Current Calls for Proposals from National, European and International Third-Party Funding Sources
Webinar

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ERC Starting and Consolidator Grants in Horizon Europe

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ERC Starting & Consolidator Grants: Tips for Proposal Writing
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Experiences of a successful ERC Starting Grantee
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Tips from a former ERC Panel Chair
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FAQ Session (optional)

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Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Strengthening and Developing Peace and Conflict Research

Aim
The research projects should address central national, transnational and global challenges in the prevention and constructive management of (violent) conflicts. There is a fundamental openness to new topics, and a number of possible fields of peace and conflict research are given as examples:

- global challenges for peace and security (e.g. infections and global health, transnational actors of violence and orders of violence, fragile/failed states, resource wealth/scarcity and conflicts, climate and environmental change);
- the role of new technologies, means of communication and digitization in the context of conflicts and peace processes;
- international peace and security systems;
- international peace and security strategies;
- democracy and social peace.

Target group
1) cross-university or cross-institutional: smaller, regionally distributed actors, such as individual chairs or research groups
2) location-related: universities and research institutions within a region that work in the field of peace and conflict research

Duration
up to 4 years

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

Deadline
30 November 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.

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 of Joint Innovative Projects with the Ministry of Research of the Kingdom of Morocco (PMARS IV)

Aim  Funding will be provided under this funding measure for strategic research projects both as individual and collaborative projects that, in accordance with the funding purpose described above, address one or more of the following priority topics in international cooperation with Morocco:

a) water and environment
b) global change including climate change, biodiversity, sustainable land use
c) food and agricultural science
d) renewable energies and energy efficiency
e) biomedical research (e.g. infectious diseases, oncology, metabolic diseases, neuroscience)
f) artificial intelligence
g) humanities and social sciences for social challenges

Target group  German-Moroccan project consortia; involvement of commercial companies - especially SMEs - is encouraged.

Duration  up to 3 years

Funding  up to € 150,000 for the German partner

Deadline  1 November 2020 (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
**Kleine Fächer – Zusammen stark**


**Zielgruppe** Verbund (aus drei bis sechs Einrichtungen) bestehend aus einer Leitung (mind. 5 Jahre nach der Promotion) und bis zu 5 NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen (bis zu 4 Jahre nach der Promotion)

**Dauer** max. 4 Jahre (Hauptphase) + optional 1 Jahr (Transferphase)

**Förderhöhe** Hauptphase: bis zu 2,4 Mio. € | Transferphase: bis zu 300.000 €

**Fristende** 31. Januar 2021 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; mehrstufiges Antragsverfahren)

**INTERNES VERFAHREN**: Bitte beachten Sie, dass mit dem Antrag eine Kooperationsvereinbarung zwischen allen Projektpartnern eingereicht werden muss, der die Bedingungen ihrer Zusammenarbeit regelt. In diesem Fall muss das Vertragsmanagement des Dezernat 7 Forschungsmanagement einbezogen werden, sobald die Antragstellung und die Vertragsverhandlungen beginnen. Zudem ist der Projektskizze eine Erklärung der aufnehmenden Universität beizufügen. **Wenden Sie sich deshalb bitte an die Abteilung 73, sobald Sie sich für die Antragstellung entscheiden**, mind. aber 4 Wochen vor Fristende (a73_Antrag@verw.unikoeln.de).

**Weitere Informationen** Webseite des BMBF

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University of Cologne | Division 7 Research Management | Dept. 71 Analysis & Consulting Services
Prevention of Colorectal Cancer in Younger and Future Generations

Aim
In order to adequately address the variety of different problems associated with the phenomenon of colorectal cancer in younger people, interdisciplinary networks are being promoted in the following areas:

- causal research on the molecular biological, life-world and behavioral backgrounds of the increasing incidence of colorectal cancer in younger people
- development and testing of appropriate procedures in secondary prevention of colorectal cancer, especially risk-adapted early detection procedures, including communication concepts for "young adults", physicians and other relevant actors in the field of health care;
- research on the tertiary prevention of colorectal cancer, e.g. on prognostically relevant factors in younger patients, on the importance of the disease at a younger age for rehabilitation and occupational biographies or on the long-term quality of life after a disease at a younger age.

