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Tapping potentials



Internationalisation strategy

- Interconnecting activities of multiple research institutes
- Promoting foreign students and researchers
- Expanding international research cooperation
- Research marketing campaign “Research in Germany”
- Research collaboration with the best in the world





Internationalisation strategy

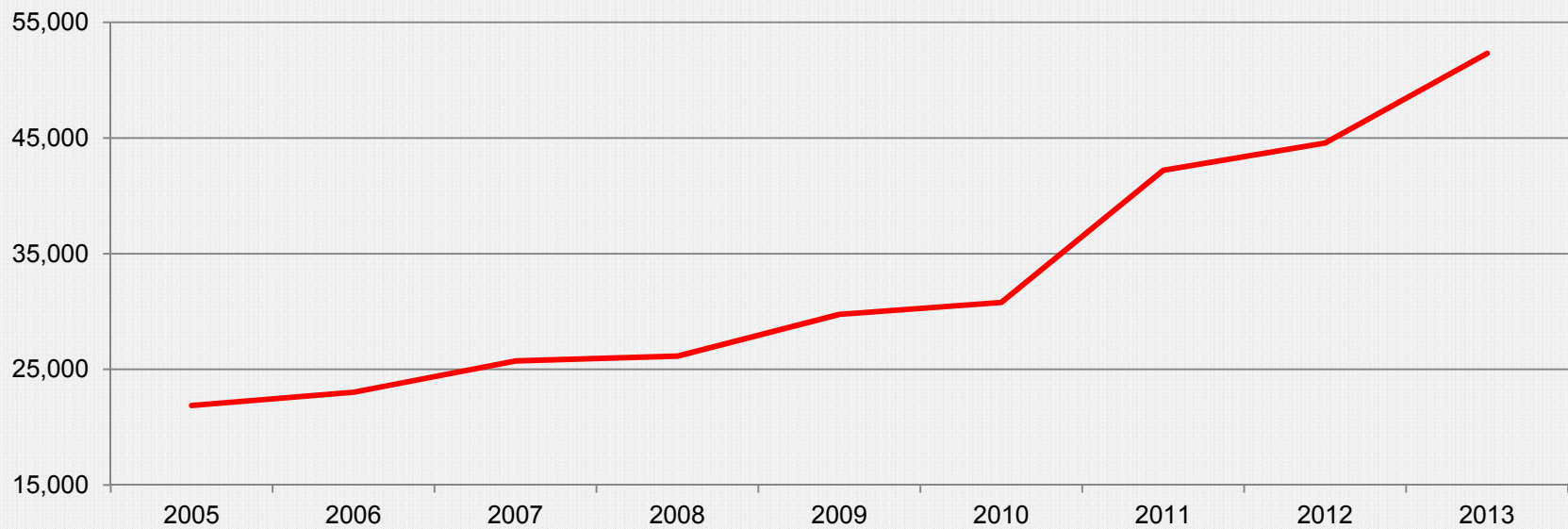
Instruments



- Funding bilateral research projects
- Transnational joint research projects
- Internationalisation of leading-edge clusters/networks
- Mobility
- Research marketing campaign “Research in Germany”



