

**Excellence Initiative by the German Federal and State Governments
to Promote Science and Research
at German Universities**

Review Criteria for Clusters of Excellence

Second Programme Phase



Review Criteria for draft, initial and renewal proposals:

Research

1. Quality of the research programme by international standards
2. Originality and risk-taking
3. Impact on the research area
4. Added value of interdisciplinary cooperation
5. Applicability, knowledge transfer, domestic and foreign cooperation partners

People

6. Quality of participating researchers
7. Strategies to promote training and career opportunities for young researchers
8. Strategies to ensure gender equality

Structures

9. Impact on the structural development of the university
10. Added value of cooperation with other institutions
11. Organisation, management and infrastructure
12. Implementation and sustainability of the cluster of excellence

For renewal proposals:

Realisation of objectives

- in terms of each review criterion
- considering duration of the past funding period and funding volume

General evaluation: Added value through funding