



Call for Proposals

Start-up Funding for Acquiring or Renewing Research Collaborations and Joint Research Groups

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The **objective** of the start-up funding is to provide financial support during the acquisition phase for collaborative research projects and joint research groups funded by the DFG (e.g. research training groups, (collaborative) research units, CRC/TR) or equivalent collaborative projects funded by the state, the national Government, the EU, foundations or non-university research institutions. Whichever kind of project, the University of Greifswald must adopt the role of project speaker (as well as the role of location speaker in Transregio projects) or the function of project coordinator. The start-up funding is provided for preparing applications - including pre-applications in two-stage procedures - or for preparing renewal applications.

Eligible: all of the University of Greifswald's members of academic staff, excluding those from University Medicine, who are employed at the university on the date of submission of the application.

Funding: Staff and material resources up to a total of max. € 50,000. Own financial contributions to third-party funded projects are only eligible for funding in exceptional cases and subject to specific circumstances.

Deadline for proposals: Applications can be submitted at any time.

Application: the following information must be submitted

- Description of the planned collaborative research project
- Partners involved
- Financial backer, programme and the expected grant amount
- Status of preparations for the planned application for a third-party grant
- Description of the resources required from the start-up funding programme (staff and travel costs according to calendar year)
- Time frame for the project
- Description of the required infrastructure for the realisation of the project
- Maximum of 10 pages

Planned Budget

The proposed costs should be listed in a planned budget, according to the following scheme:

	Time Frame	Amount [€]
Staff Costs (including pay group)		
• Academic staff		
• Non-academic staff		
• Student/graduate assistants		
Material Resources		
• Business trips (national)		
• Business trips (international)		
• Consumables		
• Office supplies		
• Devices (exact name)		
• Software (exact name)		
• Collaboration with third parties		
• Literature		
• Academic events		
Total		

The granting of funds is subject to the allocation of funds.

A report must be written about how the funds were used. Funds that can no longer be used in accordance with the application and grant are lapsed.

Persons who have received start-up funding, but fail to submit a grant application will be exempt from obtaining any further funding from this programme.

The proposals must be addressed to the Rectorate and are to be sent only in digital form, via email, to the Human Resources and Finance Division:

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Procedure: After the documents have been submitted to the Human Resources and Finances Division, the proposals are forwarded for approval to the respective dean's office and then examined by the Research and Structural Committee. The committee convenes once a month. The conclusive decision is made by the Rectorate. Please consider this when planning the time frame. If start-up funding is granted, the application process must be accompanied by the Research Support Centre (ZFF).

As it currently stands, applications for joint research projects as part of the EU's Horizon Europe key funding programme must request funding from the BMBF up until September 2023 (<https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-3534.html> [de]).