International researchers



Number of international researchers in Germany

Source: *Wissenschaft Weltoffen*



Funding opportunities in Germany



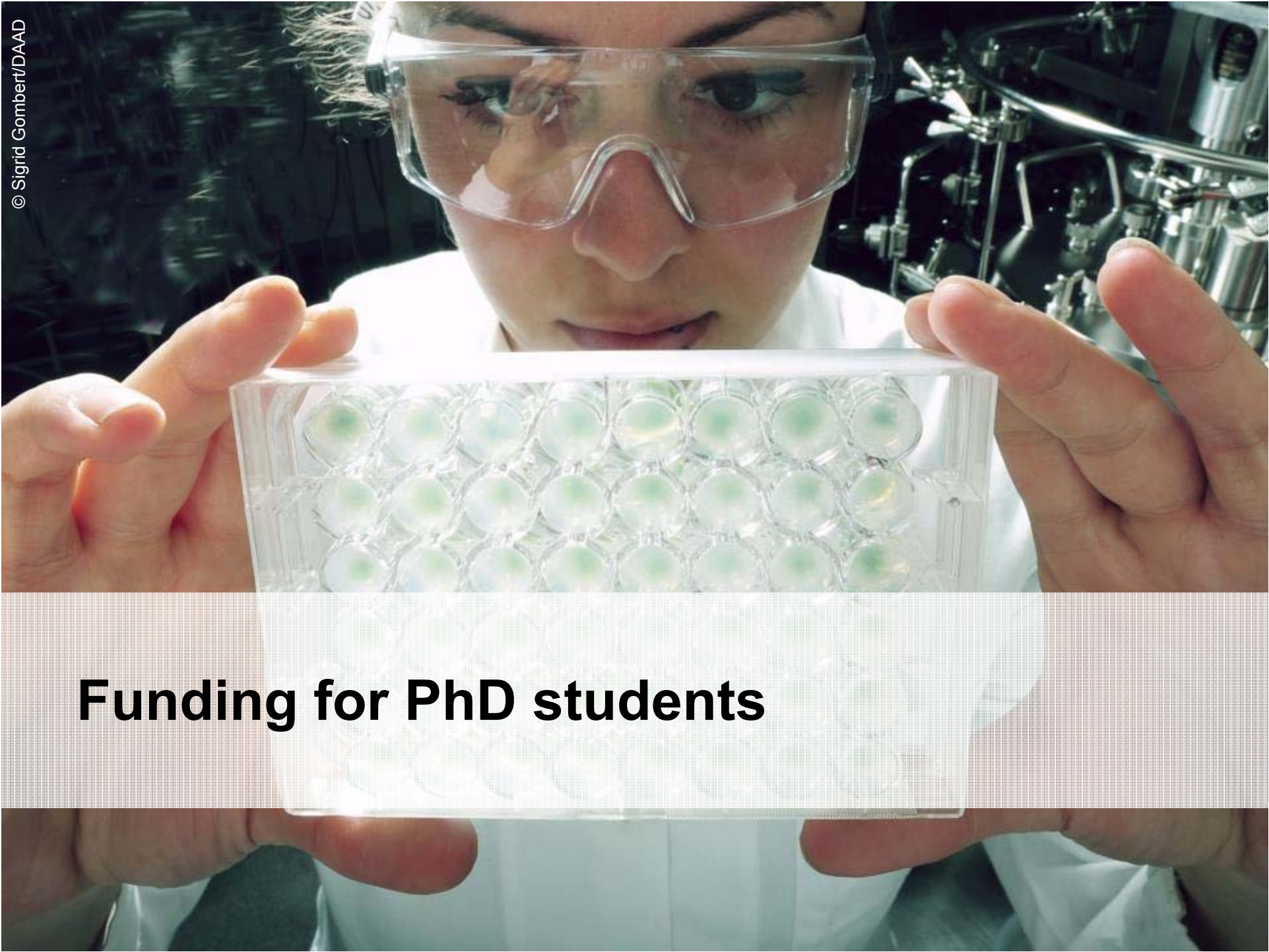


Funding for international researchers

Different programmes for different purposes

Duration	Short-term research stay (up to 2 years)	Long-term research stay (more than 2 years)	Complete doctorate
Type of funding	Grant / scholarship fellowship / award	Work contract	Funding*
Type of doctorate/ position	Individual doctoral project / structured doctoral programme	Postdoctoral researcher / junior research group leader / junior professorship	Senior researcher / research group leader / professorship

*generally includes own salary and expenses for staff and consumables



Funding for PhD students



Paths to a PhD

Individual vs. structured PhD

Individual PhD

- Individual research under supervision of supervisor
- Optional courses or other forms of teaching / learning
- Mostly informal admission and marginal formalisation

Structured PhD

- Guidance by a team of supervisors / supervising committee
- Mandatory, fixed supporting curriculum (interdisciplinary)
- Defined application process
- Offered by research training groups / graduate schools



Individual vs. structured PhD model

WHAT KIND OF DOCTORATE SUITS ME BEST? THE DIFFERENCES AT A GLANCE

	TRADITIONAL APPROACH	STRUCTURED PROGRAMME
Selecting a research project	<p>I would like to choose my own doctoral subject.</p> <p>I would like to study for my doctorate with a specific researcher.</p>	<p>I prefer thematic integration in a doctoral or research programme.</p>
Organisation	<p>I enjoy working independently and taking responsibility for my work.</p> <p>I would like to plan how I use my time myself.</p> <p>I would like to primarily concentrate on my research topic.</p> <p>I will attend selected subject seminars, if necessary.</p>	<p>I would like to regularly exchange ideas with colleagues.</p> <p>I would prefer to be integrated in a specific project or have a fixed curriculum.</p> <p>I would like my doctoral study to have a definite timeframe.</p> <p>I would like to receive support with articles, lectures or participation in conferences.</p> <p>I would like to deepen my subject knowledge and key skills in seminars.</p>
Supervision	<p>I would prefer in-depth discussions with one supervisor.</p> <p>I want to find a supervisor according to my own criteria.</p>	<p>I would like to have several contact partners.</p> <p>I would like to receive support with official formalities such as registration and a work permit.</p>



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Financing your PhD

- No tuition fees
- Living costs: approx. 800 € (\$ 900) per month
- Can be self- or parent-financed (external funding)
- Financed by the German supervisor or host institution
- Individual funding: research associate contracts (part-time)
- Apply for a scholarship





Funding for PhD students

Different programmes for different purposes

Duration	Research stay (up to 2 years)	Complete doctorate
Type of funding	Grant / scholarship	Work contract
Type of doctorate	Individual doctoral project	Structured doctoral programme



