhöhe
Förderung von max. 3 Treffen

Fristende
30. April 2020

Weitere Informationen
Webseite der DFG
Priority Programme "Robust Argumentation Machines (RATIO)" (SPP 1999)

Aim
In the Priority Programme, argumentation is understood as a communicative and interactive process in which a set of propositions is negotiated which allow certain conclusions to be drawn - with the aim of making one's own position coherent, comprehensible and acceptable to a rationally acting third party. Actors argue with and against each other, pursue certain intentions and operationalise complex, technical terms in different ways. Arguments are usually subjective and imperfect in the sense that they make implicit or even factually incorrect assumptions, remain vague and ambiguous or are formulated incompletely. Thus, the systematic analysis of natural language arguments is confronted with great challenges. It requires concerted research efforts and innovations that combine methods from different core disciplines: Information Retrieval, Computational Linguistics, Knowledge Representation and Inference, Semantic Web and Human-Computer Interaction.

Methods are to be developed to support deliberative processes, especially with regard to the following five aspects/functions: Argument generation, Argument evaluation, Contextualization/personalization, Synthesis of arguments, Interaction.

Target group interdisciplinary cooperation

Duration up to 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 20 May 2020

Further information website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Small Proteins in Prokaryotes, an Unexplored World” (SPP 2002)

Aim
"This Priority Programme aims to explore this emerging major class of prokaryotic gene products by unravelling the full repertoire of sORF, studying the functions and physiological roles as well as underlying molecular mechanisms of prokaryotic small proteins. With the overall goal to characterise the functions of prokaryotic small proteins, this Priority Programme exclusively focuses on ribosomally synthesised small proteins in prokaryotes and excludes the analysis of peptides generated by processing of larger proteins or non-ribosomal biogenesis. Projects to be funded have to address at least two of the following aspects: (1) functionally characterise small proteins and identify their physiological role(s) and cellular pathways; (2) elucidate the underlying molecular mechanisms of action of small proteins; (3) study the interaction partners together with the small proteins and/or their structures; (4) global identification of small proteins in selected prokaryotes using comparative genomics, translatomics and/or peptidomics.”

Target group interdisciplinary cooperation of researchers in microbiology, infection biology, plant physiology, (bio)chemistry, genetics, genomics and applied bioinformatics

Duration up to 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 27 May 2020 (registration in the elan portal until 13 March 2020)

Further information website of the DFG
Priority Programme “Compositionally Complex Alloys – High Entropy Alloys (CCA-HEA)” (SPP 2006)

**Aim**  “The aim of this Priority Programme is to develop CCA and HEA with outstanding mechanical properties or displaying unusual phenomena, which cannot be obtained in conventional alloys, or be explained by current textbook-level theory. Within this programme, alloys with five or more elements are targeted, each having a concentration between 5 and 35 at. percent. Lower-order subsets of these alloys, namely binaries, ternaries and quaternaries, may be investigated in supporting roles only, in order to gain basic understanding of CCA and HEA. In order to optimise targeted materials properties, small additions of minor alloying elements such as C, B, Hf, Zr, Si, etc., are permitted.

The Priority Programme will comprise two branches:

- high entropy alloys, **HEA**, which are defined within this Priority Programme as single solid solution phases, preferably with simple crystal structures
- compositionally complex alloys, **CCA**, consisting of multiphase microstructures with two or more phases, which may include a solid solution phase.”

**Target group**  individual or preferably, **collaborative projects**, including projects coupling simulations with experiments

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

**Funding**  as requested

**Deadline**  1 April **2020** (registration in the elan portal until 18 March 2020)

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

Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt DBU (German Federal Environmental Foundation)

Solution-oriented Projects to Protect the Environment

**Aim**
“The DBU funds innovative, exemplary and solution-oriented projects for the protection of the environment [...]”

**12 funding topics** as well as **open funding**:
1. instruments and competences for sustainability assessment and strengthening sustainability awareness and action
2. sustainable nutrition and sustainable food use
3. development, design and acceptance of environmentally friendly consumer goods
4. climate- and resource-saving construction
5. energy- and resource-saving neighbourhood development and renewal
6. renewable energy, energy saving and efficiency
7. resource efficiency through innovative production processes, materials and surface technologies
8. recycling and efficient use of environmentally critical metals and mineral residues
9. reduction of emissions of reactive nitrogen compounds into the environmental compartments
10. integrated approaches and measures for the protection and management of groundwater and surface water
11. nature conservation and sustainable use of nature in agricultural landscapes and protected areas
12. preserving and securing nationally valuable cultural assets against harmful environmental influences

**Target group** individual as well as **collaborative** projects

**Funding** up to 100 % funding for project costs for universities

**Deadline** **continuously open** (submission of a project outline)

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

**Further information** website of the [DBU](#)
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Indo-German partnerships in university cooperation

**Aim**
By intensifying partnership-based cooperation at institutional level and developing and implementing innovative teaching and research profiles for Master’s and PhD programmes, the programme aims to contribute to the internationalisation of German and Indian universities.

