



Programme Description

In accordance with section VI of the guidelines (1.06e -4/10, page 8) SPP1529 will promote junior scientists (not holding a W2 or W3 professorship or an equivalent permanent position) in the start-up of their own independent research projects.

This is intended to enable them to devise a full grant proposal for submission to the DFG (outside ADAPTOMICS) or to another funding body during subsequent to the 2nd phase of ADAPTOMICS.

For this measure, a total budget of 65,000 € is available.

Applications will be evaluated by the steering committee and decisions will be taken at the beginning of 2017. Application deadline will be set to **15 December 2016**.

a. Pre-requisites for applications/funding:

- i. equal or less than six years after completion of doctorate; for women one year extra per child (for men, too, if they can demonstrate that 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:

- i. Scientific excellence of the candidate
- ii. Scientific excellence of the proposal
- iii. Compatibility of the research plan with the goals of the SPP
- iv. Feasibility of reaching a full-proposal stage within the projected period
- v. Proposed project should be the start of a scientifically independent project (not just the mere extension of an existing project)
- vi. 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, or - in an exceptional case - funding for a PhD student (50% TvL-E13) for up to two years)
- 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 a suitable infrastructure, e.g. a fully equipped lab with all required equipment
- 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, and should have an appropriately long-term horizon