Funding for PhD students

FUNDING PROGRAMME	DURATION		TYPE OF FUNDING		TYPE OF DOCTORATE	
	Research stay (up to 2 years)	Complete doctorate	Grant/ scholarship	Work contract	Individual doctoral project	Structured doc- toral programme
DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships		■	■		■	
Graduate Schools		■	■	■		■
Green Talents	■		■			
Indiv. Doct. Projects at Fraunhofer Institutes		■		■	■	
Indiv. Doct. Projects at Helmholtz Centres		■	■	■	■	
Indiv. Doct. Projects at Leibniz Institutes		■		■	■	
Indiv. Doct. Projects at Max Planck Institutes		■		■	■	
Internat. Helmholtz Res. Schools & Grad. Schools		■	■	■		■
International Max Planck Research Schools		■		■		■
Internat. Visiting Res. at Max Planck Inst.	■		■			
Leibniz Graduate Schools and ScienceCampi		■	■	■		■
MSC Innovative Training Networks		■		■		■
Re-invitation Programme	■		■			
Res. Grants - Bi-nationally Superv. Doct. Degrees	■		■			
Res. Grants - Doctoral Programmes		■	■		■	■
Res. Grants - One-Year and Short-Term	■		■			
Research Training Groups		■	■	■		■
Support Early Career Res. in Clusters of Exc.		■	■	■	■	■
Support Early Career Res. in Collab. Res. Centres		■	■	■	■	■



Funding for PhD students

Graduate and research schools



PhD students in research training groups, graduate schools and non-university institutes collaborate on research projects, work as research associates or finance their work with research grants.



Funding for PhD students

Graduate and research schools

- DFG Research Training Groups at universities
- Excellence Initiative Graduate Schools at universities
- DAAD-funded doctoral programmes at universities or non-university research institutes
- International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS)
- International Helmholtz Research Schools and Graduate Schools
- Leibniz Graduate Schools and ScienceCampi
- European programme: MSC Innovative Training Networks



Funding for PhD students

Individual funding

At universities, doctoral students are often employed as research associates on part-time contracts or receive a scholarship.





Funding for PhD students

Individual funding

- Individual doctoral projects at universities
- Individual doctoral projects at non-university research institutes:
 - Fraunhofer Institutes
 - Helmholtz Centres
 - Leibniz Institutes
 - Max Planck Institutes
- DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships
- ...





DLR-DAAD research fellowships

In Brief

Research / doctorate in space, aeronautics, energy and transportation research at a DLR Institute

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Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers



Duration?

PhD students: 36 months
Junior researchers: 6–24 months
Senior researchers: 1–3 months

Value?

Fellowship: 1,500–2,300 €/month + additional allowances

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Graduate schools

In Brief

Candidates earn a PhD as part of a structured doctoral programme

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

3–4 years for PhD positions, otherwise dependent on the position

Value?

Work contract or scholarship



www.dfg.de/en/excellence-initiative/gsc



Green Talents

In Brief

Trips to leading German centres of environmental and sustainability research, followed by funded research stay



Who?

PhD students and postdocs / Junior researchers with a focus on sustainable development

Duration?

Two-week science forum in Germany, research stay of up to 3 months

Value?

Grant for a research trip and research stay

www.greentalents.de





Individual doctoral projects at Fraunhofer Institutes

- 🌸 In Brief** Doctorate at a Fraunhofer Institute
- 🌺 Who?** PhD students
- 🌸 Duration?** 3 years
- 🌻 Value?** Work contract



www.fraunhofer.de/en > Jobs / Career



Individual doctoral projects at Helmholtz Centres

-  **In Brief** Doctorate at a Helmholtz Centre
-  **Who?** PhD students
-  **Duration?** 3 years
-  **Value?** Work contract or scholarship



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Individual doctoral projects at Leibniz Institutes





- 🌸 **In Brief** Doctorate at a Leibniz Institute
- 🌸 **Who?** PhD students
- 🌸 **Duration?** 2–3 years
- 🌸 **Value?** Work contract



www.leibniz-association.eu > Careers



Individual doctoral projects at Max Planck Institutes

-  **In Brief** Doctorate at a Max Planck Institute
-  **Who?** PhD students
-  **Duration?** 3 years
-  **Value?** Work contract: approx. 2,000 €/month



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International Helmholtz Research Schools and Graduate Schools

- ❁ **In Brief** Structured doctoral programmes in partnership with universities
- ❁ **Who?** PhD students
- ❁ **Duration?** 3 years
- ❁ **Value?** Work contract or scholarship



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International Max Planck Research Schools

In Brief

Structured doctoral programme in cooperation with universities; degree awarded by German university or home university



Who?

PhD students

Duration?

3 years

Value?

Work contract: approx. 2,000 €/month

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International visiting researchers at Max Planck Institutes

In Brief

Independent research at a Max Planck Institute

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

PhD students: up to 6 months
Postdocs: up to 2 years

Value?

Grant + travel allowances



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Leibniz Graduate Schools and Leibniz ScienceCampi

In Brief

Structured PhD programme either at a Leibniz Institute or a partner university



Who?

PhD students

Duration?

Scholarship: max. 3 years
Work contract: 2–3 years

Value?

Scholarship: 1,150–1,450 €/month
Work contract (usually part-time):
1,700–2,600 €/month

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Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks

In Brief

Positions and structured doctoral training within Innovative Training Networks (formed jointly by different European institutions)



Who?

PhD students

Duration?

3–36 months

Value?

Work contract: 3,110 €/month + 600 € mobility allowance and 500 € family allowance (if applicable)

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Re-invitation programme for former scholarship holders

In Brief

Research and work projects at a state-run or state-recognised HEI or non-university research institute

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Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

1–3 months

Value?