Funding is provided for working meetings, workshops, winter and summer schools, participation in conferences and study, teaching and research stays.

**Target group**
German universities which have a cooperation agreement with one or more Indian partners

**Duration**
funding measures to be implemented between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2024

**Funding**
full funding for the planned measures

**Deadline**
1 March 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 DAAD

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Deutsch-Französische Hochschule

**Wissenschaftliche Veranstaltungen für NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen**

**Förderung**


**Zielgruppe**
deutsche und französische Hochschulen sowie außeruniversitäre Forschungseinrichtungen

**Dauer**
mind. 2 Tage bis max. 4 Wochen

**Förderhöhe**
zwischen 2.000 € und 15.000 €

**Fristende**
2. März 2020

**Weitere Informationen**
Webseite der DFH
Volkswagen Foundation

Global Issues – Integrating Different Perspectives on Cultural Heritage and Change

Aim “[…] the foundations encourage multilateral research teams from all relevant fields of study to investigate the processes and research questions of cultural heritage – heritage as an agent for and an object of change. […] The research should address processes performed by a certain sense of urgency resulting from global developments in the 21st century and adopt either a regional or comparative perspective.”

Target group research consortia of 3 to 5 partners: at least one researcher based in Sweden, Germany or Italy and two researchers based in non-European Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs)

Duration up to 4 years
Funding up to € 1.5 million
Deadline 25 March 2020
Further information website of the Volkswagen Foundation

Global Issues: Mobility – Global Medicine and Health Research

Aim “The purpose of this call is to promote multi-perspective research on how global mobility influences the general health, various health determinants and the well-being of local and mobile populations, and how the effects of mobility could be addressed in a sustainable way. Furthermore, proposals that challenge current dogmas in Global Medicine and Health research are welcome. The foundations want to support research that benefits the fields of Global Medicine and Health Research in a sustainable manner, creating additional value beyond the funding period. They aim to fund projects that are highly original and innovative, and which address understudied and underfunded research areas.”

Target group research consortia of up to 5 partners: besides one partner working at a research institution in Denmark, Germany, Spain, Portugal or United Kingdom, the involvement of two partners based in Low and Middle Income Countries outside of Europe is generally required.

Cross-disciplinary collaboration, e.g. between life sciences and social sciences is encouraged.

Duration 3 to 5 years
Funding up to € 1.5 million
Deadline 17 April 2020
Further information website of the Volkswagen Foundation
**Change of Course – Exploring New Research Territories between the Life Sciences and Science or Engineering**

**Aim**  
“Many emerging research questions at the intersection of the life sciences on the one hand and engineering, mathematics, computer and natural sciences on the other can only be solved in an interdisciplinary manner. This is where the "Change of Course" funding initiative comes in. The Volkswagen Foundation would like to provide an incentive to **broaden one's own expertise across disciplines** and to acquire as a team a pole position for interdisciplinary challenges. The choice of the topic which motivates the interdisciplinary qualification is free within the addressed scientific field.”

**Target group**  
outstandingly qualified group leaders and professors in Germany from science, engineering, and the life sciences; international partners welcome

**Duration**  
3 to 4 years; optional planning grant: 9 to 18 months

**Funding**  
qualification concepts as needed; optional planning grant limited to € 120,000 maximum

**Deadline**  
28 May 2020

**Further information**  
website of the Volkswagen Foundation

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**Bundesstiftung zur Aufarbeitung der SED-Diktatur**

**Veranstaltungsförderprogramm „30 Jahre deutsche Einheit“**

**Förderung**  

**Zielgruppe**  
Geschichtsvereine, Einrichtungen der Jugend- und Erwachsenenbildung, Gedenkstätten und Museen, Einrichtungen der Lehrerfort- und -weiterbildung sowie Wissenschaft

**Förderhöhe**  
bis zu 10.000 €

**Fristende**  
2. März 2020

**Weitere Informationen**  
Webseite der Bundesstiftung
Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

HFSP Research Grants

Aim  “The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) supports innovative basic research into fundamental biological problems that applies novel and interdisciplinary approaches and includes scientific exchanges across national and disciplinary boundaries.

