Current Calls for Proposals from National, European and International Third-Party Funding Sources
In Kooperation mit dem EU-Büro des BMBF sowie der Sporthochschule Köln organisiert das Dezernat 7 Forschungsmanagement eine Auftaktveranstaltung zum neuen EU-Forschungsrahmenprogramm Horizon Europe. Neben einem Überblick zur Programmstruktur und den Förderinhalten, wird Anika Werle vom EU-Büro des BMBF die Teilnahmeveranstaltungsvoraussetzungen vorstellen und praktische Tipps zur Antragstellung geben.

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Aim The aim of the funding for projects within the framework of the initiative "Knowledge creates perspectives for the region!" is to establish two new large-scale research centres with international appeal that will attract outstanding scientists from all over the world who will contribute to solving the major challenges facing society with excellent research. The establishment of the new large-scale research centres is intended to shape the structural change in Lusatia in Saxony and in the central German mining region in a future-oriented manner and, in particular, to promote economic growth and the creation of new jobs.

In order to achieve this funding goal, the BMBF is funding a) the development and elaboration of concepts for the design of the two new research centres, and b) the preparatory measures necessary for the establishment and the development and expansion of scientific activities.

Target group Funding phase I - conception phase: internationally renowned scientists; Funding in the conception phase is provided as person-linked funding to a university or non-university research institution. Scientists and scholars from abroad are therefore particularly encouraged to join forces with a university or non-university research institution for funding phase I.

Funding phase II - build-up phase: in principle, the applicants who have passed the first funding phase.

Duration funding phase I: up to 6 months
funding phase II: 3 years

Funding funding phase I: up to € 500,000
funding phase II: up to € 7 million

Deadline 30 April 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
Insight – interdisziplinäre Perspektiven des gesellschaftlichen und technologischen Wandels

Förderung „Ziel des Programms ist, die Chancen und Herausforderungen neuer gesellschaftlicher und technologischer Entwicklungen und Innovationen – mit einem Zeithorizont von circa fünf Jahren – zu analysieren und zu bewerten, um Forschungsergebnisse zu liefern, die unterstützend für die Politikgestaltung genutzt werden können. […] Verfolgt wird mit Insight zudem die Förderung eines umfassenden Forschungsansatzes, der neben den natur- und technikwissenschaftlichen auch ethische, soziale, rechtliche, ökonomische und politische Aspekte mit einbezieht – im Sinne einer ganzheitlichen, vorausschauenden Folgenabschätzung von Innovationen, die auch nicht-intendierte Folgen beschreibt.“

Themenfelder: Anwendungen von Blockchain | Digitale Bildung | Wasserstoff | Folgenabschätzung von Fallbeispielen Sozialer Innovationen | Themenoffenes Feld

Zielgruppe Einzel- und Verbundprojekte, die neuartige wissenschaftliche Erkenntnisse und politikrelevante Ergebnisse generieren

Dauer bis zu 2 Jahre
Förderhöhe bis zu 400.000 €
Fristende 4. März 2021 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze, zweistufiges Verfahren)

INTERNES VERFAHREN: Bitte beachten Sie, dass das Antragsformular von einem/r 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 BMBF
Personalised Medicine - Development of clinical Support Tools for the Implementation of personalised Approaches within the ERA Network "ERA PerMed"

Aim: With its fourth transnational funding call, ERA PerMed supports research and innovation activities that establish close links between clinical research, informatics/medical informatics and research on ethical, legal and social aspects (ELSA) in PM. The overall objective is to improve disease prevention and management based on broader and more efficient characterisation and definition of patient stratification, diagnostics and tailored treatment/prevention protocols for both patients and people at risk of disease. Relevant regulatory authorities and the various key players along the value chain should be involved at the project development stage to facilitate the transition between initial discoveries or inventions to market access.

Target group: collaborative projects with at least three eligible partners from at least three different countries; the number of applications per project leader is limited to only one.

Duration: up to 3 years

Funding: up to € 300,000 for the German partners

Deadline: 4 March 2021 (submission of a project outline; multi-stage procedure)

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 BMBF
Social Science and Humanities Research to improve Healthcare and Everyday Life for People with rare Diseases within the European Joint Programme Cofund "EJP Rare Diseases"

**Aim**  
The aim of this funding measure is to contribute to progress in improving healthcare and everyday life for people with rare diseases. Transnational collaborative research proposals must address at least one of the following topics:

- research on health and social services to improve health outcomes for patients and their family members or households;
- economic impact of rare diseases;
- psychological and social impact of rare diseases;
- studies addressing the impact and burden of delay in diagnosis and lack of therapeutic interventions;
- e-health in rare diseases: using innovative technology systems for health and social care practice;
- developing and improving research methods for health outcomes in rare diseases;
- impact of the pandemic crisis on the field of rare diseases and the emergence of innovative treatment pathways in this regard.

