

# Guide to national and international funding programmes | Information for graduates and post-doctoral researchers

Saarland University supports junior researchers by providing assistance with research funding with the following three objectives: promising graduates should be given the opportunity to do a doctorate, usually funded by a fellowship, aspiring academics should be made ready for the academic market and they must also be prepared for the increasingly important competition for external funding. In today's world, positions for academic research associates are rare and usually have to be financed by third parties. At the same time, junior researchers must be introduced to the procedures for acquiring third-party funding as part of their journey to gaining scientific independence and supported with their first steps towards successfully applying for external funding.

Due to the large number of different funding institutions and programmes, it is often difficult for young researchers to filter out suitable opportunities. As the Funding Support Team of the Research Management Division, we help professors and their junior staff to choose appropriate funding instruments. In this guide, we shed light on the sometimes confusing range of funding programmes.

If you and your staff require help with selecting the right funding opportunity or administrative assistance with project planning or submitting applications, please feel free to contact us by e-mail: [forschung@uni-saarland.de](mailto:forschung@uni-saarland.de). Our expertise and know-how are always available to professors as well as their junior researchers.

Current information is also available on our [website](#) and by telephone. An overview of the latest calls for proposals from various funding providers can be found on our [funding portal](#).

We wish you the best of luck with funding applications for your research project.

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Funding Support Team

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## 1.1 Research Management Division

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## 1.2 International Relations Division

The International Relations Division is responsible for mobility programmes (e.g. DAAD, parts of Erasmus+) and for programmes of the Franco-German University (Deutsch-Französische Hochschule – DFH / Université Franco-Allemande – UFA). Please address any questions to [dezernat-ib@uni-saarland.de](mailto:dezernat-ib@uni-saarland.de).

## 2 General information on applications

We distinguish between two basic types of funding: public funding (e.g. German Research Foundation (DFG), German Federal Ministry of Education and Research or foundations) and private funding (e.g. commissioned research or services with industry). The information presented here relates to applications for public funding.

Eligibility to apply for funding is regulated by the Saarland Higher Education Institutions Act (*Saarländisches Hochschulgesetz, SHSG*) in conjunction with Saarland University's external funding directive (*Drittmittelrichtlinie*). Academic research associates with a doctorate may be assigned independent research tasks by request (Section 35 SHSG for Saarland University Medical Center employees and Section 44 SHSG for Saarland University employees). In certain cases, an infrastructure commitment from a professor is also required. Doctoral research students are also entitled to acquire external funding in certain cases. With some programmes, the university acts as the applicant, with others the researchers are the applicant.

Please contact the funding supporting team of the Research Management Division before submitting an application to check the necessary requirements. Further information on the administrative process for externally funded projects can be found in Chapter 7.

## 3 Institutional funding instruments of Saarland University

### 3.1 GradUS – Saarland University’s support centre for doctoral researchers

Information on GradUS – Saarland University’s support centre for doctoral researchers can be found on the [website](#). The relevant contact persons are also listed there.

### 3.2 Information on the Research Committee of Saarland University

The Research Committee allocates internal research funding annually via the following programmes:

- Initial funding for research projects
- Investment programme for research and teaching
- Major instrumentation and large-scale equipment in accordance with Art. 91b and Art. 143c of the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany (GG).

Information can be found on the [website of the Research Committee](#).

### 3.3 Internationalization Fund

The International Relations Division oversees the Internationalization Fund of Saarland University. Academic research associates as well as other eligible employees can submit applications for the ‘Active internationalization’ or ‘Strategic partnerships’ funding categories. Calls for proposals are issued regularly. The full calls for proposals with further notes and information together with the application forms can be found on the [website of the Internationalization Fund](#). To be eligible for funding, projects must be in line with Saarland University's internationalization objectives (currently available in German only).



## 4 National programmes and funding instruments

The alphabetical overview of national programmes and funding instruments is not exhaustive and only represents a selection of funding programmes. If no suitable topical programme is listed here, various funding search services are available to you. The funding support team will be happy to support you with your search.

One way to search for suitable funding instruments is to use the [foundation index of the Association of German Foundations](#). A large number of foundations involved in research funding are listed there. The [Association of German Foundations](#) also offers the facility to search online for suitable financial support for projects. The [H-Soz-Kult \(communication and information services for historical research\)](#) website also provides a very comprehensive overview of current scholarships and fellowships that are accepting applications.

### 4.1 Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation particularly focuses on promoting academic cooperation between excellent international and German researchers through research fellowships as well as research stays to enable top international researchers to spend time in Germany and top German researchers to spend time abroad with academic hosts from the Humboldt Network.

#### a) Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship

Description	Performance of a research project at an institution abroad; the host must be an academic who is either a member of the Humboldt Network abroad or a recipient of a selected international science award working abroad
Applicants	Outstanding researchers from Germany (maximum 4-12 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

#### b) Georg Forster Research Fellowship

Description	Performance of a research project at German institutions
Applicants	Outstanding researchers from developing or emerging countries (maximum 4-12 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

## c) Humboldt Research Fellowship

Description	Performance of a research project in cooperation with a host research institution in Germany
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers from abroad (maximum 4-12 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

## d) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellowship

Description	Performance of a research project in cooperation with a host research institution in Japan
Applicants	Outstanding researchers from Germany (maximum 12 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

## e) NSTC (Taiwan) Research Fellowship

Description	Performance of a research project in cooperation with a host research institution in Taiwan
Applicants	Outstanding researchers from Germany (maximum 12 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

## 4.2 Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach-Stiftung

The **Alfried Krupp von Bohlen Halbach-Stiftung** primarily provides funding for self-initiated focus areas and (scholarship) programmes within the areas of science, education, healthcare, sport and culture.

## 4.3 B. Braun-Stiftung

The **B. Braun-Stiftung** is a foundation for modern medicine. It supports experimental research projects with direct clinical relevance to human medicine and medical technology. Funding is generally not provided for basic medical research. The foundation's target group is scientific, clinically oriented junior researchers (at least completed undergraduate studies) as well as clinical researchers who are particularly stretched due to the demands of clinical work, research and teaching.

#### 4.4 Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation

The Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation is an independent, non-profit foundation and promotes medical, biological, chemical and pharmaceutical science. Its funding programmes support scientific freedom. The programmes are aimed at outstanding basic researchers in biology, chemistry and medicine at universities and other academic institutions throughout Germany.

##### a) Rise up!

Description	Performance of an innovative research project at German institutions
Applicants	Outstanding and exceptionally creative basic researchers in biology, chemistry and medicine who have accepted their first appointment to an associate professorship (W2) at a German university.