HFSP research projects extend the frontiers of knowledge. Successful applications will entail risk and aim to develop novel lines of research for each participating partner that must be different from their ongoing research. The participation of scientists from outside the traditional life sciences such as biophysics, chemistry, computational biology, computer science, engineering, mathematics, nanoscience or physics is considered a key requisite in HFSP grant applications.”

Target group  international (preferably intercontinental) teams of 2 to 4 members; scientists early in their careers are encouraged to apply.

Duration  3 years

Funding  $450,000 annually

Deadline  initiation deadline: 19 March 2020

submission deadline: 30 March 2020

Further information  website of HFSP
FUNDING FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

French Embassy in Germany

PROCOPE-MOBILITY 2020

Aim
The aim of the Science and Technology Department of the French Embassy in Germany is to strengthen Franco-German cooperation in the fields of research and innovation by promoting the mobility to France of doctoral students, post-doctoral students and early-career researchers working in a laboratory or research institute located in Germany. Applicants were preferably already involved in a bilateral PHC-Procope project between 2015 and 2020. These mobility grants enable doctoral students, post-doctoral students and young researchers working in Germany to spend a research period in a laboratory or research institute in France.

Target group
all doctoral students, post-doctoral students and early career researchers who completed their doctorate max. 7 years ago, working at a German research institution

Duration
3 months

Funding
monthly stipend of € 1,300 for doctoral students, € 1,800 for post-doctoral students and € 2,300 for early-career researchers as well as transport costs

Deadline
27 March 2020

Further information
website of the Embassy

Deutsches Forum für Kunstgeschichte

Forschungsstipendien zum Jahresthema 2020/21: Street Art

Förderung
„Das Deutsche Forum für Kunstgeschichte Paris schreibt im Rahmen seines Jahresthemas 2020/21 mehrere Forschungsstipendien zum Thema Street Art aus. […] Ausgehend von der Situation in Paris soll eine Forschergruppe am DFK Paris die unterschiedlichen Formen der Street Art betrachten, ihre zwischen Ablehnung und Affirmation changierende Beziehung mit dem klassischen Kunstbetrieb, ihre internationale Vernetzung und die Impulse, die sie erfahren hat wie auch die Impulse, die von ihr auf die weitere Kunstentwicklung ausgingen."

Zielgruppe
DoktorandInnen und PostdoktorandInnen, die zum ausgeschriebenen Thema forschen

Förderdauer
1 Jahr

Förderhöhe
i.d.R. 1.700 € monatlich

Fristende
15. April 2020

Weitere Informationen
Webseite der Max Weber Stiftung
Volkswagen Foundation

Herrenhausen Conference "Governing Humanitarianism" – Travel Grants

**Aim**  
“The Herrenhausen Conference "Governing Humanitarianism" interrogates present issues and future directions for global humanitarian governance in relation to its pasts, highlighting lessons to be learned from historical events and practices. […]  
Successful applicants will have the opportunity to engage in collaborative, interdisciplinary discussions of key issues shaping the past, present and future of humanitarianism and to produce "best practice" statements on how academics and practitioners can work together to tackle these issues.”  
Organizers: University of Oxford, University of Exeter, Leibniz-Institute of European History Mainz, University of Cologne, Volkswagen Foundation

**Target group**  
evolve-career researchers (PhD students and postdocs up to 5 years since PhD)

**Duration**  
13 to 15 September 2020 at the Herrenhausen Palace, Hanover

**Funding**  
travel expenses to Hanover, visa fees (if applicable) and accommodation in Hanover

**Deadline**  
15 March 2020

**Further information**  
website of the Foundation; application form

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Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

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international (preferably intercontinental) teams of 2 to 4 members; scientists early in their careers are encouraged to apply.

**Duration**  
3 years

**Funding**  
$ 450,000 annually

**Deadline**  
initiation deadline: 19 March 2020  
submission deadline: 30 March 2020

**Further information**  
website of HFSP
European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO)

Young Investigators

Aim  “Through the Young Investigator Programme, EMBO identifies and supports some of the best young researchers in the life sciences. EMBO Young Investigators are group leaders in the early stages of setting up an independent laboratory in EMBC Member or Associate Member States.”

