

Module

Start-up Funding

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

Through this module, research networks can receive funds to help promising early career researchers pursue independent projects.

II. Description

Talented early career researchers should be encouraged to remain in science and academia. Directly following completion of their doctorates they should therefore be enabled to define and design their own research topics, which can serve as the basis for independent project proposals.

Funding amounts:

- in Research Units/Priority Programmes, up to €65,000 can be awarded per three-year funding period;
- in Collaborative Research Centres and Research Training Groups, funds described in this module can be taken from the lump sum.

III. Proposal Instructions

When such funding is requested, a strategy plan for the proposed start-up funding must be presented, which should especially address the following points:

- selection criteria for the individuals to be funded;
- type of support the selected individuals will receive in their research with a view toward future proposals and scientific independence;
- description of a university setting that can further the individuals' careers during this transitional phase (incl. infrastructure and equipment).