[Further information](#)

##### b) Plus 3 Perspectives Programme

Description	Establishment of an independent research group
Applicants	Outstanding junior research group leaders conducting basic research in biology, chemistry and medicine (doctorate completed less than 12 years prior to application deadline); only projects that are directly related to the life sciences are eligible for funding

[Further information](#)

##### c) Exploration Grants

Description	Exploration of new lines of research
Applicants	Outstanding basic researchers in biology, chemistry and medicine

[Further information](#)

#### 4.5 German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) supports innovative projects and ideas in research within the framework of specialised programmes that contribute to overcoming the challenges faced by society. The Federal Ministry publishes calls for applications for specific funding measures within the various specialised programmes. The objectives of the funding are set out in the

individual funding guideline announcements. There is also a series of cross-cutting measures that are topically structured.

The Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) and the BMBF support highly innovative projects within the framework of specific programmes. The aim of the BMWK is to support innovation in Germany through innovation-friendly framework conditions and market-oriented funding programmes. The BMWK's funding programmes are geared towards the various development stages of innovations in order to provide the necessary impetus.

Both the BMBF and BMWK commission project partners to handle the technical and administrative funding management of research projects. Their role is to oversee and organise the implementation of the projects. Professors and staff with a doctorate are eligible to apply for the funding procedures of the BMBF/BMWK. Saarland University, represented by the Vice-President for Research, assumes the role of applicant. Although graduates are not eligible to, they may be employed as academic research associates in research projects.

The Federal Funding Advisory Service website as well as detailed information on the funding programmes and current calls for applications can be found here:

<https://www.foerderinfo.bund.de>

Information on international research cooperation and networking as well as current announcements can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.internationales-buero.de/>

<http://www.kooperation-international.de/>

## 4.6 Daimler and Benz Foundation

The goal of the Daimler and Benz Foundation is to promote research in order to gain a better understanding of the interrelations between humans, the environment and technology.

### Scholarship programme to support post-doctoral researchers and junior professors

Description	Performance of a research project
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers, junior professors and junior research group leaders in all disciplines in the early stages of their research work

[Further information](#)

## 4.7 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

The DAAD is the largest German funding organization for international higher education cooperation. The DAAD's various funding programmes are interdisciplinary and include:

- Conference and lecture travel
- Post-doctoral research programmes (research fellowships for researchers with a doctorate)
- Project-related exchanges of people
- Long-term and short-term lectureships
- German proofreading

Specific scholarships and funding opportunities are advertised under the programme for **project-related exchanges of people (PPP)**.

All DAAD funding opportunities can also be found via the **scholarship database** using a search mask that can be set according to status, destination country and subject area:

## 4.8 Leopoldina German National Academy of Sciences

The Leopoldina German Academy of Sciences is the oldest academy of natural sciences and medicine in Germany. Outstanding scientists from all over the world are elected as members. In 2008, the Leopoldina was appointed the National Academy of Science. It maintains its own programme for the promotion of junior researchers in the natural sciences and medicine.

### Leopoldina Postdoc Fellowship

Description	Performance of research projects at renowned research institutions abroad
Applicants	Outstanding researchers in the natural sciences, medicine and history of science as well as from the disciplines covered by the sections of the Academy (maximum 7 years after completion of the doctorate)

### **Further information**

## 4.9 German Federal Foundation for the Environment

The German Federal Foundation for the Environment promotes solution-oriented projects aimed at protecting the environment. Relevant areas are environmental technology, research and communication as well as the protection of nature and cultural assets. The foundation has defined 12 funding topics and one open-topic funding programme.

Description	Performance of projects that are expected to make a significant contribution to solving environmental problems
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers who are employed at a university are eligible to apply.

**Further information**

#### 4.10 German Research Foundation (DFG)

The German Research Foundation is the central self-governing research institution for the promotion of research at higher education institutions in Germany. It promotes research in all its branches by providing financial support for research projects and promoting cooperation between researchers. The DFG has no influence on the content of projects and does not specify the content-related design (bottom-up principle). Funding is only available for basic research. Detailed information on the individual funding programmes can be found on the [DFG website](#). Information on projects currently funded by the DFG can be found in the '[Gepris](#)' database. Applications for grants towards equipment/materials, research fellowships, the Heisenberg Programme and priority programmes can be submitted online via [elan](#), the DFG's electronic application system.

a) **Equipment/materials programme incl. the 'Eigene Stelle' module (Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators)**

Description	Performance of a time-limited research project
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers at German universities in all disciplines
Notes	If you would like to apply for the 'Eigene Stelle' module (Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators), please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage to arrange for the host institution statement.

**Further information**

b) **Emmy Noether Programme — Emmy Noether Junior Research Group Leader Module**

Description	Leadership of a junior research group combined with qualification-specific teaching work in an excellent research project
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers in all disciplines with 2-4 years of post-doctoral work and international research experience
Comments	Please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage to arrange for the host institution statement.

**Further information**

## c) Heisenberg Programme

Description	Performance of an autonomous research project
Applicants	Outstanding scientists of all disciplines who can prove their eligibility for a professorship through a habilitation or habilitation-equivalent activities

**Further information**

## d) Walter Benjamin Programme

Description	Performance of a research project at a research institution in Germany and/or abroad
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers of all disciplines in the early stages of their research career

**Further information**

## e) Scientific networks

Description	Establishment or stabilization of a network for topic- and task-related scientific exchange across locations.
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers at German universities and research institutions

**Further information**

## 4.11 German Society of Internal Medicine (DGIM)

## a) Flexible research bridge funding

Description	Bridge funding for periods between approval and commencement of an externally funded project in the field of internal medicine/key area
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers at German university hospitals, DGIM membership

**Further information**

## 4.12 Deutsche Krebshilfe e.V.

The goal of Deutsche Krebshilfe is to improve the care and chances of recovery for people with cancer. Via its **oncology funding programmes**, Deutsche Krebshilfe supports topic-specific and time-limited innovative projects and measures that serve as a model in order to improve patient care. In basic oncology research, the link to clinical application ensures that people with cancer benefit from new findings as quickly as possible.

- a) Clinical research and clinically related basic research (normal procedure / individual funding (incl. temporary positions for principal investigators))

Description	Performance of topically specific and time-limited innovative research projects in the areas of clinically-related basic oncological research, clinical cancer research and (psychosocial) oncological patient care
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers
Comments	Please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage to arrange for the statement by the host institution.

**Further information**

- b) Max Eder Junior Research Group Programme

Description	Establishment of an independent working group in the field of clinical or clinically-related oncology
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers after a change of location, maximum age 35
Comments	Please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage to arrange for the declaration by the host institution.

