

Module

Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators

A module can only be applied for within the appropriate modularised programme. To determine which modules are available to you, please consult the DFG's programme guidelines relevant to your proposal.

I Objective

This module allows you to request funding for your position as project leader for the duration of your project.

II Description

Temporary positions for principal investigators enable scientists and academics to focus exclusively on their proposed research projects. Grants for such positions must generally be used for employment at a research institution in Germany or at a German research institution abroad. Possibilities to use such grants for other international research visits are therefore limited.

During DFG-funded working hours, no other work may be performed for the employer (incl. teaching or non-research services such as patient care). Outside regular working hours, however, you may perform such duties in accordance with the secondary employment regulations applicable at your university. In exceptional cases, it is possible to apply for an additional DFG

project provided the work would not interfere with the original project, but for example enable you to leverage synergies and time.

Funding for temporary positions for principal investigators is generally granted for full-time positions. Funding for part-time jobs (at least 50%) may be granted for family reasons.

Grants are based on the salary level for postdoctoral researchers. Details can be found in the following overview:

www.dfg.de/formulare/60_12

III Special Provisions

If you wish to carry out your project

- at one of the institutes or member organisations of the Max Planck Society, Fraunhofer Society, Helmholtz Association or Leibniz Association, or
- at a publicly funded institute associated with one of these organisations, or
- at an international research facility located in Germany,

please note the guidelines on the duty to cooperate.

www.dfg.de/formulare/55_01

IV Proposal Instructions

To avoid a delay or gap on your CV, you may request this module prior to having completed the doctoral examination process. In this case, please submit a copy of your thesis, proof that you have submitted your thesis to the appropriate examinations board/office, and a statement by your thesis supervisor together with your proposal.

If you would like to use the grant for a part-time position due to family reasons (childcare, dependent care) or disability/chronic illness, you may still apply for a full-time position. Calculate the duration of the position and the project based on the time that would be required if the work were performed full time. If the grant is awarded, you may then flexibly reduce your weekly working hours.

In case of multiple applicants, each applicant's work package must be identified in the project description.

Employer statement:

Please include a statement from your employer indicating that it will take over employer responsibilities during your funding period and, in cooperation with you, provide the conditions necessary for you to carry out your project. The prescribed template can be found here (available in German only):

www.dfg.de/formulare/41_027

Note for temporary positions for principal investigators at non-university research institutions:

If applicable, please include a statement regarding cost coverage (Kostenübernahmeerklärung) according to section III.

Note for people applying from abroad or those relatively new to the German academic/research system:

If you are applying from abroad or have been working within the German academic/research system for less than three years, please include a supporting statement from a researcher at your host institution.