

# Guidelines

## Heisenberg Programme



## **I. Programme Information**

### **1. Objective**

The objective of the programme is to promote early career researchers who are eligible for appointment to a professorship and have demonstrated excellence in their research achievements.

The programme is intended both to stimulate progress in research and to maintain an outstanding pool of early career researchers for the scientific community while ensuring appropriate gender distribution.

### **2. Proposals**

#### **2.1 Eligibility**

The Heisenberg Programme is aimed at researchers who are qualified for a professorship but have not yet been appointed. This qualification may have been attained through the Emmy Noether Programme, a junior professorship, habilitation (or habilitation-equivalent), DFG project positions, industrial research activity or mid-level faculty positions.

#### **2.2 Format and deadline**

Proposals may be submitted at any time. Submissions should follow the applicable instructions.

[http://www.dfg.de/formulare/54\\_02/54\\_02\\_en.pdf](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/54_02/54_02_en.pdf)

### **3. Duration**

The funding duration is generally five years.

The initial grant is awarded for a three-year period. A two-year extension may be granted if a renewal proposal is submitted and receives a positive review.

## II. Proposal Modules

To apply to the Heisenberg Programme, you may submit **one** of the following modules. For more details, please see the respective guidelines for each module.

### Heisenberg Professorship

Use this module to request funding for a temporary professorship at a German university.

[http://www.dfg.de/formulare/52\\_09/52\\_09\\_en.pdf](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/52_09/52_09_en.pdf)

Or

### Heisenberg Fellowship

Use this module to request a fellowship grant of €4,450 (for your living expenses) and a general funding allowance. The fellowship is designed to enable you to dedicate yourself fully to your research activities. A Heisenberg fellowship can be converted into a Heisenberg professorship during the funding period if the appropriate requirements are met.

[http://www.dfg.de/formulare/52\\_08/52\\_08\\_en.pdf](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/52_08/52_08_en.pdf)

## III. Special Provisions

A grant under the Heisenberg Programme allows you to work in a certain field of research. However, you may also apply for additional funding to work on specific projects. If you would like to conduct a project at a German research institution, you may apply for a research grant in addition to the respective Heisenberg module.

[http://www.dfg.de/formulare/50\\_01/50\\_01\\_en.pdf](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/50_01/50_01_en.pdf)

## IV. Obligations

In submitting your proposal to the DFG, you agree to:

1. adhere to the **rules of good scientific practice**<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The rules of good scientific practice are presented in detail in the white paper *Proposals for Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice* (published by Wiley-VCH) and in the usage guidelines for research grants (DFG forms 2.01 and 2.02) (cf. <http://www.dfg.de> ⇒ Research Funding / Legal Framework Conditions).

The general principles of good scientific practice include, among others: maintaining professional standards, documenting results, rigorously questioning all findings, and attributing honestly any contributions by partners, competitors and predecessors.

Scientific misconduct is defined as the intentional and grossly negligent statement of falsehoods in a scientific context, the violation of intellectual property rights or impeding another person's research work. The circumstances of each case will be considered on an individual basis. In cases where scientific misconduct has been established, the DFG may impose one or more of the following sanctions, depending on the nature and severity of the scientific misconduct:

- issuing a written reprimand to those involved;
- exclusion from the right to apply for DFG funds for a period of one to eight years, depending on the severity of the scientific misconduct;
- revoking funding decisions (complete or partial cancellation of the grant, recalling granted funds, demanding repayment of funds spent);
- demanding that those concerned either retract the discredited publications or correct the falsified data (in particular by publishing an erratum), or appropriately indicate the DFG's retraction of funding in the discredited publications;
- exclusion from acting as a reviewer or from membership in DFG committees;
- denying voting rights and eligibility in elections for DFG statutory bodies and committees.

By accepting funding, the recipient agrees to

2. use the grant exclusively and in a targeted manner to realise the funded project. The use and accounting of funds must conform to the relevant regulations of the DFG.
3. submit progress reports on the research according to the dates specified in the award letter and to present financial accounts to the DFG detailing the use of funds.

The DFG expects that the findings of the projects it funds be made available to the public.

## V. Publication of Data on Grant Holders and Research Projects

The data necessary for processing your grant proposal will be stored and processed electronically by the DFG. If a grant is awarded, your work address (e.g. telephone, fax, e-mail, internet website), as well as information on the content of your research project (e.g. topic, summary, keywords, international cooperation), will be published in the DFG's project database GEPRIS and - in excerpts (grant holder's name, institution and location) - in the "Programmes and Projects" section of the DFG's electronic annual report. If you do not wish this information to be published electronically, please notify us in writing no later than four weeks after receipt of your award letter.

<http://www.dfg.de/gepris>

<http://www.dfg.de/jahresbericht>