Fellowship: 2,000–2,150 €/month + travel allowances

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Research grants – Binationally supervised doctoral degrees

🌸 In Brief

Doctoral degree at home university with integrated research phases in Germany

🌸 Who?

PhD students

🌸 Duration?

Up to 2 years

🌸 Value?

Grant: 1,000 €/month + additional allowances during stay(s) in Germany



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Research grants – Doctoral programmes in Germany

In Brief

Doctoral project (individual or structured programme) at a state-run or state-recognised university or non-university research institute in Germany

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Who?

PhD students

Duration?

Up to 3 years

Value?

750–1,000 €/month + additional allowances

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Research grants – One-year and short-term grants

In Brief

Research or training project at a state-run or state-recognised university or non-university research institute in Germany

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Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

One-year grants: 7–10 months
Short-term grants: 1–6 months

Value?

750–1,000 €/month + additional allowances

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Research Training Groups

- In Brief** Focused research programme as part of a DFG Research Training Group (*Graduiertenkolleg*)
- Who?** PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
- Duration?** 2–3 years
- Value?** Work contract or scholarship



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Support for early career researchers within Clusters of Excellence

In Brief

Structured doctoral training or work on a research project; option of taking on project leadership or junior professorship within a Cluster of Excellence



Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

2–3 years

Value?

Work contract or fellowship

www.dfg.de/en/excellence-initiative/exc



Support for early career researchers within Collaborative Research Centres

In Brief

Cross-disciplinary research programme offering, e.g. a (structured) doctoral programme, project leadership or junior professorship within a Collaborative Research Centre



Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

2–3 years

Value?

Work contract or fellowship

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A photograph showing three people in a meeting. On the left, a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing red-rimmed glasses and a red turtleneck sweater, is speaking. In the center and right, two men are looking down at papers on a table. The man in the center is Black, and the man on the right is white. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Funding for postdocs



Funding for postdocs

Different programmes for different purposes

Duration	Short-term (up to 1 year)	Long-term (more than 1 year)	
Type of funding	Fellowship / Grant	Work contract	Funding*
Position	Postdoctoral researcher	Junior research group leader	Junior professorship

*generally includes own salary and expenses for staff and consumables



Funding for postdocs

FUNDING PROGRAMME	DURATION		TYPE OF FUNDING			POSITION		
	Short-term (up to 1 year)	Long-term (more than 1 year)	Fellowship/ grant	Work contract	Funding*	Postdoctoral researcher	Junior research group leader	Junior professorship
Bilateral Exchange of Academics	■		■			■		
DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships	■	■	■			■		
Emmy Noether Programme		■		■	■		■	
ERC Consolidator Grants		■		■	■		■	
ERC Starting Grants		■		■	■		■	
Fraunhofer Attract		■		■	■		■	
Georg Forster Res. Fellowship for Postdoct. Res.	■	■	■			■		
Graduate Schools		■	■	■		■	■	
Grants to Support the Initiation of Internat. Collab.	■		■			■		
Green Talents	■		■					
Head of Max Planck Res. Group at Max Planck Inst.		■		■	■		■	
Helmholtz Young Investigators Groups		■		■	■		■	
Humboldt Res. Fellowship for Postdoct. Res.	■	■	■			■		
Internat. Visiting Res. at Max Planck Inst.	■	■	■			■		
Leibniz-DAAD Research Fellowships	■		■			■		
Max Planck Gr. for Advanced Postdoct. Training		■		■		■		
MSC European Fellowship		■	■			■		
P.R.I.M.E.		■		■		■		
Re-invitation Programme	■		■			■		
Research Grants		■		■	■	■		
Research Grants - One-Year and Short-Term	■		■			■		
Research Stays for Univ. Academics & Scientists	■		■			■		
Research Training Groups		■	■	■		■	■	
Sofja Kovalevskaja Award		■			■		■	
Support Early Career Res. in Clusters of Exc.		■	■	■		■	■	■
Support Early Career Res. in Collab. Res. Centres		■	■	■		■	■	■

*generally includes own salary and expenses for staff and consumables



Funding for postdocs

Working as a postdoctoral researcher

- DAAD & DFG research grants
- DLR-DAAD & Leibniz-DAAD research fellowships
- Humboldt research fellowships
- Max Planck grants
- European programme: MSC European Fellowships
- ...





Funding for postdocs

Heading a junior research group

- Emmy Noether Programme
- Fraunhofer Attract
- Head of a Max Planck Research Group
- Helmholtz Young Investigators Groups
- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award
- European programmes: ERC Starting / Consolidator Grants
- ...





Funding for postdocs

Junior professorship

- Support for early career researchers within DFG-funded
 - Clusters of Excellence
 - Collaborative Research Centres





Bilateral exchange of academics

🌻 In Brief

Research and study visits as part of bilateral exchange of researchers and scholars with partner countries

🌻 Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

🌻 Duration?

2 weeks–3 months

🌻 Value?

Fellowship: 2,000–2,150 €/month



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DLR-DAAD research fellowships

In Brief

Research / doctorate in space, aeronautics, energy and transportation research at a DLR Institute

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Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers



Duration?