Target group
research consortia with the participation of relevant disciplines from medicine, natural, health and social sciences

Duration
up to 8 years

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

Deadline
20 January 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 of Scientific and Technological Cooperation with South Africa “Global Change: On the Road to Sustainable Societal Change and Transformation - post COVID 19”

**Aim**
The collaborative projects are to be jointly supported by African and German experts from science, business, politics and civil society. Transnational inter- and transdisciplinary cooperation is expected to be established, which will address one or more of the following topics:

- regulation of societal transformations towards sustainability - post COVID 19
- economics and financing of transformations to sustainability - post COVID 19
- well-being, quality of life, identity, and social and cultural values in the context of the transition to sustainability - post COVID 19.

**Target group**
bilateral projects (one German partner with at least one partner from South Africa)

**Duration** up to 4 years

**Funding** usually € 220,000

**Deadline** 13 November 2020 (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
Unterstützung von Bürgerinnen und Bürgern bei der privaten IT-Sicherheit


- den Einfluss sozialwissenschaftlicher Effekte berücksichtigen,
- eine passgenaue, aussagekräftige Evaluation beinhalten sowie
- eine klare Verwertungsperspektive, über die Wissenschaft hinaus, aufzeigen.“

Zielgruppe: interdisziplinäre Verbünde

Dauer: k.A.

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

Fristende: 4. Dezember 2020 (Einreichung einer Projektskizze; mehrstufiges Antragsverfahren)

**INTERNES VERFAHREN:** Bitte beachten Sie, dass der Antrag von einem Mitglied der Hochschulleitung unterzeichnet werden muss. Der finale Antrag muss deshalb ca. drei Wochen vor dem Stichtag bei der Abteilung 73 - Nationale Förderung eingereicht werden, um sicherzustellen, dass der Antrag fristgerecht vorgeprüft und zur Unterzeichnung eingereicht wird. Wenden Sie sich daher bitte an die Abteilung 73, sobald Sie sich für die Antragstellung entscheiden (a73_Antrag@verw.unikoeln.de), um einen Termin für die Unterstützung bei der Antragvorbereitung zu vereinbaren.

Weitere Informationen: Webseite des [BMBF](http://www.bmbf.de)
Interdisciplinary Summer Schools in Systems Medicine

**Aim**  
Funding is provided for the organization, implementation and follow-up of interdisciplinary summer schools in systems medicine, usually lasting **up to five days**.

The aim of the summer schools is to provide **further qualification, interdisciplinary exchange and networking of young medical and scientific researchers** in the new, interdisciplinary field of Systems Medicine. Summer Schools should emphasize the introduction and practice of systems medicine working methods and interdisciplinary approaches by highly qualified, internationally recognized and, if necessary, external teachers. Clinically relevant application examples should be considered. Special emphasis on bridging the gap between data generation and data analysis as well as on the integration of practical work, such as application-oriented data analysis and integrated laboratory work, is desired.

**Target group**  
amongst others universities

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

**Deadline**  
1 December 2020 (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)
Investigation of the Universe and Matter in the Subject Area "Particles"

**Aim** The funding measure focuses on projects which aim to gain deeper insights into the **fundamental structure of matter, space and time** and the underlying interactions in the field of "elementary particle physics", as well as projects in the field of "hadron and nuclear physics" which serve to clarify the nature of matter and energy and the formation of the heavy elements. In view of these fundamental scientific questions, research projects can be funded under this measure, in particular in the following subject areas:

- Investigation of the fundamental **building blocks of matter** and the **forces** and inherent symmetries acting between them,
- Search for **particles** and **interactions** beyond the **Standard Model** of particle physics and for an explanation for the "dark matter" observed in the universe,
- Research into the **fundamental properties of nuclear matter**, the fundamental forces acting at this level and the atomic nucleus as a complex many-body system,
- Study of the building blocks and phenomena of matter **under extreme conditions** (e.g. high densities, fields and temperatures).