**Target group**  
transnational collaborative projects with at least three partners from at least three 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**  
16 February 2021 (submission of a project outline; three-stage procedure)

**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
One Health Interventions that Prevent or Reduce the Development and Transmission of Antimicrobial Resistance (Joint Programming Initiative JPIAMR)

**Aim**
The objectives of the announcement are 1) to increase the understanding of the effect of interventions on the development and transmission of antimicrobial resistance and 2) to develop, implement and compare new interventions.

The purpose of the grant is therefore to support the scientific development and/or investigation of interventions that have a significant impact on preventing or reducing the emergence and transmission of antimicrobial resistance and that take into account the interactions between or within the One Health sectors of humans, animals and the environment.

**Target group**
clinically, experimentally or socially scientifically oriented working groups, from three different countries

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
up to € 300,000 for one or € 500,000 for two German partners per consortium

**Deadline**
16 March 2021 (submission of a project outline; three-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

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Strengthening European Cooperation in educational Research

**Aim**
The objectives of the funding measure are to strengthen the exchange of content, the strategic networking of education researchers, taking into account young researchers, and cooperation within European education research on central challenges in education. In addition, the participation of German universities and research institutions in “Horizon Europe” in the area of research on educational topics is to be increased and Germany’s role in this area strengthened. Furthermore, the funding is intended to improve the usability of research results in practice.

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

**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**
22 March 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
KMU-innovativ: Interaktive Technologien für Gesundheit und Lebensqualität


Zielgruppe riskoreiche industrielle Forschungs- und vorwettbewerbliche Entwicklungs-vorhaben; KMU als Einzelvorhaben oder im Verbund mit Hochschulen, Forschungseinrichtungen, anderen Unternehmen und weiteren Partnern

Dauer bis zu 3 Jahre

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

Fristende 15. April & 15. Oktober 2021

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Weitere Informationen Webseite des BMBF

Pathways to Innovation - Supporting Future Applicants in European Security Research

Aim Funding is provided for activities that are necessary for the preparation and concrete drafting of an EU application for Cluster 3. With the deadline in 2021, this is possible for the first time for the 2022 work programme.

If the work programme for Cluster 3 is not finalised by the submission deadline of the funding guideline, project outlines can still be submitted. This applies primarily to the submission deadlines of 2022 and 2024. These must relate to a thematic area of Cluster 3 and, immediately after publication of the work programme, provide for a review of the content of the project with regard to the actually published calls for proposals (milestone).

Target group individual projects

Duration up to 1 year

Funding up to € 120,000

Deadline 30 April 2021 for a EU proposal for Cluster 3 - work programme 2022 (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
Development and Practical Testing of Data Fiduciary Models in the Fields of Research and Economy

Aim
With a view to improving the availability of data while at the same time safeguarding fundamental data protection regulations and further developing data ethics principles, this funding guideline is intended to support the implementation of pilot projects for the design, development and testing of exemplary technical and organizational solutions within the framework of data trust models. Approaches for practical testing and accompanying research (real-lab approach) of data trust models in sector-specific or cross-sectoral fields of application are particularly welcome.

Target group both individual and collaborative projects
Duration up to 3 years
Funding up to € 800,000
Deadline 18 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.

Innovative Working Environments in Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Aim
Funding is provided for projects that focus on improved collaboration and work among people using innovative and novel digital tools. R&D needs are based on the lifelong acquisition of knowledge and skills in the company, the intelligent provision of knowledge at work and new forms of cooperation between people in or between companies.

The socio-technical solutions should address one of these needs and also be adapted to the typical requirements of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Implementation is to be supported and transferability ensured through application-oriented occupational science support.

Target group high-risk, company-driven and applied collaborative projects
Duration up to 2 years
Funding up to 100% of eligible project-related expenditure and a project lump sum of 20% for higher education institutions
Deadline two cut-off dates: 1 March 2021 & 1 September 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
Transnational Research Projects on Neurodevelopmental Disorders

**Aim**

“Neurological and mental disorders impose a high societal and economic burden to the European population, leading to costs of more than 800 billion euros per year. A wide range of brain disorders already manifests during development in **early life**. Such neurodevelopmental disorders severely curtail the quality of life of patients and their families often throughout their entire lifespan. Thus, neuroscientific research on neurodevelopmental disorders and its translation into diagnostic and therapeutic outcomes is a central pillar to promote healthy living in Europe and worldwide.

To address this topic, the ‘Network of European Funding for Neuroscience Research’ (NEURON) aims to coordinate research efforts and funding programmes across Europe and beyond to promote disease-related biomedical research on neurodevelopmental disorders.”