PhD students: 36 months
Junior researchers: 6–24 months
Senior researchers: 1–3 months

Value?

Fellowship: 1,500–2,300 €/month + additional allowances

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Emmy Noether Programme

In Brief

Lead a junior research group, qualifying for supervisory positions or a university teaching career

Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

5 years, max. 6 years

Value?

Funding: staff and consumables of a junior research group, incl. own position



www.dfg.de/emmy_noether/en



ERC Consolidator Grants

In Brief

Research project (consolidation of research team) at host institution in Germany, another EU member state or Horizon 2020-associated country



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

Up to 5 years

Value?

Funding: up to 2 m € (2.75 m € in exceptional cases), incl. own position

www.erc-germany.de

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ERC Starting Grants

In Brief

Research project (establishment of research team) at host institution in Germany, another EU member state or Horizon 2020-associated country



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

Up to 5 years

Value?

Funding: up to 1.5 m € (2 m € in exceptional cases), incl. own position

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Fraunhofer Attract

In Brief

Establishment of a research group at a Fraunhofer Institute

Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

5 years; continuation as self-sustaining group possible

Value?

Funding: up to 2.5 m €, incl. own position



www.fraunhofer.de/en > Jobs / Career



Georg Forster Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers

In Brief

Development-related research project
with an academic host in Germany



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers from
developing countries, emerging
economies, transition states

Duration?

6–24 months

Value?

Fellowship: 2,650 €/month +
additional allowances

www.humboldt-foundation.de > Sponsorship





Graduate schools

In Brief

Candidates earn a PhD as part of a structured doctoral programme

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

3–4 years for PhD positions, otherwise dependent on the position

Value?

Work contract or scholarship



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Grants to support the initiation of international collaboration

In Brief

Grant for initiating bilateral collaboration or preparing a concrete joint research project



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers and senior researchers
(at German research institutions)

Duration?

Max. 3 months for trips abroad and guest visits; all activities to take place within 12 months

Value?

Grant: 105–160 €/day or monthly allowances for participation in events in partner country + travel allowances

www.dfg.de/en/bilateral_cooperation





Green Talents

In Brief

Trips to leading German centres of environmental and sustainability research, followed by funded research stay



Who?

PhD students and postdocs / Junior researchers with a focus on sustainable development

Duration?

Two-week science forum in Germany, research stay of up to 3 months

Value?

Grant for a research trip and research stay

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Head of a Max Planck Research Group at a Max Planck Institute

In Brief

Establishment of one's own Max Planck research group

Who?

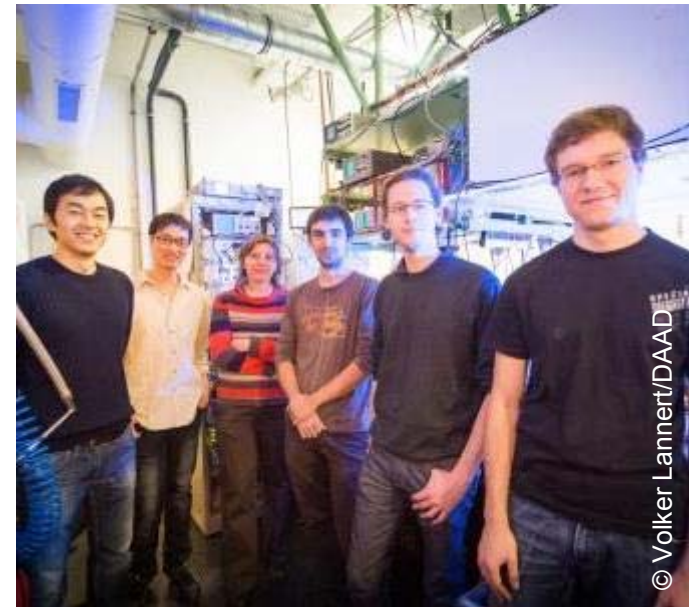
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

5 years

Value?

Funding for staff, material and operating costs, incl. own position



www.mpg.de/career/max-planck-research-groups



Helmholtz Young Investigators Groups

In Brief

Set up and lead one's own research group at a Helmholtz Centre; tailored training and mentoring programme



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

5–6 years

Value?

Funding: min. 250,000 €/year, incl. own position (3,700–4,600 €/month)

www.helmholtz.de/yig



Humboldt Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers

- 🌻 **In Brief** Long-term research project with an academic host in Germany
- 🌻 **Who?** Postdocs / Junior researchers
- 🌻 **Duration?** 6–24 months
- 🌻 **Value?** Fellowship: 2,650 €/month + additional allowances



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International visiting researchers at Max Planck Institutes

In Brief

Independent research at a Max Planck Institute

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

PhD students: up to 6 months
Postdocs: up to 2 years

Value?

Grant + travel allowances



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Leibniz-DAAD research fellowships

In Brief

Research at a Leibniz Institute

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Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers

Leibniz
Leibniz Association

Duration?

2 months

Value?

Fellowship: 2,000 €/month +
additional allowances (460 € research
allowance/year, health insurance,
2-month German course)

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Max Planck grants for advanced postdoctoral training

In Brief

Postdoctoral research or project leadership at a Max Planck Institute

Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

2–3 years

Value?