**Further information**

- c) Mildred Scheel Post-Doctoral Programme

Description	Post-doctoral fellowships for young researchers in medicine and the natural sciences who want to conduct projects in the field of clinically-related basic research or clinical cancer research at renowned institutions abroad
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers; maximum age 35

**Further information**

#### 4.13 Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach (DLA)

The Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach (DLA) is one of the most important literary institutions worldwide. Its collections unite and preserve a wealth of the most valuable sources of literary and intellectual history. Internationally, it is one of Germany's most prestigious academic institutions. Together with other institutions and universities, the DLA conducts research projects that are externally funded.

- a) Marbach scholarships

Description	Residency scholarship to conduct a research project in German language and literature or historical studies based on the works held by the DLA
Applicants	Graduates and post-doctoral researchers

**Further information**



## b) C.H. Beck scholarship for literature and humanities

Description	Together with the DLA, the C.H. Beck publishing house offers one post-doctoral scholarship and one graduate scholarship in the literary and historical sciences every year.
Applicants	Graduates and post-doctoral researchers

**Further information**

## 4.14 Deutsches Studienzentrum in Venedig

The Deutsches Studienzentrum in Venedig is an interdisciplinary institution that promotes academic work and projects on the history and culture of Venice and its former dominions. It awards scholarships to junior researchers whose projects are related to Venice.

## Short-term and long-term scholarships

Description	Residency scholarship to conduct a research project based on the historical holdings of the archives and libraries in Venice in the funding areas of Byzantine studies, history of art and architecture, history of medicine and science, musicology, literary studies, history of the Middle Ages and the Modern era, Jewish studies and history of law
Applicants	Graduates, post-doctoral researchers

**Further information**

## 4.15 Else Kröner Fresenius Stiftung

Via its various application procedures, the **Else Kröner Fresenius Stiftung** supports medical scientists who want to combine research and clinical practice in their careers (clinician scientists), young scientists working in medicine and researchers with key projects that promise breakthroughs in the diagnosis and therapy of diseases.

## 4.16 ERCIM Alain Bensoussan Fellowship

The European Research Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM) offers fellowships for post-doctoral researchers of all nationalities.

Description	Fellowship to stay with an ERCIM member; the ERCIM member and applicant must not have the same nationality. In Germany, the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is a member of the ERCIM.
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers (max. 8 years after doctorate) in applied mathematics or information and communication technology

**Further information**

#### 4.17 Gotha Research Centre – Herzog Ernst Fellowship

The main focus of the Gotha Research Centre is the history of culture and knowledge in the Modern era. With a view to compiling an interdisciplinary history of the humanities, emphasis is placed on Early Modern erudition, as well as on researching Early Modern court culture, especially in central Germany, the court as a forum for communication and knowledge culture, and the role of confession (especially Protestantism) in the representation of the dynasty.

Description	Residency fellowship to conduct a research project based on the historical holdings of the Gotha Research Library in the funding areas of history, literary studies, art and cultural studies of the Early Modern period
Applicants	Doctoral research students and post-doctoral researchers

#### Further information

#### 4.18 Fonds der Chemischen Industrie

As the chemical industry fund within the German chemical industry association VCI, the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie has been supporting basic research, junior researchers and chemistry education in schools since 1950. The fund awards fellowships through the Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds and provides targeted support for academic chemistry research in Germany.

##### Liebig Fellowship

Description	Funding for prospective university professors in the field of chemistry
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers, change of university and research group at the beginning of a doctorate, applications maximum 3 years after completion of doctorate

#### Further information

#### 4.19 Fonte Stiftung

The **funding from the Fonte-Stiftung** is aimed at people who already have a university degree. The objective of the Fonte-Stiftung is to provide financial support for outstanding projects in the humanities. This can take the form of endowed visiting professorships, project funding for outstanding researchers during and after their habilitation and grants for short-term research projects such as colloquia or research trips.

## 4.20 Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

The Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft is the largest organization for application-oriented research in Europe. Its main research areas are: health, safety, communication, mobility, energy and the environment. One of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft's key tasks is to support junior researchers.

### Fraunhofer Attract

Description	Establishment of own research group at a Fraunhofer institute
Applicants	Outstanding, external post-doctoral researchers in cooperation with the management of a Fraunhofer institute

### [Further information](#)

## 4.21 Fritz Thyssen Foundation

The sole aim of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation is to provide direct support for science and research at universities and research institutes primarily in Germany, with a special emphasis on junior researchers. Funding from the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung is specifically available for selected funding areas, outside of which applications will not be accepted: history, language and culture, state, economics and society as well as medicine and natural sciences (limited to the topic of 'Molecular causes in the development of illnesses').

### Project funding / Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators

Description	Performance of a research project
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers
Comments	Please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage to arrange for the declaration by the host institution.

### [Further information](#)

## 4.22 G.-A.-Lienert-Stiftung for the promotion of junior researchers in biopsychological methodology

The G.-A.-Lienert-Stiftung for the promotion of junior researchers in biopsychological methodology invites applications for several fellowships every year. Applicants should be junior researchers who plan to spend a research period at an institute in Germany or abroad to acquire new biopsychological or statistical methods in order to implement them later at their home institution.

Description	Funding for international research stays for researchers to acquire new biopsychological or statistical methods in order to implement them at their home institution
Applicants	Researchers conducting a doctorate or habilitation

**Further information**

#### 4.23 Non-profit Hertie Foundation

The **Hertie Foundation** focuses on the promotion of clinical brain research and projects in the field of basic research as well as the promotion of junior researchers, providing both operational and financial support. The Hertie Foundation funds projects exclusively within the framework of its defined objectives.

#### 4.24 Gerda Henkel Foundation

The sole purpose of the Gerda Henkel Foundation is to promote science, primarily by supporting projects at universities and research institutes in the field of the humanities that have a specific specialist scope and are limited in time. The grants provided by the Gerda Henkel Foundation are available for the historical humanities, in particular the history of science, prehistory and early history, archaeology, music and art history, historical Islamic studies and the history of law.

##### a) Gerda Henkel research projects

Description	Grant to conduct a time-limited research project
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers at universities (in the case of principal investigators: at least 5 years of research activity following the doctorate)
Comments	Please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage to arrange for the declaration by the host institution.

**Further information**

##### b) Gerda Henkel research scholarships

Description	Funding to work on a specific research project in the field of the humanities and cultural studies
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers (maximum 10 years after completion of doctorate)

**Further information**

## 4.25 Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg

The **Fellowship programme** of the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg promotes science and research in the natural sciences, humanities and social sciences. Funding for individual researchers consists of a number of fellowship opportunities of varying types and durations. The core fellowship formats of regular and junior fellowships are currently offered in the four research areas of the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg: BRAIN & MIND, EARTH, ENERGY, SOCIETY and ARTS & LITERATURE.