**Target group**

collaborative projects consisting of at least three **relevantly qualified research groups** from **three 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**

9 March 2021 (submission of a project outline; three-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).

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website of the [BMBF](https://www.bmbf.de)
Internationale Klausurwochen auf dem Gebiet der ethischen, rechtlichen und sozialen Aspekte der modernen Lebenswissenschaften

**Förderung** „Gefördert wird die Organisation, Durchführung und Nachbereitung von etwa fünftägigen, internationalen und interdisziplinären Klausurwochen zu ethischen, rechtlichen und sozialen Aspekten der modernen Lebenswissenschaften. […] Ziel einer Klausurwoche soll der wissenschaftlich fundierte Vergleich unterschiedlicher, länderspezifischer Positionen zu einer definierten Fragestellung sein. Auch die soziokulturellen, religiösen oder politischen Hintergründe, die zu den jeweiligen Positionen führen, sollen betrachtet werden. Die gewählte Fragestellung muss klar umrissen, in sich geschlossen und für den internationalen, interdisziplinären Diskurs geeignet sein. Geschlechtsspezifische Aspekte sollen bei den Vorhaben nach Möglichkeit in angemessener Weise berücksichtigt werden.“

**Zielgruppe** staatliche und staatlich anerkannte Hochschulen und außeruniversitäre Forschungseinrichtungen sowie Unternehmen der gewerblichen Wirtschaft

**Dauer** bis zu 2 Jahre

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

**Fristende** 15. März 2021

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Making Repositories and AI Systems Usable in Everyday Nursing Care

**Aim**
Funding is provided for research projects focusing on the creation of a sustainably usable data and software basis (hereinafter referred to as repository) for the use of AI systems in everyday care and research projects focusing on the research and development of AI systems for use in everyday care.

- Module 1: Making digital data sustainably usable for nursing care
- Module 2: Using data and models in everyday nursing care
- Module 3: Scientific support and networking project

**Target group**
Module 1 & 2: Companies in the commercial sector, universities, research institutions and civil society actors
Module 3: Universities and non-university research institutions as well as organizations of nursing practice, e.g. public or non-profit care providers

**Duration**
- Module 1 & 2: 3 years
- Module 3: 3.5 years

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

**Deadline**
31 March 2021

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**Further information**
website of the [BMBF](http://www.bmbf.de)
Innovations for the Production, Service and Work of Tomorrow

Aim

The research project should help to systematically search for measures, trends and topics that influence developments in technologies, processes and concepts of value creation using a scientifically validated approach.

The following general methodology for the systematic foresight of future developments in selected research areas appears to be particularly target-oriented:

- Development of methods for the identification and evaluation of early signals as well as the analysis of mega- and micro-trends in the research area, which can be bundled into development lines, for example.
- Development of measures to investigate and evaluate the impact of mechanisms of action and dependencies of individual influencing factors in the area of value creation, also taking into account new sources (e.g. social media).
- Establishment of trend monitoring on developing research topics in the area of tension between society, economy, technology and ecology, with special consideration of an indicator system for evaluating future topic areas with regard to their economic and scientific potential.
- Elements of scientific discourse such as open dialogue processes, scientific workshops and new methods of transdisciplinary creativity and development techniques.

Target group

interdisciplinary collaborative projects

Duration

up to 5 years

Funding

up to € 800,000

Deadline

1 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
Relationship of pre-diagnostic Disturbances of physiological Systems with neurodegenerative Diseases in the Framework of the European Joint Programme - Neurodegenerative Disease Research (JPND)

**Aim**

The aim of this funding guideline is to improve the detection, identification and understanding of early indicators of a developing neurodegenerative disease, thereby advancing the development of new diagnostic or therapeutic approaches. Projects may include, but are not limited to, the following research approaches:

- Evidence of the relationship between early neurodegenerative processes and physiological disorders;
- Application of state-of-the-art methods or technologies to improve the detection of early symptoms;
- Studies in humans or animals to decipher neurodegenerative processes that cause early physiological symptoms, such as at the neuropathological, cellular, synaptic, metabolic or inflammatory level;
- Application of digital technologies to link symptoms to neurodegenerative physiological changes;
- Correlating suspected signs of disease and physiological disturbances through the application of home monitoring and wearable devices, including wireless sensors for patient monitoring.

**Target group** collaborative projects with three to six eligible partners from at least three 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** 2 March 2021 (submission of a project outline; three-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
Research and Development of Urgently Needed Therapeutics against SARS-CoV-2

**Aim** The object of the funding is:

- The execution of necessary work for the production of investigational medicinal products according to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), also by awarding contracts.
- The clinical development of phases I to IIb of small molecules, monoclonal antibodies and other biologicals whose efficacy against SARS-CoV-2 has been preclinically proven by in vitro and in vivo studies.
- The mode of action of the therapeutics to be developed should be based on specific activity against SARS-CoV-2 or broad-spectrum activity against RNA viruses, or address host cell factors relevant to SARS-CoV-2 infectivity, replication and pathogenicity.
- R&D projects in this regard that also address alternative routes of application of the therapeutics, for example, for inhalation delivery, are welcomed.
- Phase I to IIb clinical development of novel therapeutics to treat severe disease courses of COVID-19, such as those that counteract the exaggerated immune response.