**Target group** projects for the **construction, use and further development** of selected large-scale facilities at national and international centres

**Duration** 3 years

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

**Deadline** 1 November 2020 (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**
Batteriematerialien für zukünftige elektromobile, stationäre und weitere industrierelevante Anwendungen (Batterie 2020 Transfer)

Ziel  „Forschungsgegenstand aller angestrebten Forschungs-, Entwicklungs- und Innovationsprojekte sind material- und prozessbasierte Fragestellungen, die Sekundärbatterien mit den Anwendungsschwerpunkten gemäß Nummer 1.1 betreffen. Folgende Sekundärbatterie-Typen werden berücksichtigt:
  ▪ Lithium-Ionen-Systeme mit mindestens einer Interkalationselektrode,
  ▪ alternative Batteriesysteme (Metall-Ionen-, Metall-Luft/Sauerstoff-, Metall-Schwefel- und andere zukunftsweisende Systeme).“

Zielgruppe  risikoreiche, industriegeführte, vorwettbewerbliche Verbundprojekte

Dauer  bis zu 3 Jahre

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


INTERNES VERFAHREN: Bitte beachten Sie, dass der Antrag von einem Mitglied der Hochschulleitung unterzeichnet werden muss. Der finale Antrag muss deshalb ca. drei Wochen vor dem Stichtag bei der Abteilung 73 - Nationale Förderung eingereicht werden, um sicherzustellen, dass der Antrag fristgerecht vorgeprüft und zur Unterzeichnung eingereicht wird. Wenden Sie sich daher bitte an die Abteilung 73, sobald Sie sich für die Antragstellung entscheiden (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de), um einen Termin für die Unterstützung bei der Antragvorbereitung zu vereinbaren.

Weitere Informationen  Webseite des BMBF
Transfer of Research Results from the Field of Protection of Children and Young People against Sexualised Violence in Educational Contexts

**Aim** Funding is provided for research and development projects for the transfer of research results into pedagogical practice, into specialist counselling and into fields of work in child and youth welfare and health protection, which build on the preparatory work of previous research projects from the funding line “Research on sexualised violence against children and young people in educational contexts” and develop and implement the necessary steps for this in cooperation with relevant partners in practice.

**Target group** individual or collaborative projects; the projects must build on the results of the previous calls for proposals listed in point 1.1. of the call text.

**Duration** up to 3 years

**Funding** individual projects: up to € 400,000 | sub-projects in consortia: up to € 300,000

**Deadline** 1 December 2020 (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)

Energy System Transformation and Society

**Aim**
This call explicitly addresses research projects on societal issues in interaction with cross-system and cross-technology aspects in the context of energy system transformation. The project proposals should not be reduced to a single technological area and must have a clear added value for energy research.

**Target group**
Joint projects with participation from industry and science are particularly welcome.

**Duration**
Not specified

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

**Deadline**
9 November 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.

**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
Digitale Lösungen in der Versorgung erfahrbar machen – Innovative Modellvorhaben im Rahmen der Zukunftsregion Digitale Gesundheit

Förderung „Das Bundesministerium für Gesundheit plant mit dieser Bekanntmachung die Förderung von Modellvorhaben und Pilotprojekten (im Folgenden zusammenfassend auch als „Projekte“ bezeichnet), welche im Rahmen der Zukunftsregion Digitale Gesundheit die Anwendung digitaler Lösungen in der Praxis erproben. Die Projekte sollen sowohl förderliche als auch hinderliche Faktoren in Bezug auf die Akzeptanz und Nutzung von digitalen Lösungen im Gesundheitswesen identifizieren. Durch die gewonnenen Erkenntnisse können Implementierungsgrundlagen für eine sinnvolle Umsetzung der Digitalisierung abgeleitet und Effekte auf die Gesundheitsversorgung untersucht werden. […] Die vorliegende Bekanntmachung sieht vor, Projekte im Rahmen der Zukunftsregion Digitale Gesundheit in der Testregion Berlin/Brandenburg zu fördern.“

Zielgruppe Einrichtungen und Träger mit einschlägigen Erfahrungen, staatliche und nicht staatliche (Fach-)Hochschulen, außeruniversitäre Forschungseinrichtungen, gemeinnützige Körperschaften sowie Unternehmen

Dauer bis zu 1 Jahr

Förderhöhe bis zu 100% der zuwendungsfähigen projektbezogenen Ausgaben sowie eine Projektpauschale in Höhe von 20% für Hochschulen; Eigenleistung in Höhe von mind. 10% 

Fristende jederzeit (voraussichtlich bis 23.12.2021; Einreichung einer Projektskizze; mehrstufiges Antragsverfahren)