Target group  independent group leader for at least 1 year at the pre-application deadline and for less than 4 years in the year of application

Duration  4 years

Funding  € 15,000 in their second year; additional small grants of up to € 10,000 per year; networking is a key aspect of the programme, and Young Investigators benefit from extensive practical support.

Deadline  1 April 2020 (pre-application); 2 July 2020 (full application)

Further information  website of EMBO
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 31 May 2020 (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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Financial fund for the implementation of the statutory equality mandate

Aim "To achieve equal rights for women and men is a special concern of the University of Cologne. With the Framework Plan for the Advancement of Women at the University of Cologne 2001 - 2003, a central financial fund has been set up to financially support projects aimed at achieving this goal. […] In accordance with § 5 LGG, projects are therefore funded which have a positive influence on the participation of women in innovative developments, the proportion of women in scientific staff, professorships and junior professorships, and the reduction of existing under-representation of female students in some scientific, engineering and medical degree programmes. “

Target Group projects with a contribution to an equitable university

Funding as requested

Deadline 2 March 2020 (Rundschreiben 8.1.2020)

Further information website of the fund
MISCELLANEOUS

Use of ORCID in the DFG application portal elan
The Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) is a unique identifier for scientists and scholars. By using the ORCID it is possible to make the authors of scientific products (publications, research data, research software, patents, etc.) clearly identifiable across national and international, commercial and non-commercial information systems.
The DFG is a member of the ORCID Germany Consortium and now enables researchers to enter their ORCID in the DFG proposal portal. This creates the basis for linking funded projects via ORCID to the respective applicants and for providing evidence of the results in information systems.
Further information is available here.

Refugee scientists: DFG wants to continue facilitating participation in research projects
The DFG would like to continue to facilitate the integration of fugitives into the German scientific system. It encourages the employment of qualified persons with a refugee background at all stages of their scientific careers in research projects funded by the DFG.
Further information is available here.

EU: New Factsheet on Horizon Europe published
At the end of December 2019, the European Commission published a factsheet on the upcoming Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, Horizon Europe, in which the underlying principles as well as the structure of the Framework Programme are briefly presented. (Source: Newsletter of the EU Office of the BMBF)
Further information is available here.

D7-Webseite zu Ausschreibungen mit uni-internen Auswahlverfahren
Es werden des Weiteren Verfahren aufgeführt, bei denen die Hochschulleitung den Antrag unterzeichnen muss und bei denen ebenfalls ein gewisser zeitlicher Vorlauf einzuplanen ist.
Weitere Informationen sind hier abrufbar.
4 March 2020, 10 – 12 am | Regional Computing Centre (RRZK) of the University of Cologne

Research Data Management in Collaborative Research Centres
Departments 71 & 72 of the Division 7 Research Management and the Cologne Competence Center for Research Data Management (C3RDM) invite you to an information session on the handling of research data in Collaborative Research Centres (CRCs).

The German Research Foundation (DFG) funds the development of virtual research environments for the optimization of collaborative work processes as well as databases for the indexing and sustainable handling of research data obtained in CRCs in the form of sub-projects on information management and information infrastructure.

The workshop will focus on consultation and support services at the UoC for CRCs at every stage from an early pre-proposal phase to the development of infrastructures during the project. We will give an overview of the DFG requirements, services offered by D7, USB, and RRZK, as well as providing examples of successful INF projects.

Place: RRZK, University of Cologne
Further information & online registration form: https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events

12 March 2020, 9:30 am - 4 pm | Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf

HHU Research Funding Day
A career in science depends above all on the acquisition of research funds. Research funders and supporting organizations come to the HHU to present their programs for early career researchers, to talk to you and to answer any questions you may have. Take the opportunity to address the program representatives and discuss the chances and possibilities of post-doctoral funding.

Participation in the HHU's Research Promotion Day is free of charge and open to all early-career scientists at the HHU and guests from surrounding universities.

Place: Düsseldorf

12.02.2020
Webinar zur Marie-Sklodowska-Curie-Maßnahme Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)
Online

13.02.2020
Antragstellerseminar für den Bereich Gesundheit in Horizont 2020
Düsseldorf

07.03.2020
DFG Science Africa Workshop: International Research Cooperation on Sex, Gender and Diversity Dimensions in Infectiology
Nairobi/Kenya
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