**Target group** commercial enterprises and (only in collaborative projects) state and non-state universities and non-university research institutions

**Duration** The latest end of the funding is **31 December 2023**.

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

**Deadline** **17 February 2021**

**INTERNATIONAL 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)
Grand Challenge of Quantum Communication

**Aim** The aim of the funding guideline is a measurable improvement of a quantum memory or other system for the realisation of quantum tokens within the project duration of three years. The expected scope of measurable progress is specific to the respective system platform under investigation. In any case, the current state of development should be significantly exceeded in at least one indicator without other indicators deteriorating significantly. Based on these indicators, a performance review will be carried out by a jury of experts during the funding measure.

**Target group** collaborative projects

**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** 7 April 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
Microelectronics Research by German Partners in the European EUREKA Cluster PENTA

**Aim**  The funding objective is to accelerate innovation dynamics in Germany in the field of technologies and applications of electronic systems in conjunction with the establishment of European innovation and value chains in order to strengthen technological sovereignty in microelectronics and sensor technology in Germany and Europe and to improve the competitive situation in international comparison.

The projects must address technological innovations with a significant level of innovation, primarily in the field of electronic hardware, especially in the following technological areas:

- Electronic Design Automation (EDA),
- special processors for edge computing and artificial intelligence,
- novel, intelligent and networked sensors,
- high-frequency electronics for communication and sensing,
- intelligent and energy-efficient power electronics,
- cross-sectional technologies (system integration, testing, verification and validation as well as adaptation of new materials),
- selected production technologies for microelectronics production (automation solutions, additive manufacturing processes, measurement and testing technology) and
- novel technologies for increasing the performance or efficiency of semiconductor components.

**Target group**  pre-competitive, industry-driven R&D work within the framework of bi- and multilateral European collaborative projects

**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**  26 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
Funding for African-German cooperation on the topic of "Water Security in Africa - WASA"  

**Aim**
This announcement regulates the initial phase of the funding measure "Water Security in Africa" in Southern Africa. The specific objective of the initial phase is to **develop regional concepts** for the implementation of the main phase together with African partners and to clarify the medium-term possibilities of additional funding and contributions by African and German partners.

Within the WASA funding measure, **High Performance Computing regional solutions for increasing water security** in Africa are to be developed and demonstrated. The aim is to develop **new processes, products and services** in the following thematic areas:

- sustainable water resource management,
- water infrastructure and water technology,
- hydrological forecasts and projections.

**Target group**
**Initial phase**: at least one German partner and at least one partner from one or more of the following countries in **Southern Africa** (Angola, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe)

**Duration**
up to **15 months** (initial phase) | up to **4 years** (main phase)

**Funding**
up to **€ 150,000** (initial phase)

**Deadline**
31 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)
Network and Exploration Projects with Canadian Research Institutions on the Topic of Green Hydrogen

Aim  The objective of this funding guideline is to establish bi-national networks and partnerships with Canadian actors to research and develop innovative solutions in the field of hydrogen technologies along the entire value chain.

The methodological/thematic spectrum to be addressed by the partners includes the following focus areas in the field of green hydrogen, for example: energy material development: catalysts, electrodes and membranes | improvement of modelling/production process/conditioning, especially to increase cost efficiency | P2X, storage, transport | economic linkage of P2X with industrial sectors | system integration of green hydrogen into energy systems | regulatory and economic framework conditions of the hydrogen market.

Target group  consortium of at least one (minimum requirement) German partner (a university or non-university research institution) and a Canadian university

Duration  up to 1 year

Funding  up to € 35,000

Deadline  26 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

Knowledge Transfer

Aim  The immediate goal of this funding offer is to generate additional scientifically reliable findings on existing activities and structures for the transfer of scientifically generated knowledge into application and to trace their development over the course of the past 30 years. In this way, the central determinants of a successful, targeted transfer of scientific knowledge as well as existing "gaps", obstacles or reservations are to be identified - in each case in relation to the various transfer paths.

Target group  individual and collaborative research projects

Duration  not specified

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

Deadline  19 April 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
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

31st CORNET Call for Proposals

**Aim**  “This CORNET Call for Proposals is based on existing funding programmes for (collective) research in the participating countries/regions. As for the previous CORNET Calls, the added value is to make international collaboration possible for these national/regional programmes, whereby every project participant will be funded by the funding organisation of their own country or region. […] There is no thematic focus in the CORNET Calls for Proposals.

**Target group** consortia of at least three companies from two countries participating in the CORNET call; participation of universities as subcontractors

**Duration** up to 2 years

**Funding** not specified

**Deadline** 31 March 2021 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information** website of CORNET

Production of Innovative Personal Protective Equipment

**Aim**  Funding is available for research and technology development projects to develop new products and processes in the field of innovative protective equipment along the entire value chain, from the life cycle of products to recycling, including associated services such as cleaning. The projects can be carried out in the form of individual company projects or in cooperation with at least two partners (joint projects). One of the collaborative partners is the collaborative leader.