INTERNES VERFAHREN: Bitte beachten Sie, dass der Antrag von einer/m bevollmächtigten VertreterIn der Universität (rechtsverbindliche Unterschrift) unterschrieben werden muss und dass das Projekt durch einen Eigenanteil unterstützt werden muss. Der finale Antrag muss deshalb mind. drei Wochen vor dem Fristende bei der Abteilung 73 - Nationale Förderung eingereicht werden, um sicherzustellen, dass der Antrag rechtzeitig geprüft und zur Unterschrift vorgelegt werden kann. Wenden Sie sich daher bitte an die Abteilung 73, sobald Sie sich für eine Antragstellung entscheiden (a73_Antrag@verw.uni-koeln.de), um einen Termin für die Unterstützung bei der Antragsvorbereitung zu vereinbaren.

Weitere Informationen Webseite der BMG
**German Research Foundation (DFG)**

**DFG-RSF Cooperation: Possibility for Joint German-Russian Project Proposals in all Fields of Science**

**Aim**
“To facilitate the support of collaborative work between German and Russian research groups, the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Russian Science Foundation (RSF) have opened the possibility for joint German-Russian project proposals for the funding period 2022–2024 in all fields of science.”

**Target group**
joint German-Russian research teams

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
14 December 2020 (registration for the elan portal until 7 December 2020)

**Further information**
website of the DFG

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**Polish-German Funding Initiative in the Humanities and Social Sciences - NCN-DFG Beethoven CLASSIC 4**

**Aim**
“In order to strengthen international academic cooperation, wishing to fund high quality scientific research within their own countries, and conscious that some of the best research can be delivered by working with the best researchers internationally, the Narodowe Centrum Nauki (NCN, National Science Centre) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) are announcing the fourth call for proposals within the joint funding scheme “Beethoven”. The initiative’s aim is to provide funding for integrated Polish-German research projects of outstanding scientific quality.”

**Target group**
joint Polish-German research team

**Duration**
2 to 3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
15 December 2020

**Further information**
website of the DFG
Polish-German Collaboration on Joint Projects in Physical, Life and Engineering Sciences: NCN-DFG funding initiative OPUS LAP (formerly Beethoven CLASSIC 3/LIFE 1)

**Aim**

“In order to strengthen international academic cooperation, and with a desire to fund high-quality scientific research within their own countries and an awareness that some of the best research can be delivered by working with the best researchers internationally, the Polish National Science Centre (NCN) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) are announcing a joint call for proposals in physical, life and engineering sciences.”

**Target group**

joint Polish-German research team

**Duration**

up to 3 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

15 December 2020

**Further information**

website of the DFG

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Priority Programme “INtegrated TERahErtz sySTems Enabling Novel Functionality (INTEREST)” (SPP 2314)

**Aim**

“The Priority Programme visions to establish a well-defined terahertz community by following a holistic “integration” approach in a dedicated coordinated initiative. The theme “Integrated Terahertz Systems” will enable unseen functionalities and applications in the field of terahertz science and applications. It fosters interdisciplinary science by leveraging the best of what historically have been isolated scientific disciplines. It is expected that the novel integrated terahertz systems researched within the frame of INTEREST will melt down the boundaries between different scientific disciplines and enable orders of magnitude better performance.”

**Research Areas:**

Area 1: novel physical phenomena, technologies, and devices enabling integrated terahertz systems | Area 2: novel multi-functional integrated systems | Area 3: novel terahertz science and applications based on integrated terahertz systems

**Target group**

Collaborations between researchers based in Germany and the UK are encouraged.

**Duration**

3 years

**Funding**

as requested

**Deadline**

22 February 2021 (registration for the elan portal until 8 February 2021)

**Further information**

website of the DFG
Priority Programme “Much More Than Defence: the Multiple Functions and Facets of CRISPR-Cas” (SPP 2141)

Aim  “The two major goals of this concerted Priority Programme are:

- the identification and investigation of new CRISPR-Cas functions beyond viral defence using model representatives of archaea and bacteria
- the elucidation of the molecular mechanisms underlying these novel functions using state-of-the-art methods

[...] To promote cooperation and synergies in the Priority Programme projects have to meet one of the following criteria:

- The CRISPR-Cas systems have to be studied in a bacterial or archaeal organism.
- The underlying molecular mechanisms are investigated.
- Bioinformatics analyses are performed to classify CRISPR-Cas systems and to help elucidate the role and functions of the CRISPR-Cas systems.
- Only new functions of the CRISPR-Cas systems that are beyond the viral defence activity are studied.
- The cross-talk between CRISPR-Cas systems and cellular pathways is elucidated.
- Projects covering “public understanding of science” are also considered. Applicants should have experience with the CRISPR-Cas system and projects have to deal exclusively with the CRISPR-Cas system.

