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Initial Funding Commitment	1.100.000 Euro

Who can apply?

- Private and public research institutions
- Private and public universities
- SMEs

Research institutions that receive basic funding from the Federal Government and the *Länder* can only be granted funds to cover extra expenditure in addition to their basic financing.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

I. Direct costs

a. Costs of personnel

Grants towards the costs of scientific staff, administrators and/or student assistants, required in connection with the proposed project can be provided up to 36 person months. In projects with two German partners, only one of the partners may claim personnel costs.

b. Costs of durable equipment

Funding for project-related material and equipment (such as consumables, business needs, equipment, tools, literature etc.) can be provided to a limited extent.

However, this only includes equipment that does not form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants).

c. Travel and subsistence allowance for German scientists and experts:

Travel costs including the necessary visa are eligible (economy class.) The subsistence allowance per full day (including accommodation, meals) in the context of a business trip should be applied as a lump sum. Contributions to health insurance and other types of insurance are covered by this lump sum and payable by the beneficiaries themselves.

Daily allowances/per full day vary among countries:

82 Euro or respectively 1.840 EUR per month for trips Bolivia, Ecuador, Latvia and Poland. For individual days in a subsequent month, a daily sum of 61 Euro /per day can be paid.

94 Euro or respectively 2.116 Euro/per month for trips to Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Turkey and Uruguay. For individual days in a subsequent month, a daily sum of 70 Euro /per day can be paid.

107 Euro or respectively 2.392 Euro per month for trips to Argentina, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Finland, Colombia, Italy, Norway, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago. For individual days in a subsequent month, a daily sum of 80 Euro /per day can be paid.

Work and travel periods may not exceed a total of 3 months during the entire project period.

d. Travel and subsistence allowance for foreign scientists and experts:

Travel costs including the necessary visa have to be paid by the sending countries (economy class). The subsistence allowance per full day (including accommodation, meals) in Germany in the context of a business trip can be applied as a lump sum of 104 Euro per day (and 2.300 Euro per month). Contributions to health insurance and other types of insurance are covered by this lump sum and payable by the beneficiaries themselves.

e. Workshops and events:

With regard to workshops, grants can be provided towards expenses such as accommodation of guests, transfers, the preparation of the workshop, materials, catering and rental of the venue. For food and beverage per lunch/dinner a maximum amount of 30 EUR/person shall be applied. The amount of the grant depends on the size of the workshop and the number of guests. In these cases no expenses for daily allowances will be paid.

Overhead costs are eligible depending on the type of institution as well as on the respective accounting system. Universities (public/non-public) and university hospitals (regardless of their legal status) can apply for an additional lump sum of 20% (Projektpauschale) of the requested funding for research projects under the condition that the indicative overall financial plan includes cost categories such as personnel, awarding contracts, rents and/or investments.

Nature, scope and amount of the payment

Grants for universities, research and science institutions and similar institutions will be calculated on the basis of the eligible but additional project-related expenditures (grants for Helmholtz centers and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (FhG) will be calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding), up to 100% of which can be covered in individual cases.

Grants for SME are calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding, up to 50% of which can, as a rule, be covered by government grants, depending on how near the project is to application. The BMBF policy requires an own contribution towards the eligible costs incurred - as a rule at least 50%.

The calculation of the respective funding rate must consider the General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVO). The AGVO permits a differentiated charge for SME, which in some cases may lead to a higher funding rate.

The upper funding limit is 100.000 EUR/project plus lump sum of 20% (Projektpauschale) - NOT per each partner in a given project.

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