The programme addresses the following funding priorities in particular:

- Sustainability and circularity
- 3.2 Functionality, development of new areas of demand
- Automation and digitalisation of production and services
- Contribution to the efficiency of the National Reserve
- Standardisation, testing and certification procedures

**Target group** individual company projects or in cooperation with at least two partners (joint projects)

**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** 1 July 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 BMWi
Use and construction of demonstration plants for the industrial bioeconomy

**Aim**
To further develop the industrial bioeconomy, innovative products and processes with high added value must be scaled up to larger volumes and tested on a scale that allows the practical optimisation of all process steps. Funding is provided for the development steps necessary for this, which require in particular the use and construction of demonstration plants. Start-ups, SMEs and medium-sized companies with up to 1,000 employees, and in exceptional cases also large companies, need access to multi-purpose plants for this purpose in order to scale up processes that have proven themselves on a laboratory scale to larger scales. In the further development towards market maturity, dedicated demonstration plants are also needed to establish pre-commercial industrial processes.

**Target group**
Universities and research institutions, provided they are part of a consortium with industry participation

**Duration**
From 6 months up to 2 years

**Funding**
Own contribution of at least 10%

**Deadline**
1 March or 30 June 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”) and that the project has to be supported by own contribution of funding. The final proposal must therefore be submitted to Department 73 - National Funding at least 3 weeks before the deadline to ensure that the proposal is pre-examined and submitted for signature on time. Thus, please contact Department 73 as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de) to arrange a date for the support with the proposal preparation.

**Further information**
Website of the BMWi

Resource Efficiency in the context of the Energy Transition

**Aim**
Funding is available for research and development projects on the cross-cutting topic of resource efficiency in the context of the energy transition that have a cross-system and cross-technology character. The project proposals should not be limited to a single technology area and should focus on optimising resource efficiency from a systemic perspective of energy-related CO2 emissions.

**Target group**
Collaborative projects with participation from business and science

**Duration**
Not specified

**Funding**
Not specified

**Deadline**
28 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 BMWi
Communication Technologies for the Energy Industry (KomTechE)

**Aim**

The aim of the call is to **minimise** the **costs of operation** and **maintenance** in individual energy sectors or across sectors through the **use of wireless communication technologies** in the energy industry. Furthermore, the **improvement of energy efficiency** and the **saving of CO2** is addressed.

Upon submission, project proposals must quantitatively estimate the possible savings for operation and maintenance and efficiency. In addition, the expected costs for scalability in the context of widespread use or transferability to other energy sectors must be presented.

**Target group**

consortia with predominant industry participation (TRL 6-8)

**Duration**

not specified

**Funding**

not specified

**Deadline**

31 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
Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

Transnational ForestValue Call on sustainable and multifunctional Use and Management of Forests and Building with Wood

**Aim**
The current call focuses on research and development projects in the forestry and wood sector that contribute to making the economy less dependent on fossil and other non-renewable raw materials and to building a bio-based economy. Project outlines with German partners can be submitted in the following thematic areas:
- the sustainable and multifunctional use and management of forests with the aim of maximising their contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); and
- building with wood

**Target group**
transnational collaboration between a variety of stakeholders (e.g. industry, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), stakeholder associations, research organisations, governmental organisations, NGOs)

**Duration**
usually 3 years

**Funding**
€ 500,000 (total requested funding for all German partners within one consortium)

**Deadline**
13 April 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 FNR
Peatland soil protection via the use of renewable raw materials from paludiculture

Aim
The aim of the present funding call is to promote R&D projects on utilisation concepts for paludiculture, if necessary also combined with other utilisation alternatives, taking into account the current regulatory and societal boundary and framework conditions, and to provide impulses for practical application. The focus is on innovative and practical R&D projects aimed at the agricultural use of existing and rewetted peatland sites. Studies on ecological and economic issues in the context of paludiculture and projects that serve to inform and communicate the use of raw materials from paludiculture are also included in the call for funding.

Target group
R&D projects

Duration
not specified

Funding
not specified

Deadline
5 April 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 FNR
Innovative Climate Protection Projects

**Aim**  The call for funding for innovative climate protection projects aims to develop and pilot innovative approaches to climate protection (Module 1) and to strengthen and sustainably secure the effects of successful approaches that have already been piloted through nationwide dissemination (Module 2). The nationwide applicability and visibility of these approaches plays an important role in both modules.

**Target group**  collaborative projects

**Duration**  up to 3 years

**Funding**  as requested; own contribution of at least 10%

**Deadline**  31 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”) and that the project has to be supported by own contribution of funding. The final proposal must therefore be submitted to Department 73 - National Funding at least 3 weeks before the deadline to ensure that the proposal is pre-examined and submitted for signature on time. Thus, please contact Department 73 as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de) to arrange a date for the support with the proposal preparation.

**Further information**  website of the PTJ
Digital Security – Tandems as Members of an inter-site Research Training Group - GRK NERD II

**Aim** The call for funding builds on the existing structures of the Research Training Group "North-Rhine Westphalian Experts in Research on Digitalization" (GRK NERD) established at Ruhr-Universität Bochum and initiates the announcement of further doctoral tandems. The goal of the research training group is to strengthen the promotion of early-career researchers in IT security at universities and colleges throughout North Rhine-Westphalia and to sustainably sharpen the research profile in the research area of Human Centered Systems Security. Early-career researchers and the professors involved are brought together across locations (sometimes for the first time).