Target group  cooperation of researchers from different disciplines, such as microbiology, genetics, medical microbiology, biochemistry, biophysics, bioinformatics, ecology, structural biology, molecular dynamics, single-molecule localisation microscopy and single-molecule biochemistry

Duration  3 years

Funding  as requested

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

Further information  website of the DFG
EUROPEAN RESEARCH FUNDING

Horizon Europe

European Research Council (ERC)

The ERC published the following planned dates for the upcoming calls for proposals in Horizon Europe:

Starting Grants | ERC-2021-StG: publication on 12 January 2021 | deadline: 09 March 2021
Consolidator Grants | ERC-2021-CoG: publication on 21 January 2021 | deadline: 20 April 2021
Advanced Grants | ERC-2021-AdG: publication on 20-05-2021 | deadline: 31 August 2021
Proof of Concept | ERC-2021-PoC: publication on 14 January 2021 | deadlines: 16 March 2021, 17 June 2021, 20 October 2021
Synergy Grants: no Synergy Grant call in 2021 (foreseen again in 2022)

Horizon 2020

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – European Researchers’ Night

Aim „The European Researchers’ Night aims to bring researchers closer to the general public and to increase awareness of research and innovation activities, with a view to supporting the public recognition of researchers, creating an understanding of the impact of researchers' work on citizen’s daily life, and encouraging young people to embark on research careers.“

Target Group any legal entity in the EU Member States and Horizon 2020 Associated Countries

Duration The European Researchers’ Night takes place yearly, typically starting on the last Friday of the month of September. Supported main events can last up to two full days.

Funding 100% of direct costs, indirect costs amounting to 25% of direct costs

Deadline 12 January 2021

Further information website of the Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal
Erasmus+

Coronavirus response: Extraordinary Erasmus+ calls to support digital education readiness and creative skills

Aim

"Following the revision of the Erasmus+ 2020 Annual Work Programme announced earlier in August, the two new calls were launched on 25 August 2020. They each provide €100 million to respond to the educational challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The call for digital education readiness will support projects in school education, vocational education and training, and higher education. This call will aim to enhance online, distance and blended learning - including supporting teachers and trainers, as well as safeguarding the inclusive nature of digital learning opportunities.

The call for ‘partnerships for creativity’ will support projects in the fields of youth, school education and adult education. The call aims to develop skills and competences that encourage creativity and boost quality, innovation and recognition of youth work." (European Commission)

Target Group

at least 3 organisations from 3 different programme countries

Duration 1 to 2 years

Funding up to € 300,000

Deadline 29 October 2020

Further information website of the National Agency
**FOUNDATIONS AND OTHER FUNDING BODIES**

**Fritz Thyssen Foundation**

**Support for Projects**

- **Funding**: Support of projects by the Fritz Thyssen Foundation focuses on scholars in the humanities, social science and biomedicine fields. The planned project should be limited in terms of the subject and time.

- **Target Group**: One or more applicants with a doctoral/post-doctoral degree

- **Duration**: Up to 3 years

- **Funding**: Personnel costs; one-off costs (special literature, licenses, small equipment, etc.); annual running costs, in particular for supplies (per year); travel expenses; junior scholars can apply for their own post within the framework of a project and thus act as sole applicant (only for project from the Humanities and Social Sciences)

- **Deadline**: 15 February 2021

- **Further information**: Website of the foundation

**Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities**

**Call for proposals for the research programme of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities (Academies Programme) for 2023**

- **Funding**: The Academy Programme, the joint research programme of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities, serves long-term basic research in the humanities, historical law, economics and social sciences. Research questions and materials in the overlapping field of these scientific fields with natural science disciplines can also be processed within the framework of the Academies’ Programme. The central task of the Academies’ Programme is to make accessible, secure and visualise cultural traditions of overriding scientific and social relevance.