## 4.26 Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel

The Herzog August Bibliothek Wolfenbüttel (HAB) is an internationally renowned library and important research centre, in particular for the cultural history of the Middle Ages and the Early Modern period. Its fellowship programme is designed to give researchers from Germany and abroad the opportunity to begin, continue or complete a research project for which they are dependent on the holdings of the HAB. Two fellowship formats are available for this purpose.

### Post-doc fellowships / Short-term fellowships

Description	Fellowships to gather source material from the holdings of the HAB
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers

### [Further information](#)

## 4.27 José Carreras Leukämie-Stiftungen

The José Carreras Leukämie-Stiftung funds research projects on the causes and treatment methods for leukaemia and related blood diseases. To enable promising junior researchers to contribute their ideas and approaches in the field of treating and combating leukaemia, the Carreras Leukämie-Stiftung awards grants to junior researchers working in medical science or the natural sciences who wish to conduct a research project at a scientific institution.

### Research grant

Description	The project must contribute to research on leukaemias and related haemato-oncological diseases.
Applicants	Maximum age of 35 years, as a rule medical scientists require the qualification of Dr. med., researchers in the field of natural and social sciences require a Diplom degree

### [Further information](#)

#### 4.28 Max Planck Society for the promotion of research

The Max Planck Society is one of Germany's most successful research organizations and home to numerous Nobel Prize laureates. At the various Max Planck institutes, targeted support is provided for junior researchers within the framework of its funding programmes for temporary positions for principal investigators or group leader positions.

##### a) Max Planck Research Groups (MPRG)

Description	Independent management of autonomous research groups
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers with several years of experience as postdocs

[Further information](#)

##### b) Max Planck Minerva programmes

Description	Funding for outstanding junior researchers
Applicants	Nomination by directors of Max Planck institutes

[Further information](#)

#### 4.29 Karl und Veronica Carstens-Stiftung – Habilitation programme

The objective of the Carstens-Stiftung is to investigate complementary methods of medicine with recognized medical and bioscientific research methods. The focus of its funding is on experimental and clinical work based on new or original research and approaches.

Description	The funding focus is on naturopathy and complementary medicine
Applicants	The programme is aimed at physicians who have completed their first years of training as a specialist physician and who are seeking to qualify for a professorship through a habilitation or habilitation-equivalent activities.

[Further information](#)

#### 4.30 Peter und Traudl Engelhorn Stiftung

The **Peter und Traudl Engelhorn-Stiftung** awards post-doctoral fellowships to outstanding junior researchers in the life sciences, in particular in the sub-disciplines of biochemistry, genetics, proteomics, molecular biology, cell biology, biophysics, systems biology, microbiology, bio-medical engineering, biotechnology, bioinformatics, for a maximum of two years.

#### 4.31 Robert Bosch Stiftung

The **Robert Bosch Stiftung** sees itself both as an operationally active foundation that pursues its goals through its own programmes and as a funding foundation that enables third parties to

develop and implement interesting approaches – via projects and initiatives – to tackle social issues in Germany and abroad. The Robert Bosch Stiftung requests preliminary proposals which can be developed into full funding proposals if they are of interest. No unsolicited external applications will be accepted.

#### 4.32 Stiftung Mercator

The Stiftung Mercator supports projects in the areas of its centres of competence: 1. Science and research, 2. Education, and 3. International understanding. Its thematic clusters of 'Integration', 'Climate Change' and 'Cultural Education' set the content-related focus across its competence centres. The Stiftung Mercator has a strong affinity with the Ruhr region, which particularly feels the benefits of its strategy in action.

##### Project funding

Description	Funding to conduct a research project with thematic reference to the centres of competence and thematic clusters of the Stiftung Mercator
Applicants	Researchers of all disciplines

##### Further information

#### 4.33 Union Stiftung

The objective of **Union Stiftung** is to promote democratic and civic education, international understanding, in particular European unification, and science, research and culture. Funding applications should be submitted at least 9 months before the start of the project.

#### 4.34 Volkswagen Foundation

The **Volkswagen Foundation** is the largest private-sector institution for research funding in Germany. It promotes the advancement of the sciences and technology in research and higher education, enabling research projects in promising fields and helping scientific institutions to improve the structural conditions for their work. Particular attention is paid to supporting junior researchers and collaboration between researchers across disciplinary and national boundaries. The Volkswagen Foundation focuses its funding on selected funding initiatives with the aim of providing effective impetus and establishing future-oriented topics. Its initiatives are grouped into the following areas: Societal Transformations, Exploration and Understanding Research.

### 4.35 Walter de Gruyter Foundation

One of the main activities of the **Walter de Gruyter Foundation** is to provide support for research projects in the humanities by awarding grants. It supports five to ten projects every year with funding amounts of usually between 1,000 and 10,000 euros. The Board of Trustees of the Walter de Gruyter Foundation decides on the allocation of funding twice a year.

### 4.36 Werner Siemens Foundation

The **Werner Siemens Foundation** provides funding for the start-up phase of innovative technical and scientific projects with the aim that, once started, these projects will continue to run independently or that the resulting innovations will be used industrially. Projects must address relevant problems or challenges of our time. The Foundation considers projects that are highly likely to find industrial application (TRL > 3), including novel areas of application.

### 4.37 ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius

The ZEIT-Stiftung supports innovative international teaching and research structures as well as new fields of research. It promotes talented young academics in the fields of law and social sciences, history, cultural studies and philosophy.

#### Bucerius Law Programme of the Studienstiftung

Description	Funding for research stays abroad
Applicants	Legal researchers who have passed the first state examination in law (minimum grade 'vollbefriedigend'), maximum age 35; only for current and former Studienstiftung funding recipients

#### Further information

## 5 Doctoral funding programmes

This chapter provides an overview of doctoral funding programmes at various foundations and research institutions. The list is by no means exhaustive and merely presents a small selection of programmes. When searching for suitable funding programmes, the search services of **Stipendium plus** and **MyStipendium** can be very helpful.

### 5.1 Scholarship programmes for gifted students

The thirteen organizations called **Begabtenförderungswerke** which are supported by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research are of particular importance for the promotion of highly qualified young academics. While the organizations presented in more detail below differ in terms of their



ideological, denominational and political background or are run by unions or employers' associations, a number of their requirements and programmes are very similar:

- All applicants undergo a selection process that usually consists of several stages
- Scholarship recipients are expected to submit a report on the progress of their studies at regular intervals
- At a number of the organizations for the promotion of gifted students, participation in a personal development programme is obligatory
- Students and doctoral candidates will receive support and advice from the university contact
- Scholarship holders can also further their education independently of their subject at seminars and conferences
- After completing their studies, scholarship holders can remain connected to their scholarship organization during their professional lives and become involved in alumni networks
- Periods of study at universities abroad are expressly encouraged and financially subsidized
- Financial support is available for internships, clinical placements and language courses
- Tuition fees at universities abroad can be reimbursed up to a certain maximum amount

### 5.1.1 Avicenna-Studienwerk

The **Avicenna-Studienwerk** supports particularly talented and socially engaged Muslim students and doctoral candidates from all disciplines. Its aim is to contribute to the education of responsible and qualified Muslim students and to prepare them for leadership positions in research, civil society, business, politics and culture.