**Target group** PhD tandem consisting of two scientific partners; the number of PhD proposals to be submitted is limited to a maximum of two per scientific partner (Principal Investigator).

**Duration** 4 years (Research Training Group); 3,5 years (PhD tandems)

**Funding** PhD tandems for universities: 90% in the 1st and 2nd year, 50% in the 3rd and 4th year; thus, in each of the first 21 months of a doctorate, an own contribution of 10% of the eligible expenses must be paid, thereafter 5%. The maximum total expenses eligible for funding are up to € 75,400 per doctoral student per year, including travel expenses and, if applicable, materials.

**Deadline** 26 March 2021 (information event on the call for proposals: 4 February 2021)

INTERNAL PROCEDURE: Please note, that the application form must be signed by an authorised representative of the university (in German: "rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift") and that the project has to be supported by own contribution of funding. The final proposal must therefore be submitted to Department 73 - National Funding at least 3 weeks before the deadline to ensure that the proposal is pre-examined and submitted for signature on time. Thus, please contact Department 73 as soon as you decide to write a proposal (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de) to arrange a date for the support with the proposal preparation.

**Further information** website of the Project Management Jülich (PTJ)
COVID-19 Focus Funding: Impacts of the Coronavirus Pandemic in the Global South: Health Systems and Society

Aim “With this subject the DFG is highlighting the countries and regions which have been particularly affected by the impacts of the pandemic due to major social disparities, a relatively weak economy, a high degree of informality, a lack of social security and overburdened health systems.

The call includes two thematic focus areas. The first is on research projects that address the health systems of the Global South, as well as their reaction to the pandemic and to the changes brought about by it. The second focus of the call is on projects that deal with the various changes to society triggered by the pandemic, for example in terms of migration, the economy, political systems or social practices. It must be convincingly demonstrated in the research project why the quantitative and/or qualitative data to be collated can only be collected and secured within a short, critical time frame due to the highly dynamic situation at present.”

Target group researchers who have already established ties with their counterparts at research institutions in the Global South

Duration up to 1 year

Funding as requested

Deadline 17 February 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 10 February 2021)

Further information website of the DFG

Trilaterale Forschungskonferenzen „Villa Vigoni“ 2022–2024


Zielgruppe je ein/e WissenschaftlerIn aus Deutschland, Frankreich und Italien; Postdocs bis 6 Jahre nach Promotion können das Förderungsangebot wahlweise auch in verkleinerter Form in Anspruch nehmen

Dauer Jede Trilaterale Forschungskonferenz besteht aus einer Serie von drei Veranstaltungen, die im Jahresrhythmus aufeinanderfolgen.

Fristende 30. April 2021

Weitere Informationen Webseite der DFG
Priority Programme “Electronic-Photonic Integrated Systems for Ultrafast Signal Processing” (SPP 2111)

**Aim**
“The focus of the overall programme is to investigate how combined electronic-photonic systems using the huge optical bandwidth and nanophotonic/nanoelectronic integration technologies can be used to disrupt the current bandwidth and jitter limitations of purely electronic respectively conventional electronic-photonic systems by orders of magnitude. While in the call for proposals of the first phase three core areas where addressed (ultra-broadband electronic-photonic systems, low-jitter electronic-photonic systems and optical/THz sensor systems) the research in the second phase shall be focused mainly on ultra-broadband and low-jitter systems. Furthermore, for projects from the first phase which investigated electronic-photonic systems from a theoretical perspective must demonstrate their research using photonic rsp. electronic-photonic integration technologies such as silicon photonics, SiN, InP technologies etc.”

**Target group**
interdisciplinary research in the areas of electronic-photonic circuit and system design, communication technology, networks, computing, sensors etc. based on existing nanophotonic/nanoelectronic integration technology

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
12 April 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 29 March 2021)

**Further information**
website of the DFG

New Major Instrumentation Initiative: Quantum Communication Development Environment (QCDE)

**Aim**
“The present call aims to provide researchers with a Quantum Communication Development Environment based on commercially available instrumentation. Quantum communication has attracted broad attention due to the unique possibilities that the exploitation of quantum principles can bring – at least in theory. In recent years practical applications have been demonstrated in specialised labs with dedicated home-built equipment. The availability of commercial instrumentation for standardised QCDE opens the field of quantum communication for a much broader research community and paves the road towards quantum communication technology. This Major Instrumentation Initiative aims to provide researchers with access to standardised QCDE that allow for research on quantum communication hardware as well as research on system engineering, such as communication concepts and protocols.”

**Target group**
universities

**Funding**
as requested

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

**Further information**
website of the DFG
New Major Instrumentation Initiative: Spin-based Quantum Light Microscopy (SQLM)

**Aim**
“The present call aims to provide several universities with room-temperature or low-temperature fully integrated SQLM, depending on the individual planned applications, in order to demonstrate the potential of SQLM as enabling technology for novel interdisciplinary research avenues. Commercial instruments or self-assembled setups based on commercially available subsystems can be funded. However, development or assembly of a home-built SQLM from individual components is not in the scope of this call.”