- **Target Group**: Scientists with PhD; projects of supraregional importance and national scientific policy interest

- **Duration**: Between 12 and 25 years

- **Funding**: At least € 120,000 annually

- **Deadline**: 31 January 2021 (submission of a pre-proposal)

- **Further information**: Website of the union
Volkswagen Foundation

Viral Zoonoses – Innovative Approaches to Drug Development

Funding  “The novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 and the associated respiratory disease COVID-19 are challenging drug research worldwide. Looking beyond the current corona pandemic, innovative approaches are required for the development of therapeutics against underexplored and yet unknown viruses. Via a change of host, viruses are transmitted from animals to humans at an unpredictable point in time and can cause serious illness. Against this backdrop, the Volkswagen Foundation supports a diversified virology and drug research at German universities and supports highly innovative research approaches with recognizable translational potential.”

Target Group  outstandingly qualified group leaders and professors at universities in Germany from medical and synthetic chemistry, biochemistry, pharmacology, virology and virus immunology, veterinary medicine, molecular and structural biology as well as related fields; translational interest of a European company

Duration  3 years (possibly +2 years)

Funding  up to € 500,000 (specific exceptions up to € 700,000)

Deadline  10 December 2020

Further information  website of the foundation
Klaus Tschira Stiftung & German Scholars Organisation (GSO)

Klaus Tschira Boost Fund - Funding for Researchers in the Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science

**Funding**

“Through the Klaus TschiraBoost Fund, we promote excellent researchers by providing

- flexible funding to create scope for independent, higher risk, interdisciplinary projects,
- support in building (international) collaborations and networks,
- targeted mentoring and advice on professional and personal development.”

**Target Group**

postdoc, junior research group leader, junior/W1 professor, conducting research in one of the following areas: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Mathematics, Neurosciences or Physics

**Duration**

up to 2 years

**Funding**

up to € 80,000

**Deadline**

7 December 2020

**INTERNAL PROCEDURE:** To apply, you need a letter of support from the applicant institution, which must be signed by the head of Department 73 National Funding. The following internal deadlines must be observed for this process:

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Further information: https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/interneverfahren/

**Further information**

website of the GSO
FUNDING FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

Junge Akademie

Membership

Funding „Die Junge Akademie has 50 members. Every year, ten members leave the academy and ten new members are elected.”

The Young Academy benefits from the fact that it is able to incorporate a wide range of perspectives and points of view into its work. It is therefore important to us to gain members with as diverse a background of experience as possible. Neither German nationality nor a centre of life in Germany are necessary requirements for admission. However, members should have a sound knowledge of German. Furthermore, the Young Academy expects its members to actively participate in its events which take place predominantly in Germany; it should be possible to credibly demonstrate their willingness and ability to do so.

Target Group postdocs three to seven years after the PhD

Duration 5 years

Funding fixed personal budget as well as a central research budget

Deadline 16 November 2020

Further information website of the academy

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)

Promoting Women in Academia - PRIMA grants

Funding „PRIMA grants are aimed at excellent women researchers who show a high potential for obtaining a professorship. PRIMA grantees conduct an independent research project with their own team at least at the group leader level within a Swiss research institution.”

Target Group female postdocs two to ten years after the PhD

Duration 3 to 5 years

Funding project funds and the applicant’s salary

Deadline 1 November 2020

Further information website of the foundation
German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

JSPS Research Fellowships for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Students to Japan - JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme (Short Term)

Funding

In cooperation with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), the aim of the program is to enable highly qualified German early-career scientists and doctoral candidates to spend a short period of time at universities and selected research institutions in Japan.

Target Group

postdocs from all fields of research

Duration

1 to 6 months

Funding

round trip ticket, a monthly scholarship for postdoctoral students of about 362,000 yen, travel health insurance, a starting lump sum of about 200,000 yen

Deadline

4 January 2021

Further information

website of the DAAD

German Historical Institute in Rome (GHI Rome)

Ludwig und Margarethe Quidde Fellowship

Funding

The German Historical Institute in Rome (GHI Rome) is an institution of the Max Weber Foundation - German Humanities Institutes Abroad. It is dedicated to the cross-epochal, interdisciplinary research of Italian and German history and musicology in its European and global references from the Middle Ages to the present. The Ludwig and Margarethe Quidde Fellowship supports a research stay in Rome, which is intended to serve independent scientific work.