### 5.1.2 Cusanuswerk – episcopal academic funding programme

The **Cusanuswerk** provides academic funding from the Catholic Church in Germany. It offers scholarships to exceptionally talented Catholic students and higher education institutions for academic studies and doctorates. The Cusanuswerk strives to encourage its scholarship holders to take responsibility and to enable them to initiate dialogues between science, faith, society and the church.

### 5.1.3 Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk

The **Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk (ELES – Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Scholarship Fund)** supports particularly gifted Jewish students and doctoral candidates in all disciplines at state and state-recognized higher education institutions. The focus of the funding programme is on the social engagement and potential for self-development of the scholarship holders.

#### 5.1.4 Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst

The **Evangelische Studienwerk Villigst** provides funding for gifted students of the Protestant churches in Germany. It brings together people who believe in the importance of education and research.

#### 5.1.5 Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

The **Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung** (FES) is the oldest political foundation in Germany and is committed to the fundamental values of social democracy: freedom, justice and solidarity. The foundation pursues this mission worldwide – through political education programmes, funding for gifted students, research and international cooperation.

#### 5.1.6 Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

The **Friedrich Naumann Foundation** promotes political education, facilitates political dialogue and research for freedom and human rights. One of the core tasks of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom is to provide young liberal academics with personal development support as well as financial support.

#### 5.1.7 Hanns Seidel Foundation

The **Hanns Seidel Foundation** contributes to the education of personally and academically highly qualified young academics on the basis of Christian values. It provides financial and personal development support to doctoral research students who can demonstrate significantly above-average school and academic achievements as well as a high level of social engagement.

#### 5.1.8 Hans Böckler Foundation

The **Hans Böckler Foundation** of the Confederation of German Trade Unions is one of the largest German organizations for the promotion of gifted students. Its doctoral funding programme aims to support outstanding doctoral research students who are actively engaged in trade unions or socio-political issues. The doctoral project must be of socio-political relevance and stand to make a significant contribution to research.

#### 5.1.9 Heinrich Böll Stiftung

The **Heinrich Böll Stiftung** supports students and doctoral candidates of all disciplines from Germany and abroad. It sees the promotion of young talent as way to contribute to the advancement of democratic culture. The Foundation combines the principle of high achievement with equal opportunities: women and students with a migration background are among its special target groups.

#### 5.1.10 Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

The **Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung** (KAS) is one of the largest German organizations for the promotion of gifted students. Its goal is to promote future high-achievers and leaders who will assume roles of responsibility in politics, business, research, media, culture and society. When awarding scholarships, the Foundation is guided by an understanding of humanity that is shaped by Christian values.

#### 5.1.11 Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

The **Rosa Luxemburg Foundation** sees itself as part of the intellectual current of democratic socialism. Through political education, the goal of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation is to contribute to the democratization of political decision-making, social justice and solidarity as well as to overcoming patriarchal, ethnic and national oppression. The funding programme aims to counteract social, political and gender discrimination; therefore, in the case of comparable achievements, preference is given to women, people in social need and people with disabilities.

#### 5.1.12 Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft

The Klaus Murmann funding programme of the **Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft** is aimed at outstanding and socially engaged doctoral research students from all disciplines who have the potential to assume leadership roles in business and society. Its goal is to support these gifted students with their personal development and to strengthen their entrepreneurial mindset and public spirit. The Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft is funded by entrepreneurs, companies and employers' associations; it is non-partisan and non-denominational.

#### 5.1.13 Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

The **Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes** (German Academic Scholarship Foundation) is the largest and oldest German organizations for the promotion of gifted students. It is the only one that has no political, religious or ideological affiliations. The Studienstiftung supports gifted young people in research, business, public administration and the arts. Through its funding programme, it promotes in-depth academic study, interdisciplinary dialogue, open-mindedness and international experience.

## 5.2 Other doctoral funding providers

#### 5.2.1 Barbara-Wengeler-Stiftung

The **Barbara-Wengeler-Stiftung** awards doctoral fellowships in order to support junior researchers conducting research on the networking and exchange between philosophy and neuroscience and/or cognitive science and/or artificial intelligence as well as the exchange between philosophy and neuroscience.

### 5.2.2 Federal Institute for Culture and History of the Germans in Eastern Europe

The **Immanuel-Kant-Stipendium** (Immanuel Kant Scholarship) of the Federal Institute supports exceptionally qualified young academics in the fields of history, cultural studies and social sciences. The regional focus is on the historical Eastern Provinces of Prussia.

### 5.2.3 Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany

The **Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Eastern Germany** established by the German Bundestag contributes to the comprehensive investigation and study of the causes, history and impact of the dictatorship in the Soviet occupation zone in Germany and the GDR – with the aim of keeping alive the memory of the injustices that occurred and the victims as well as promoting and reinforcing the anti-totalitarian consensus in society, democracy and the internal unity of Germany. Through its scholarship programme, the Foundation aims to contribute to encouraging young academics to research this chapter of German post-war history.

### 5.2.4 German Federal Foundation for the Environment

The **German Federal Foundation for the Environment** (DBU) awards 60 doctoral scholarships each year to junior researchers from all disciplines who are conducting advanced research in the field of environmental protection and are developing solutions to current environmental problems as part of their research project. A selection committee comprised of professors from various disciplines decides on the awarding of scholarships twice a year.

### 5.2.5 Deutsche Krebshilfe

The goal of Deutsche Krebshilfe is to improve the care and chances of recovery for people with cancer. Deutsche Krebshilfe supports innovative projects and measures that serve as a model in order to improve patient care. Via the **Mildred Scheel doctoral fellowship**, Deutsche Krebshilfe provides support for medical students to conduct a scientific doctoral research project in cancer research at the level of excellence at an established research laboratory.

### 5.2.6 Deutsches Literaturarchiv Marbach (DLA)

Kurt Tucholsky fellowship for literature and journalism

Description	Funding for doctoral research students in the fields of German language and literature, journalism, sociology and political science who are researching the work and ideas of Kurt Tucholsky and related topics
Applicants	Doctoral research students

#### Further information

### 5.2.7 Dr. Hilmer-Stiftung

The **Dr. Hilmer-Stiftung** is dedicated to the promotion of science and research in the field of pharmaceutical science. The Foundation awards fellowships every two years for doctoral students to conduct research work in the field of pharmaceutical science.