Work contract



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Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Fellowship

In Brief

Research project at host institution in Germany, another EU member state or Horizon 2020-associated country



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

12–24 months

Value?

Fellowship: 4,650 €/month + 600 € mobility allowance and 500 € family allowance (if applicable)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions>

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Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience (P.R.I.M.E.)

In Brief

Research stay: 12 months outside of Germany and 6 months at a German university

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Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers



Duration?

18 months

Value?

Work contract: 3,500–4,500 €/month + additional allowances

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Re-invitation programme for former scholarship holders

In Brief

Research and work projects at a state-run or state-recognised HEI or non-university research institute

DAAD

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

1–3 months

Value?

Fellowship: 2,000–2,150 €/month + travel allowances

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Research grants

In Brief

Research projects with clearly defined topics and durations; possibility of applying for different funding modules



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers and senior researchers
(at German research institutions)

Duration?

Up to 3 years

Value?

Funding, incl. own position (where applicable)

www.dfg.de/research_grants





Research grants – One-year and short-term grants

In Brief

Research or training project at a state-run or state-recognised university or non-university research institute in Germany

DAAD

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

One-year grants: 7–10 months
Short-term grants: 1–6 months

Value?

750–1,000 €/month + additional allowances

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Research stays for university academics and scientists

In Brief

Short-term research stay at a state-run or state-recognised university or non-university research institute in Germany

DAAD

Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

1–3 months

Value?

2,000–2,150 €/month, incl. travel allowance

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Research Training Groups

In Brief

Focused research programme as part of a DFG Research Training Group (*Graduiertenkolleg*)

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

2–3 years

Value?

Work contract or scholarship

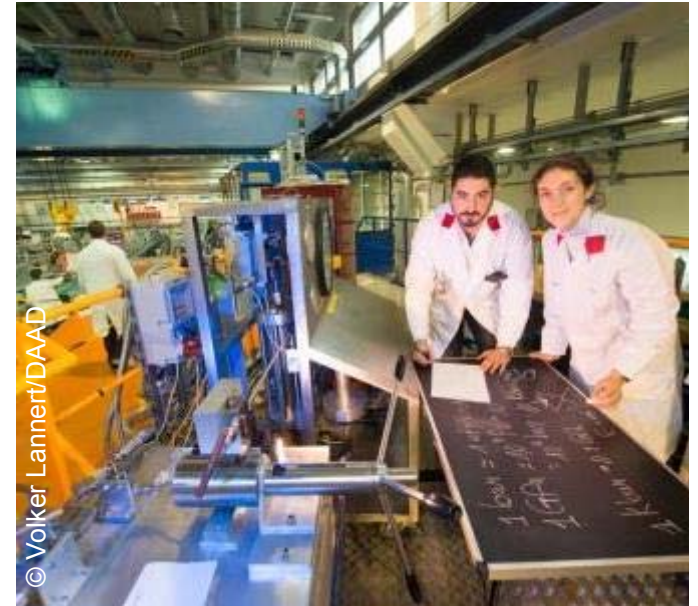


www.dfg.de/gk/en



Sofja Kovalevskaja Award

-  **In Brief** Establishment of one's own working group at a research institution in Germany
-  **Who?** Postdocs / Junior researchers
-  **Duration?** 5 years
-  **Value?** Funding: up to 1.65 m €



www.humboldt-foundation.de > Sponsorship



Support for early career researchers within Clusters of Excellence

In Brief

Structured doctoral training or work on a research project; option of taking on project leadership or junior professorship within a Cluster of Excellence



Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

2–3 years

Value?

Work contract or fellowship

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Support for early career researchers within Collaborative Research Centres

In Brief

Cross-disciplinary research programme offering, e.g. a (structured) doctoral programme, project leadership or junior professorship within a Collaborative Research Centre



Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers

Duration?

2–3 years

Value?

Work contract or fellowship

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Funding for senior researchers



Funding for senior researchers

Different programmes for different purposes

Duration	Short-term (up to 1 year)	Long-term (more than 1 year)	
Type of funding	Fellowship / Grant	Work contract	Funding*
Position	Senior researcher	Research group leader	Professorship

*generally includes own salary and expenses for staff and consumables



Funding for senior researchers

FUNDING PROGRAMME	DURATION		TYPE OF FUNDING			POSITION		
	Short-term (up to 1 year)	Long-term (more than 1 year)	Fellowship/ award	Work contract	Funding*	Experienced researcher	Research group leader	Professorship
Alexander von Humboldt Professorship		■			■		■	
Anneliese Maier Research Award		■			■	■		
Bilateral Exchange of Academics	■		■			■		
DLR-DAAD Research Fellowships	■		■			■		
ERC Advanced Grants		■		■	■	■		
Fraunhofer Attract		■		■	■		■	
Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award	■		■			■		
Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Res. Award	■		■			■		
Georg Forster Research Award	■		■			■		
Georg Forster Res. Fellowship for Exp. Res.	■	■	■			■		
Grants to Support the Initiation of Internat. Collab.	■		■			■		
Heisenberg Programme – Fellowship		■	■			■		
Heisenberg Programme – Professorship		■		■				■
Humboldt Research Award	■		■			■		
Humboldt Res. Fellowship for Exp. Res.	■	■	■			■		
Internat. Visiting Res. at Max Planck Inst.	■	■	■			■		
Internat. Visiting Scholars at Leibniz Inst.	■	■	■	■		■		
MSC European Fellowship		■	■			■		
Re-invitation Programme	■		■			■		
Research Grants		■		■	■	■		
Research Stays for Univ. Academics & Scientists	■		■			■		