Target Group

postdocs who have distinguished themselves through particularly outstanding academic achievements in the fields of history or musicology

Duration

6 to 12 months

Funding

€ 2,250 monthly, € 250 monthly for research costs, reimbursement of relocation, school allowances and child travel allowances

Deadline

30 October 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 GHI
Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard Foundation

Grants for Women in Science

Funding
“The grants of the Foundation are aimed at excellent women scientists in the field of experimental natural sciences. […] The stipend is not intended to cover the living expenses of the applicant and her family. These must already be covered from other sources. It is expected that during the funding period the applicant work full time and full time daycare is already provided for and financed.”

Target Group
excellent female postdocs in the field of experimental natural sciences

Duration 1 year

Funding € 400 monthly e.g. for additional childcare

Deadline 30 November 2020

Further information website of the foundation

Bauer Hollmann Foundation


Funding
Coastal landscapes contain dynamic and fragile ecosystems that are linked by interactions. This is where the foundation initiative of the Bauer-Hollmann Foundation comes in. The scientific objective is to investigate the functionality of coastal ecosystems in the North and Baltic Sea regions. In the spirit of the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development, which has dedicated a separate sustainability goal, SDG 14, to the protection and sustainable use of seas and coasts, the effects of human influence (e.g. agriculture, tourism) must also be taken into account, particularly with regard to ecosystem functions and services.

Target Group
specially qualified postdocs; cooperation with researchers abroad

Duration 2 years

Funding up to € 100,000

Deadline 31 October 2020

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Further information website of the foundation
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Further information

website of the GSO
Prizes

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

Hector Fellow Academy

Hector Research Career Development Award (Hector RCD Award)

Aim “The Hector Fellow Academy is pursuing the following goals with the Hector RCD Award:
- Active promotion of researchers on their way to a professorship
- Expansion of the scientific life within the HFA
- Increasing the number of female scientists in the HFA
- Building new opportunities for cooperation between Hector Fellows and the Awardees.”

Target Group W1 assistant professors or junior research group leaders in natural or engineering sciences, medicine or psychology less than seven years after the PhD

Endowment €25,000

Deadline 30 October 2020

Further information website of the prize

Hanns-Lilje-Stiftung

Hanns-Lilje-Stiftung Freiheit und Verantwortung


Zielgruppe herausragende wissenschaftliche Qualifikationsarbeiten (Promotion und Habilitation)

Dotierung 10.000 €

Fristende 1. Dezember 2020

Weitere Informationen Webseite des Preises
Federal Ministry of Education and Research

The University Competition in the Science Year 2020/21 - Bioeconomy

**Aim**
What approaches and mechanisms does the concept of the bio-economy offer us to provide sustainable impetus for tomorrow's society in times of social crisis? And how can these innovative concepts be brought closer to society?

In this university competition *Wissenschaft im Dialog (WID)* invites students, doctoral candidates and young researchers from all disciplines to submit concepts and communication ideas on the topic of the bio-economy, with which they want to give impetus to the social challenges of tomorrow. With their competition entry, the young researchers should make their work accessible to a broad public and at the same time highlight its social significance.

**Target Group** students, doctoral candidates and young researchers

**Endowment** € 10,000

**Deadline** 31 October 2020

**Further information** website of the prize

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**DECHEMA**

Early-career Award for Natural Product Research

**Aim**
With the Early Career Award the DECHEMA Division of Low Molecular Natural Products with Biological Activity honors outstanding young post-doctoral scientists who have emerged with groundbreaking work in the various fields of natural product research, especially in the border areas between biology and chemistry.

