



Call for Proposals

Start-Up Funding for Early-Career Researchers

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The **objective** of the start-up funding is to support junior researchers following the completion of their doctorate, taking into account the special situation of early-career researchers at the start of their academic career and helping to foster their individual future. The start-up funding serves to support early-career researchers with grant applications for programmes that are particularly relevant for their stage of career (in particular first applications for research grants, own positions, the DFG's Walter Benjamin Programme; the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship; research programmes for postdocs provided by foundations, as well as programmes for preparing the founding of companies such as EXIST research transfer and start-up grants).

Eligible: all of the University of Greifswald's early-career researchers, excluding those from University Medicine, whose doctorate was usually completed no longer than four years previously and who are employed at the university on the date of submission of the application. Periods of parental leave will be recognised in accordance with the DFG guidelines.

Funding: This start-up funding can cover staff and material resources of up to a total of € 10,000 during the preparation phase of a grant application. The applicant's own staff costs are usually not eligible for funding.

Deadline for proposals: Applications for start-up funding can be submitted at any time.

Application: the following information must be submitted

- Financial backer and the funding programme for which the application has been made, including the expected grant amount
- Where will the project be realised (on research fellowships abroad)?
- Partners involved (if application is being made for a joint project)
- Status of preparations for the planned grant application
- Description of the resources required from the start-up funding programme
- Description of the required infrastructure for the realisation of the project, together with the approval of the chair/department/institute
- Time frame for the application
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) / details of the academic career
- Publications
- Maximum of 5 pages (without CV and publications)

Planned Budget

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

	Time Frame	Amount [€]
Staff Costs (including pay grade)		
• Student/graduate assistants		
Material Resources		
• Business trips (national)		
• Business trips (international)		
• Consumables		
• Office supplies		
• Devices (exact name)		
• Software (exact name)		
• Collaboration with third parties		
• Procurement		
• 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.

Applications should be addressed to the Rectorate and are to be submitted 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 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.