### 5.2.8 Evonik Stiftung

The objective of the **Evonik Stiftung** is to actively promote junior researchers with particular aptitude and talent by awarding scholarships. The Evonik Stiftung scholarship exclusively funds research in the natural sciences. As new funding priorities are defined each year, the research project must match the respective thematic focus.

### 5.2.9 FAZIT-Stiftung

In line with its statutes, the **FAZIT-Stiftung** aims to promote science and research by awarding fellowships for doctoral and post-doctoral research (habilitations) at universities and universities of applied sciences. Funding is provided for doctoral research students in the field of media studies. Priority will be given to applications in which the applicant explicitly affirms that no support is available from other sources (e.g. parents/partner/institute), that the requested funding will alleviate the financial hardship of the applicant and is thus essential as support for the completion of their degree.

### 5.2.10 Fonds der Chemischen Industrie

As the chemical industry fund within the German chemical industry association VCI, the Fonds der Chemischen Industrie supports basic research and junior researchers. It awards fellowships through the Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds. The **Kekulé fellowship** supports doctoral research students in chemistry and chemistry-related subjects.

### 5.2.11 Non-profit Hertie Foundation – MedMS-Hertie doctoral programme

The non-profit Hertie Foundation focuses on the promotion of clinical brain research and projects in the field of basic research as well as the promotion of junior researchers. As part of its **medMS doctoral programme**, the Hertie Foundation offers a total of up to ten doctoral grants for students of human medicine writing a doctoral thesis on the topic of multiple sclerosis.

### 5.2.12 Gerda Henkel Foundation – Gerda Henkel doctoral scholarships

The aim of the **Gerda Henkel Foundation's doctoral scholarships** is to support highly qualified junior researchers. Consideration will be given to applicants whose academic achievements and examination results demonstrate that they are exceptionally gifted and whose doctoral thesis is expected to produce results that are well above average. The Gerda Henkel Foundation supports

doctoral research projects in the fields of history, prehistory and early history, archaeology, art history, historical Islamic studies and the history of law.

#### 5.2.13 Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation

The **Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation** is committed to significantly improving the living situations of dementia patients and their relatives. To promote junior researchers in the field of dementia research in Germany, the Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation awards scholarships to doctoral research students in natural science subjects, e.g. biology, biochemistry or chemistry, but also human and veterinary medicine, health sciences, psychology, public health, social sciences, sociology, statistics and biometry. The aim is to initiate, expand or accelerate research at existing DZNE locations conducting dementia research.

#### 5.2.14 José Carreras Leukämie-Stiftung

In order to improve the conditions for students of human medicine and related subjects to conduct their research projects in the field of leukaemia and related blood diseases, the **Deutsche José Carreras Leukämie-Stiftung** and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hämatologie und Medizinische Onkologie (DGHO) award the José Carreras DGHO doctoral fellowships. Doctoral fellowships in the field of paediatric and adolescent medicine are also awarded in cooperation with the Gesellschaft für Pädiatrische Onkologie und Hämatologie (GPOH).

#### 5.2.15 Max Planck Society for the promotion of research

In cooperation with universities, the Max Planck Institutes offer excellent study and research conditions for young scientists. At the various Max Planck Institutes, young scientists are provided with targeted support within the framework of the institution's own programmes. Around one third of doctoral students conduct research as a member of an International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS). Together with partners at usually regionally neighbouring universities and other research institutions, they offer the opportunity for structured graduate training with a defined curriculum. In addition to the International Max Planck Research School, there are also three Max Planck Graduate Centers and other internal funding programmes. An overview of programmes can be found [here](#).

#### 5.2.16 NCL Foundation

The **NCL Foundation** invests in research into NCL, a fatal form of childhood dementia. It awards doctoral fellowships for a period of up to three years. Candidates for funding can be nominated by their supervisors. An interview will then be conducted by the NCL Foundation's Director of Research. If funding is granted, regular reports and laboratory visits are required.

### 5.2.17 Stiftung Bildung und Wissenschaft

The **Stiftung Bildung und Wissenschaft** awards doctoral scholarships in the field of literary studies as well as scholarships to enable doctoral students to complete their thesis. The programme is aimed at doctoral research students in the fields of literary studies and history (in particular social and economic history).

Support is provided independent of national, ideological or religious affiliation; however, it is only granted if no other public or private funding is available.

### 5.2.18 Foundation for Capital Market Research for Germany as a Financial Centre

The **Foundation for Capital Market Research for Germany as a Financial Centre** established by the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau awards doctoral scholarships for outstanding, practice-oriented research on capital market issues, ideally in connection with the securitization market.

## 6 International research funding organizations

### 6.1 American funding organizations – Grants.gov

Saarland University is registered with the American funding information system **Grants.gov**, a search portal of official calls for proposals in the United States. It also provides a **list of all institutions** that award research grants.

German researchers are eligible to apply for various funding programmes. Depending on the conditions, it may not be possible for German researchers to hold a project coordination role and thus affiliation with a project team in the US may be required.

### 6.2 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)

One of the most important funding institutions for humanities and social science research in the USA is the American Council of Learned Societies, an association of 70 academic institutions and learned societies. Some ACLS funding lines are also available to non-US citizens – but usually subject to institutional affiliation with a university or research institution in the USA. The ACLS website provides a good **overview of funding opportunities** and their respective conditions.

### 6.3 American Institute for Contemporary German Studies

The **American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS)** aims to support relations between the United States and Germany at the academic level. Affiliated with Johns Hopkins University, the Institute offers a comprehensive programme of public conferences, research reports, networking events and research fellowships to bring together the Institute's interest groups from politics,

business and academia. With the support of the DAAD, the AICGS awards two-month residency fellowships.

#### DAAD/AICGS Research Fellowship

Description	Fellowship to conduct research projects at the Institute's headquarters in Washington D.C. in the key funding areas of economics, political science, cultural studies and social sciences
Applicants	Doctoral and post-doctoral researchers of German or US nationality who are conducting research on German-American topics and have not received DAAD funding in the last three years

#### Further information

### 6.4 AXA Research Fund

The AXA Research Fund (ARF) supports basic research in the field of interdisciplinary risk research with a particular focus on the assessment, prevention and management of environmental, life and socio-economic risks as well as their modelling and identification. Saarland University is accredited as an institution entitled to submit proposals to the Foundation.

#### AXA post-doctoral fellowships

Description	Fellowships to conduct a research project at the level of excellence on interdisciplinary risk research; the project should also contribute to raising the research profile of the nominating institution
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers (maximum 5 years after completion of the doctorate) nominated by an academic institution accredited by the ARF

#### Further information

### 6.5 EISA Postdoctoral Bridge Grants

**EISA Postdoctoral Bridge Grants** are designed to support recently graduated or final-year doctoral research students who have not yet secured an academic contract or fellowship. They are intended to bridge the gap between a doctorate and a funded/salaried post-doctoral position. EISA awards up to three bridge grants of €3,000 each to support the transition between doctoral research and academic employment. The programme is particularly aimed at researchers who require additional time and funds to complete potential publications or submit post-doctoral funding applications in conjunction with the completion of their doctoral research project.