**Target Group** students and young scientists

**Endowment** € 10,000

**Deadline** 27 November 2020

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

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

Target Group scientists at the University of Cologne

Duration as requested

Funding The seed funding is designed for coordination activities for projects that are already well elaborated. Preliminary scientific work will not be funded. Applications may be submitted for e.g. personnel, material and travel expenses. To cover the costs for on-site reviews (such as catering, printing costs, etc.) of Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios, Research Training Groups and Research Units of the DFG, a lump-sum subsidy can be applied for:
- Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios: € 4,000
- Research Training Groups and Research Units: € 1,000

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

Further information website of Division 7 Research Management
Contact: Patricia Hoff, Division 7 Research Management, Dept. 71 Analysis and Consulting Services
email: anschubfinanzierung@verw.uni-koeln.de, phone: 0221/ 470-5379

Cornelia Harte Mentoring

Förderung „Das Cornelia Harte Mentoring (CHM) richtet sich an Frauen auf dem beruflichen Weg in Wirtschaft, Wissenschaft, Forschung und Industrie. Namensgeberin des Mentoring-Programms ist Prof.‘ Dr.‘ Cornelia Harte (1914 – 1998), erste Professorin an der Universität zu Köln. Ziel ist es, die Teilnehmerinnen in ihrer persönlichen und beruflichen Laufbahnentwicklung zu unterstützen und ihnen einen Einblick in das angestrebte Berufsfeld zu ermöglichen. Das CHM bietet Unterstützung über die Bausteine One-to-One Mentoring, Workshops, Coaching und Vernetzung […]."

Zielgruppe Doktorandinnen und Postdoktorandinnen

Dauer 1 Jahr

Fristende 18. Oktober 2020

Weitere Informationen Webseite des Programms
Kopf Frei - Postdoc-Programme for Female Scientists with Family Obligations

**Aim** „The aim of the programme is to increase the career opportunities of female post-docs and junior professors with family responsibilities by relieving them of routine teaching tasks. […]

Module 1 – Teaching substitute […]

Module 2 – Research assistant: funding for the employment of a research assistant to support the preparation and implementation of (online-) teaching."

**Target Group** female postdoctoral researchers and junior professors without tenure track, with at least one child up to the age of 12 years resp. 6th grade or younger or with care responsibilities

**Duration** Module 1: summer semester (SoSe) 2021 | Module 2: up to 6 months

**Funding** Module 1: Funding for a teaching substitute for 2 SWS for summer semester 2021

Module 2: research assistant (up to 6 months à 6 h SHK/WHB) in the summer semester 2021

**Deadline** 1 December 2020 (call for applications with remaining funds)

**Further information** website of Division 7 Research Management
DFG Digitisation and Indexing Funding Programme
The previous program "Indexing and Digitization" of the Scientific Library Services and Information Systems Group (LIS) of the German Research Foundation (DFG) will now be expanded to include support for digitization and indexing of all objects potentially relevant to research. With this new emphasis, the name of the funding program has also been changed to "Digitization and Indexing". Funding for the digitization and indexing of handwritten and printed materials is still possible.
Further information is available [here](#).

D7 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](#).

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.
EVENTS

2 December 2020, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm | Webinar

ERC Starting & Consolidator Grants in Horizon Europe
The Division 7 Research Management is organising a webinar on the ERC Starting & Consolidator Grants in Horizon Europe. Besides the presentation of funding opportunities in these disciplines, tips on how to write a successful proposal will be given. There is the possibility to ask questions via the chat. After a welcome speech by Prof. Dr. Bettina Rockenbach, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, information on the general principles of the ERC and the current call will be given by Dr. Kristina Wien from the National Contact Point ERC. Furthermore, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Gregor Gassner, ERC Starting Grantee at the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and former ERC Panel Chair, Prof. Dr. Manolis Pasparakis (CECAD), will provide you with useful tips.

Further information & online registration form: https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events

06.10.2020
Europäisches Forum für Wissenschaft und Bildung für Nachhaltigkeit 2020
Berlin and online

07.10.2020
NKS Bioökonomie: Ihre Fördermöglichkeiten im „European Green Deal Call“
online

08.10.2020
NKS Lebenswissenschaften: Online-Infoveranstaltung zu Fördermöglichkeiten im Bereich Gesundheit in Horizont Europa
online

04.11.2020
NKS Lebenswissenschaften: Online-Infoveranstaltung zu Fördermöglichkeiten im Bereich Gesundheit in Horizont Europa
online

09.-11.11.2020
NKS Bioökonomie: Ihre Fördermöglichkeiten in Horizont Europa
online

22.-24.11.2020
European Research and Innovation Days
online
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