**Target group** universities

**Funding** as requested

**Deadline** 4 May 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 4 May 2021)

**Further information** website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Catalysts and Reactors under Dynamic Conditions for Energy Storage and Conversion” (SPP 2080)

**Aim**
“The fluctuating availability of renewable energies such as wind and solar power represents one of the greatest challenges in the context of the energy transition. Electricity generated on windy and sunny days can be stored in the form of chemical energy carriers such as hydrogen or hydrocarbons. This requires the use of catalysts, reactors and electrochemical cells under externally controlled dynamic reaction conditions. This is where this Priority Programme steps in. Applied to current questions of energy transition, a basic understanding of microscopic processes on solid catalysts under dynamic conditions and their effects on activity, selectivity and stability will be developed. The interdisciplinary research programme is located in chemical technology and chemical reaction engineering, and is explicitly open to other areas of chemistry, physics or materials science that contribute to the topic.”

**Target group** collaborations between groups from two to three different sub-areas; exception for early career researchers who submit a single-author proposal but interlink their work directly with other consortia

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** as requested

**Deadline** 15 June 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 1 June 2021)

**Further information** website of the DFG
European Research Funding

Horizon Europe

European Research Council (ERC)
Update from 26 January 2021: 2021 Work Programme and First Calls

"Further to the announcement of the delays of ERC calls, a pre-publication on the ERC website of relevant DRAFT documents for 2021 ERC calls is in preparation. The ERC is aiming to have these documents online by the end of January or beginning of February. In response to many queries on the subject, prospective applicants and panel members should note that ERC is striving to preserve the deadlines for submission of proposals and the evaluation calendar as close as possible to that initially planned."

Further information is available at the Website of the ERC.
Deutsch-Französische Hochschule

Wissenschaftliche Veranstaltungen für Nachwuchswissenschaftler (Forschungsateliers, Sommerschulen)

**Förderung** „Mit dem Ziel der Netzwerkbildung von Wissenschaftlern und der Intensivierung des deutsch-französischen wissenschaftlichen Dialogs fördert die Deutsch-Französische Hochschule (DFH) deutsch-französische Veranstaltungen für Nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen und Nachwuchswissenschaftler (Doktoranden bzw. Postdocs).“

Drei Ausschreibungen:

- Allgemeine Ausschreibung (themenoffen)
- Ausschreibung zum Thema Künstliche Intelligenz und ihre Herausforderungen in Europa
- Ausschreibung zum Thema Klimawandel und Nachhaltigkeit

**Zielgruppe** zwei HochschullehrerInnen, die jeweils einer Hochschule oder einer außeruniversitären Forschungseinrichtung in Deutschland bzw. Frankreich angehören; im Ausnahmefall: Antragstellung durch zwei NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen

**Dauer** mind. zwei Tage bis max. vier Wochen als Einzelveranstaltung oder als strukturierte Veranstaltungsreihe über einen Zeitraum von max. 2 Jahre

**Förderung** zwischen 2.000 € und 15.000 €


**Weitere Informationen** Webseite der Deutsch-Französischen Hochschule
German Historical Institute Paris

Karl Ferdinand Werner Fellowship

**Aim**  The German Historical Institute Paris (DHIP) awards the Karl Ferdinand Werner Fellowship twice a year. In addition to individual archival and library research in Paris and the surrounding area, funding is also available for stays that serve concentrated manuscript work with the help of the institute's well-equipped library or the deepening of academic contacts for French-German academic cooperation (e.g. for the conception of joint research projects).

**Target group** professors and members of the academic middle management (with at least a doctorate) at German higher education institutions whose projects fit into the DHIP's fields of work.

**Duration** between 1 and 4 weeks

**Funding** free use of one of the DHIP's guest rooms, connection to the institute's infrastructure as well as its library

**Deadline** 15 February 2021 & 15 September 2021

**Further information** website of the DHI Paris
FUNDING FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

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Weitere Informationen Webseite der Deutsch-Französischen Hochschule

Volkswagen Foundation

Freigeist Fellowships

Aim “A 'Freigeist' fellow: for the Volkswagen Foundation this means a young researcher with a **strong personality**, a **creative mind**, an ability to identify and use **freedom**, dedicated to overcoming resistance. If necessary, he or she will be a free spirit, enjoying the unexpected, even unexpected difficulties. A 'Freigeist' fellow opens up **new horizons** and combines critical analysis with imagination and innovative solutions. By thinking ahead the 'Freigeist' fellow will act as a catalyst in **overcoming existing disciplinary, institutional and even national boundaries.**”

Target group outstanding junior researchers up to 4 years after the PhD who wish to carry out research at the **boundaries** between **established fields** of research

Duration up to 5 (+3) years or 6 (+2) years

Funding up to € 2,2 million

Deadline 1 April 2021 (last call for applications)

Further information website of the foundation
German Israeli Foundation (GIF)

First call for proposals in the new GIF Young Scientists’ Program

Aim
“The new GIF Young Scientists’ Program supports young researchers, with or without a research partner in the other country, for a one-year project, with a budget of between EUR 25–75k, depending on the number of principal investigators (PIs). The first call in the new Young Scientists’ Program will focus on sustainability related projects in all areas of research.