*generally includes own salary and expenses for staff and consumables



Funding for senior researchers

Working as an experienced researcher

- Research Awards:
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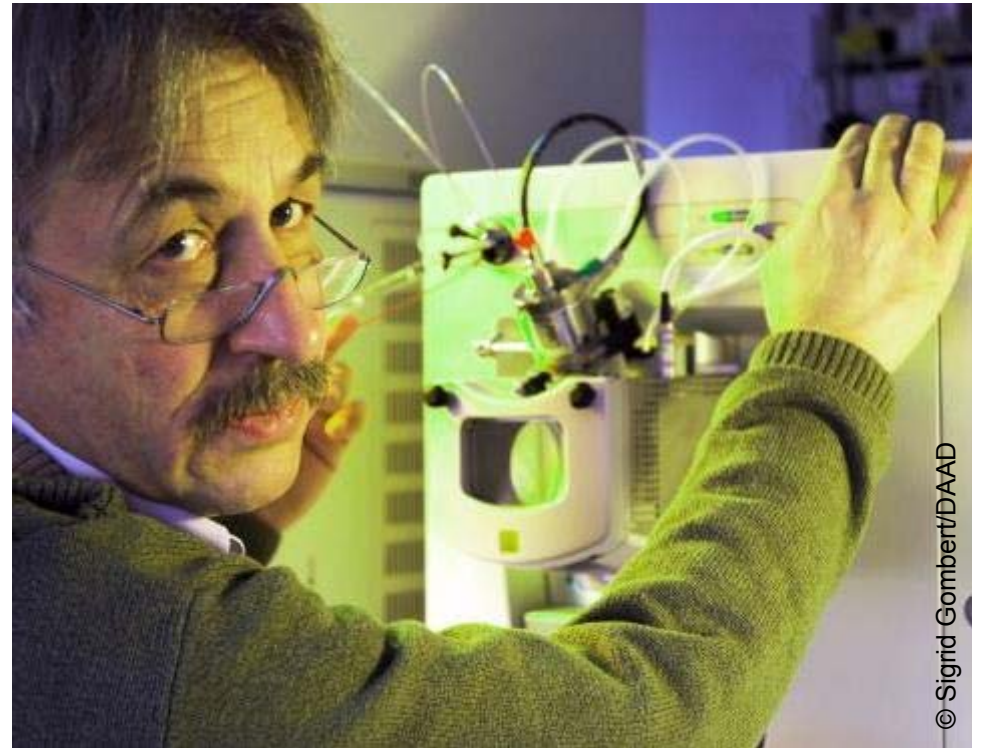




Funding for senior researchers

Heading a research group

- Alexander von Humboldt Professorship
- Fraunhofer Attract





Funding for senior researchers

Professorship

- Professorship within the Heisenberg Programme





Alexander von Humboldt Professorship

🌻 In Brief

Long-term and ground-breaking research at a university or research institute in Germany

🌻 Who?

Senior researchers
(nomination procedure)

🌻 Duration?

5 years

🌻 Value?

Funding: 5 m € (experimental disciplines),
3.5 m € (theoretical disciplines), incl. own position



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Anneliese Maier Research Award

❁ In Brief

Cooperation on long-term research projects with fellow experts in Germany in the Humanities/Social Sciences

🌺 Who?

Senior researchers (nomination procedure)

❁ Duration?

Up to 5 years

🌺 Value?

Award: 250,000 €



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Bilateral exchange of academics

In Brief

Research and study visits as part of bilateral exchange of researchers and scholars with partner countries

Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

2 weeks–3 months

Value?

Fellowship: 2,000–2,150 €/month



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DLR-DAAD research fellowships

In Brief

Research / doctorate in space, aeronautics, energy and transportation research at a DLR Institute

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Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers



Duration?

PhD students: 36 months
Junior researchers: 6–24 months
Senior researchers: 1–3 months

Value?

Fellowship: 1,500–2,300 €/month + additional allowances

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ERC Advanced Grants

In Brief

Research project at the frontiers of knowledge at host institution in Germany, another EU member state or Horizon 2020-associated country



Who?

Senior researchers

Duration?

Up to 5 years

Value?

Funding: up to 2.5 m € (3.5 m € in exceptional cases), incl. own position

www.erc-germany.de

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Fraunhofer Attract

In Brief

Establishment of a research group at a Fraunhofer Institute

Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

5 years; continuation as self-sustaining group possible

Value?

Funding: up to 2.5 m €, incl. own position



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Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award

- In Brief** Research project with fellow experts at a Fraunhofer Institute in Germany
- Who?** Senior researchers (nomination procedure)
- Duration?** 6–12 months
- Value?** Award: 45,000 €



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Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award

-  **In Brief** Research project with fellow experts at a research institution in Germany
-  **Who?** Senior researchers (nomination procedure)
-  **Duration?** 6–12 months
-  **Value?** Award: 45,000 €



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Georg Forster Research Award

In Brief

Research project with fellow experts at a research institution in Germany



Who?

