

# Module

## Heisenberg Professorships

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

Use this module to request funding for a temporary professorship at a German university. After the funding period expires, the temporary professorship must be converted to a professorship funded by the university.

### II. Description

The Heisenberg professorship enables scientists and academics to establish themselves as professor at a German university. It also helps the university enhance its visibility and/or structure. A requirement for funding, in addition to the applicant's academic qualifications, is that the university can present a persuasive strategy that conveys how the Heisenberg professorship will help raise the university's profile and add to its structural development. The university must also commit to funding the professorship from its own budget once the DFG funding has expired - provided this is legally admissible in the respective state - following positive evaluation by the DFG and the university. The university must make appropriate arrangements in advance to guarantee that a position will be available by the beginning of the funding period should the grant be approved.

Funding for Heisenberg professors will be awarded according to the personnel cost category for professors. Details can be found in the following overview (available in German only)

[http://www.dfg.de/formulare/60\\_12/60\\_12.pdf](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/60_12/60_12.pdf)

In cases of illness or birth, financial assistance may be applied for in accordance with the guidelines for allowances payable to public employees in such cases (federal regulations).

Heisenberg professors are entitled to a pension allowance of up to 30% of their pensionable salaries, provided their professorships did not begin prior to 29 September 2009.

A request for an allowance towards expenses for the publication of the research findings made within the context of the professorship can be submitted together with the professorship proposal. A maximum of €750 can be provided per year. The allowance may be used for any form of publication (not, however, for “grey literature”). Should the appropriate publication of your findings call for a book format with high production costs, you may be eligible to receive an allowance of, in general, up to €5,000 per year, provided appropriate justification is given. The funds may be used for up to two years after completion of the professorship.

If you wish to submit a proposal for a research grant in addition to the Heisenberg professorship, please note that publication costs can only be applied for and received in conjunction with the research grant.

### **III. Special Provisions**

The final decision on a Heisenberg professorship is made on the basis of a scientific review, led by the DFG, and completion of the professorial appointment process by the university. The university can stipulate that the appointment be contingent on the applicant being approved for a DFG grant under the Heisenberg Programme.

If the DFG’s review and decision process is concluded prior to the university’s appointment process and the applicant is recommended for funding, the DFG may, upon request, initially fund the applicant as a Heisenberg fellow. The fellowship must be taken up within one year.

Following a three-year funding period under the Heisenberg Programme, an interim evaluation is conducted by the DFG. A successful evaluation will serve as the basis for

- continued funding of the Heisenberg professorship by the DFG for two more years;
- transfer of the professorship to the university's budget after DFG funding expires, assuming positive evaluation by the university.

#### **IV. Proposal Instructions**

The proposal for acceptance into the Heisenberg Programme should be submitted to the DFG together with the university's strategy concept regarding the structural integration of the professorship. Applicants currently funded under the Heisenberg Programme must submit a proposal to convert their funding accordingly and include the university's strategy concept as well.