Proposals may be submitted in one of the following tracks:
- EWS - Early Work in Sustainability: for individual PIs without a research partner in the other country
- CIS - Collaboration in Sustainability: for binational teams of researchers with at least one PI from each country, including at least one young PI.”

Target group researchers up to 10 years after the PhD
Proposals may be submitted
a) by one individual PI without a research partner in the other country OR
b) by binational teams of researchers with at least one PI from each country, including at least one young PI.

Duration 1 year
Funding up to € 25,000 for projects with only one PI
up to € 75,000 for collaborative projects

Deadline 1 March 2021
Further information website of the foundation
An overview of the most important science awards is available [here](#).

**Ministry of Economic Affairs, Innovation, Digitalization and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia**

**Energy Research Award 2020**

**Aim**
The aim of the Energy Research Award is to honour early-career researchers for their outstanding achievements and to provide an **incentive to work on forward-looking energy research topics**. In addition, the visibility of these topics is to be increased through the Energy Research Awards.

**Target Group**
outstanding bachelor's, master's and doctoral theses from North Rhine-Westphalian universities that answer technology-open and system-oriented questions about future technologies and processes

**Endowment**
€ 3,000 (doctoral thesis)

**Deadline**
28 February 2021

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

**UMSICHT Association**

**UMSICHT Science Award**

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The aim of the Energy Research Award is to honour early-career researchers for their outstanding achievements and to provide an **incentive to work on forward-looking energy research topics**. In addition, the visibility of these topics is to be increased through the Energy Research Awards.

**Target Group**
published work in the fields of environmental, process or energy technology not older than 2 years

**Endowment**
€ 8,000

**Deadline**
28 February 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 31 May 2021 (3 cut-off dates annually)

Further information

website of Division 7 Research Management

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

DFG: DFG continues to facilitate the participation of refugee scientists in research projects
Since December 2015, the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) has offered funding options for researchers who have had to flee their home countries. So far, this has primarily supported researchers in the doctoral and postdoctoral phase by integrating them into DFG projects that are already underway.

The DFG will continue to enable this target group to integrate into the German research system in 2021.

It encourages qualified individuals from all scientific career stages with a refugee background to be employed in DFG-funded research projects.

Further information is available [here](#).

Horizont Europa Portal ist online

Weitere Informationen sind [hier](#) abrufbar.

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

Es werden des Weiteren Verfahren aufgeführ, bei denen die Hochschulleitung den Antrag unterzeichnen muss und bei denen ebenfalls ein gewisser zeitlicher Vorlauf einzuplanen ist.

Weitere Informationen sind [hier](#) abrufbar.
EVENTS

2. März 2021, 10:00 – 12:00 Uhr | online-Informationsveranstaltung

Auftaktveranstaltung zu Horizon Europe
Diese online-Informationsveranstaltung stellt das neue EU-Forschungsrahmenprogramm Horizon Europe vor. Neben einem Überblick zur Programmbestruktur und den Förderinhalten, wird Anika Werk vom EU-Büro des BMBF die Teilnahmevoraussetzungen vorstellen und praktische Tipps zur Antragstellung geben. Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an WissenschaftlerInnen der Universität zu Köln, die das neue Programm und die Beteiligungsmöglichkeiten kennenlernen möchten. Forschende aus den umliegenden Hochschulen sind ebenfalls herzlich eingeladen.

Weitere Informationen & online Anmeldeform: https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_veranstaltungen/

23. März 2021, 15:00 – 17:00 Uhr | online-Informationsveranstaltung

DFG Transferförderung

Weitere Informationen & online Anmeldeform: https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_veranstaltungen/

08.02.2021
Nationale Auftaktveranstaltung zum Start des EU-Rahmenprogramms für Forschung und Innovation "Horizont Europa"
online

10.02.2021
NKS FET: Der EIC in Horizont Europa
online

25.02.2021
KoWi: Der European Innovation Council
online

01.03.2021
NKS Gesellschaft: Kultur, Kreativität und Inklusive Gesellschaft: worum geht es in Cluster 2? (Save the Date)
online

02.03.2021
Save the Date: Webinar zu den MSC-Maßnahmen unter Horizont Europa
online

02.03.2021
NKS Gesundheit: Fördermöglichkeiten im Bereich Gesundheit in Horizont Europa
online

05.03.2021
NKS Umwelt: Horizon Europa - Fördermöglichkeiten im Cluster Klima - Energie - Mobilität
online

09.03.2021
NKS Umwelt: Horizon Europa – Ihre Fördermöglichkeiten im Cluster „Lebensmittel, Bioökonomie, natürliche Ressourcen, Landwirtschaft und Umwelt“
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