


Module

Research Training Group



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 the Research Training Group Module to request funding for project-specific staff and direct project costs in support of structured early career training.

II Description

The following project-specific funds may be requested in accordance with the relevant programme guidelines/instructions and proposal templates:

1 Funding for Staff

1.1 Doctoral Researchers

Funding for doctoral researchers may be requested.

1.2 Doctoral Researchers in Medicine

If doctoral researchers in the field of medicine are to be funded before they graduate, funding for a doctoral fellowship may be requested under the category “Doctoral Fellowships in Medicine”.

1.3 Postdoctoral Researchers

Funding for postdoctoral researchers may be requested.

1.4 Qualifying Fellowships

To enable particularly highly qualified graduates from universities of applied sciences as well as bachelor’s programmes to fast-track their doctorates, funding for qualifying fellowships may be requested.

As part of its qualification programme, the Research Training Group must provide special qualification opportunities to these persons that allow them to be admitted to a doctoral programme. The university must have a legal framework in place for this. Recipients of qualification fellowships should be able to qualify for research-based doctorates within a maximum of 12 months.

It is not possible to use a qualifying fellowship to finance the completion of any other degree, such as a master’s.

1.5 Student Assistants

The DFG welcomes the involvement of student assistants at an early stage in their studies. Student assistants in Research Training Groups should be remunerated according to the regulations applicable at the host university.

If appropriate, secondary-school students may also be integrated into the project, on an hourly basis and with appropriate compensation, to give them early hands-on experience in research.

These funds may be requested under the category “Support Staff”.

2 Funding for Direct Project Costs

Direct project costs can be requested under the following categories:

2.1 Equipment up to €10,000, Software and Consumables

2.2 Travel

2.3 Visiting Researchers

2.4 Experimental Animals

2.5 Other

Here you may request project-specific funds for purposes not included in any of the other categories, such as third-party contracts, compensation for test subjects, documentation services, announcements and recruiting, specialised literature, project-specific language training, communication training, presentation training, media training, other project-specific courses to teach key skills.

2.6 Publications

III Proposal Instructions

Please note additional programme-specific instructions in the relevant guidelines and templates.