## 6.6 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

In particular via its 'Global Health Program', the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation regularly issues calls for research proposals on a variety of topics. Universities and academic institutions are eligible to apply. The calls for draft proposals are published on the [Foundation's website](#).

### Gates Cambridge Scholarship

Description	Scholarships for studying at Cambridge University
Applicants	Outstanding students demonstrating leadership potential and commitment through talent and knowledge

[Further information](#)

## 6.7 German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development

What is unique about the approach of the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and Development (GIF) is the joint participation and equal responsibility of the German and Israeli ministries involved in the funding, administration and decision-making of the Foundation. The [GIF programmes](#) support collaborative research projects from the two countries (GIF Nexus collaborative track and Sustainable Impact Program) as well as individual German and Israeli junior researchers who want to take their first steps in international research and establish their first contacts in the respective other country (GIF Nexus young investigators track and GIF Young Scientists' Meetings).

## 6.8 Fulbright Commission

The Fulbright programme has an international reach, facilitating academic exchange between the United States and more than 180 countries worldwide. Over 50 permanent commissions, including the German-American Commission, support the work of the Fulbright programme at the international level.

### a) Research and teaching grants

Description	Grants for transatlantic research projects in the funding areas of architecture, geography, history, art, philosophy, political science and literary studies
Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers who are planning a research or teaching stay of at least three months in the USA

[Further information](#)

### b) Fulbright-Cottrell Award

Description	Funding for research and teaching activities in chemistry, physics, astronomy, biochemistry
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Applicants	German scientists at German universities (junior group leaders, junior professors, junior lecturers, qualified academics permitted to teach at professorial level ( <i>Privatdozenten</i> )) with Bachelor's teaching responsibilities in the fields of chemistry, physics, astronomy and biochemistry
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**Further information**

### 6.9 Michael J. Fox Foundation

The **Michael J. Fox Foundation** is dedicated to finding therapies for Parkinson's disease, which is currently incurable. Universities and public institutions are eligible to apply. The Foundation regularly publishes calls for draft project proposals.

### 6.10 Minerva Stiftung

The Minerva Stiftung is the oldest German-Israeli cooperation programme and is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The Minerva Stiftung cooperates closely with the seven main universities and research institutions in Israel.

#### Minerva Fellowship

Description	The Minerva Fellowship enables Israeli and German researchers to conduct research in the respective other country. Fellowships for doctoral or post-doctoral research are awarded for a maximum of 24 months.
Applicants	<p>Doctoral research students: must have a university degree (e.g. Diplom, MA, M.Sc.)</p> <p>Post-doctoral researchers: Doctorate received no more than seven years prior to the start of the fellowship or, if the doctorate has not yet been completed, confirmation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted.</p>

**Further information**

### 6.11 British Council

In the United Kingdom, the government mainly funds research projects via a 'dual support system', i.e. the Research Councils support specific research projects and programmes and the Funding Councils provide block grants to improve the research infrastructure and conduct ground-breaking research projects of their own choice.

The **British Research Councils** also fund research projects conducted by international researchers in collaboration with British researchers or research groups.

## 6.12 European Commission – Horizon Europe

Horizon Europe is the European Union's framework programme for research and innovation for the period 2021 to 2027. It offers researchers extensive funding opportunities in different subject areas and with different instruments. It is organized into the programme pillars of 'Excellent Science', 'European Industrial Competitiveness' and 'Innovative Europe' as well as the funding area 'Widening Participation and Strengthening the European Research Area'. In addition to collaborative research projects, Horizon Europe also offers individual funding. A number of topics are pre-defined or you can also submit a proposal according to the bottom-up principle.

An initial overview of the various ways to apply via the European funding system can be found on the [German portal for Horizon Europe](#).

An overview of calls for tenders as well as work programmes can be found on the [EU Funding and Tenders Portal](#), the European Commission's portal for Horizon Europe. In the following section, opportunities for individual funding are presented. These are intended for post-doctoral researchers. Doctoral students only have the option of working on a project.

### 6.12.1 Marie Skłodowska-Curie-Actions (MSCA)

The 'MSCA' area of the 'Excellent Science' pillar of Horizon Europe is aimed at strengthening human resources in European research both qualitatively and quantitatively by providing support for doctoral education and post-doctoral training of researchers, mobility and career development. In addition to collaborative projects via doctoral exchange networks, individual funding is also available. Its Postdoctoral Fellowships (PF) are intended to support the careers of researchers and promote excellence in research. They are aimed at post-doctoral researchers who wish to conduct their research abroad, acquire new skills and develop their careers. PFs help researchers to gain experience in other countries, disciplines and non-academic areas. Further information: can be found on the [websites of the MSCA Actions](#).

### 6.12.2 European Research Council (ERC)

The [European Research Council \(ERC\)](#) is an institution established by the European Commission to fund excellent basic research. Funding is provided under the 'Excellent Science' pillar of Horizon Europe. The ERC issues calls for proposals for the following three highly competitive funding lines to support pioneering frontier research. **Please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage to arrange for the host institution letter.**

- *ERC Starting Grants*

Description	Establishment of an independent excellent research team
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Applicants	Post-doctoral researchers (maximum 2-7 years after completion of the doctorate) at the beginning of an independent career who meet certain benchmarks (e.g. important publication(s) without a doctoral supervisor) At least 50% time commitment
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**Further information**

- *ERC Consolidator Grants*

Description	Consolidation of an independent excellent research team
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers (maximum 7-12 years after completion of the doctorate) who meet certain benchmarks (e.g. publications as lead author) At least 40% time commitment

**Further information**

- *ERC Advanced Grants*

Description	Ground-breaking research to open up new research areas
Applicants	Outstanding researchers who are well established in their field and have a track-record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years At least 30% time commitment

**Further information**

- *ERC Synergy Grants*

Description	Establishment of an excellent interdisciplinary research team to work on a highly innovative research programme
Applicants	Groups of 2 to max. 4 outstanding researchers

**Further information**

- *ERC Proof of Concept*

Description	ERC grantees receive support in order to turn their project ideas into innovations
Applicants	Researchers who already have or have recently been awarded an ERC grant

**Further information**

## 6.13 European University Institute in Florence (EUI)

The faculties of the European University Institute cover the following subjects: economics, history, political science, law, and social science. A four-year doctoral programme leading to a Ph.D. is offered in all of these subjects. Doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from EU countries have access to a variety of fellowships and programmes, several of which are presented in more detail below.