Senior researchers from developing countries, emerging economies, transition states (nomination procedure)

Duration?

6–12 months

Value?

Award: 60,000 €, additional 25,000 € for conference participation, material and equipment possible

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Georg Forster Research Fellowship for senior researchers

In Brief

Development-related research project
with an academic host in Germany



Who?

Senior researchers from developing
countries, emerging economies, tran-
sition states

Duration?

6–18 months

Value?

Fellowship: 3,150 €/month +
additional allowances

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Grants to support the initiation of international collaboration

In Brief

Grant for initiating bilateral collaboration or preparing a concrete joint research project



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers and senior researchers
(at German research institutions)

Duration?

Max. 3 months for trips abroad and guest visits; all activities to take place within 12 months

Value?

Grant: 105–160 €/day or monthly allowances for participation in events in partner country + travel allowances

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Heisenberg Programme

Fellowship

- 🌸 In Brief** Work on an advanced research topic and prepare for a leading position in science and research
- 🌸 Who?** Senior researchers
- 🌸 Duration?** Max. 5 years
- 🌸 Value?** Fellowship



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Heisenberg Programme

Professorship

- 🌻 In Brief** Work on an advanced research topic and prepare for a leading position in science and research
- 🌻 Who?** Senior researchers
- 🌻 Duration?** Max. 5 years
- 🌻 Value?** Work contract



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Humboldt Research Award

-  **In Brief** Research project with fellow experts at a German research institution
-  **Who?** Senior researchers (nomination procedure)
-  **Duration?** 6–12 months
-  **Value?** Award: 60,000 €



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Humboldt Research Fellowship for senior researchers

- ❁ **In Brief** Long-term research project with an academic host in Germany
- ❁ **Who?** Senior researchers
- ❁ **Duration?** 6–18 months
- ❁ **Value?** Fellowship: 3,150 €/month + additional allowances



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International visiting researchers at Max Planck Institutes

In Brief

Independent research at a Max Planck Institute

Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

PhD students: up to 6 months
Postdocs: up to 2 years

Value?

Grant + travel allowances



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International visiting scholars at Leibniz Institutes

- 🌸 **In Brief** Research at a Leibniz Institute
- 🌸 **Who?** Senior researchers
- 🌸 **Duration?** Varies
- 🌸 **Value?** Work contract or scholarship



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Marie Skłodowska-Curie European Fellowship

In Brief

Research project at host institution in Germany, another EU member state or Horizon 2020-associated country



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

12–24 months

Value?

Fellowship: 4,650 €/month + 600 € mobility allowance and 500 € family allowance (if applicable)

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/mariecurieactions>

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Re-invitation programme for former scholarship holders

In Brief

Research and work projects at a state-run or state-recognised HEI or non-university research institute

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Who?

PhD students
Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

1–3 months

Value?

Fellowship: 2,000–2,150 €/month + travel allowances

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Research grants

In Brief

Research projects with clearly defined topics and durations; possibility of applying for different funding modules



Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers and senior researchers
(at German research institutions)

Duration?

Up to 3 years

Value?

Funding, incl. own position (where applicable)

www.dfg.de/research_grants





Research stays for university academics and scientists

In Brief

Short-term research stay at a state-run or state-recognised university or non-university research institute in Germany

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Who?

Postdocs / Junior researchers
Senior researchers

Duration?

1–3 months

Value?

2,000–2,150 €/month, incl. travel allowance

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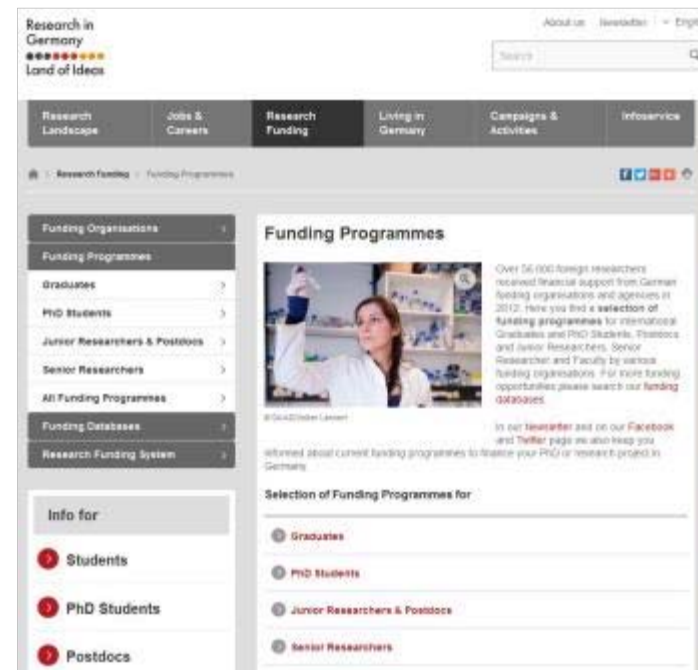


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