

Start-up Grants

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Programme Description

In accordance with section VI of the guidelines (1.06e -4/10, page 8) SPP1529 will promote junior scientists (within 12 years after completion of their PhDs and NOT holding a W2 or W3 professorship or an equivalent permanent position) in the start-up of their own independent research projects in preparation for a full grant proposal as independent PIs in SPP1529 (for the second three-years project phase beginning in August 2014). For this measure, a total budget of 65,000 € is available. Applications for an 18-month period from 02/2013 will be evaluated by the steering committee in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Meeting in December 2012. Application deadline is 9 November 2012.

a. **Pre-requisites for applications/funding:**

- i. Equal or less than 12 years after completion of doctorate; for women two years extra per child (for men, too, if they took care of the baby instead of the mother and interrupted their career)
- ii. Independent application (sole PI or co-PI with another junior scientist according to i)
- iii. Applying PI is not yet a PI or co-PI in any project already funded by the SPP
- iv. No overlap between contents of proposed research activities and projects that are already funded within the SPP

b. **Selection criteria (in the order of priority):**

- i. Compatibility of the research plan with the goals of the SPP (see SPP Establishment Proposal and 1st Call for Proposals, username and password available upon request from Klaus Hagemann: Klaus.Hagemann@ruhr-uni-bochum.de)
- ii. Scientific excellence of the proposed research
- iii. Scientific excellence of the candidate
- iv. Feasibility of reaching a full-proposal stage within the projected period. Proposed project should be the start of a scientifically independent project (not just the mere extension of an existing project)
- v. Additional resources made available by the hosting institution

c. **Type of support through the SPP:**

- i. Consumables and/or services, personnel (typically a student helper "SHK", "WHK"), or - in exceptional cases - funding for a PhD student (50% TVL-E13) for up to 18 months
- ii. Attendance of international conferences or meetings (this applies only to applicants who are not employed within a project already running in the SPP)

d. **Environment:**

- i. Applicants and their prospective personnel should have unrestricted access to suitable infrastructure, e.g. a fully equipped lab
- ii. Applicants should have a moderate involvement in teaching
- iii. Applicants should have regular access to mentoring
- iv. Applicants should outline their own (future) employment situation, with an appropriately long-term horizon

Applications should be sent to the Coordinator's office and should be in the format as specified here: http://www.dfg.de/foerderung/programme/einzelfoerderung/sachbeihilfe/formulare_merkblaetter/index.jsp (50.01), providing detailed information concerning a-d listed above, with a maximum of 10 pages. Applications are evaluated by the steering committee at least twice per year. Applications should include precise information on timing and duration of the requested support, a CV, and a full list of publications (please make available metrics (e.g. via <http://www.researcherid.com>)).

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