## a) EUI Doctoral Programme

Description	Structured doctoral programme at one of the departments of the European University Institute Florence
Applicants	Graduates in the area of humanities and social sciences

[Further information](#)

## b) EUI Jean Monnet Postdoctoral Fellowships

Description	Performance of a research project compatible with the profile of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies in Florence
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers in the humanities and social sciences (maximum 7 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

## c) EUI Max Weber Programme for Postdoctoral Studies

Description	Performance of an independent research project
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers in the humanities and social sciences (maximum 5 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

## 6.14 Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

The **Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSP)** is committed to the worldwide promotion of innovative basic research that contains inherent risks in various fields of the life sciences. The main objective of the HFSP is to support interdisciplinary and in particular international and intercontinental collaborative research projects. Member states of this organization include Australia, Germany, France, Great Britain, India, Italy, Japan, Canada, Korea, New Zealand, Switzerland and the USA.

## a) HFSP Young Investigators' Grants

Description	Establishment or consolidation of an excellent interdisciplinary and internationally staffed research group in the life sciences
Applicants	Research groups of 2 to 4 persons from different countries (max. 10 years after completion of the doctorate) who have been leading their own junior research group for max. 5 years
Notes	As the signature of the university management is required for the application process, please contact the Research Management Division at an early stage.

[Further information](#)

## b) HFSP Long-Term / Cross-Disciplinary Fellowships

Description	Fellowship to conduct an excellent and highly innovative research project in the life sciences at a research institution abroad
Applicants	Outstanding post-doctoral researchers (max. 3 years after completion of doctorate)

[Further information](#)

## 6.15 IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Awards

IBM supports research in information technology as well as in services and consulting with a range of research programmes.

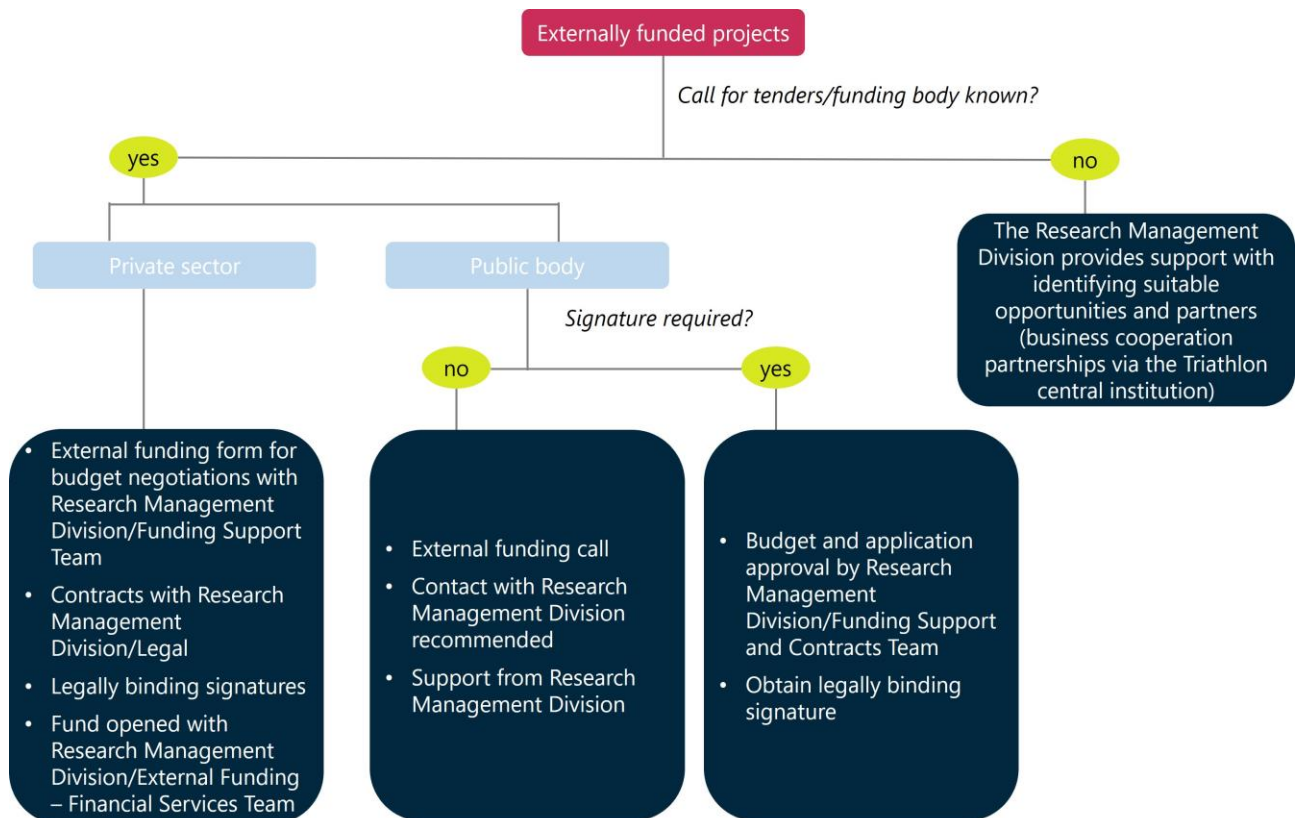
Description	Support for doctoral projects in one of the IBM Group's business areas (including consulting, software development and hardware development) through a remunerated internship
Applicants	Nomination by a faculty member

[Further information](#)

## 7 General information on the administrative procedure

The Research Management Division can support you at every stage, starting from guidance on suitable funding formats through to managing your funded projects. The Funding Support and Contracts Team will advise you before you submit a project proposal. If your application is approved, the External Funding – Financial Services Team will provide you with support. Please contact us as soon as you are considering submitting a proposal to enable any formal or legal issues to be clarified in a timely manner. An overview of the [contact persons](#) can be found on our website.

[Saarland University's external funding directive \(Drittmittelrichtlinie\)](#) must be observed for all externally funded projects.



## 8 Research Integrity

In addition to all the formal requirements for obtaining research funding, the issue of research integrity is of crucial importance. Researchers are free to choose their research topics, as guaranteed by Germany's Basic Law (GG). At the same time, they are nevertheless obliged to account for their work to society. They must ensure their scientific integrity by consistently applying the rules of good scientific practice and taking into account all ethical principles in research. For more information on this important issue, please visit the Saarland University website:

- [Research Integrity](#)
- [University contact for the DFG](#)
- [Ombudspersons](#)
- [Standing Commission for the Investigation of Allegations of Scientific Misconduct \(Research Integrity Panel\)](#)
- [Commission on the Ethics of Security-Relevant Research](#)
- [Regulations, documents and publications](#)

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