

Clusters of Excellence Funding Line

Funding Criteria

Research

- Quality and originality of the research programme in an international comparison and openness to risk
- Coherence of the research programme and academic productivity of the collaboration
- Quality of previous contributions to the field of research
- Positive impacts on the future development of the field of research or the stimulation of new research areas

Researchers

- Academic excellence of the participating researchers
- International competitiveness
- Diversity in the composition of the group

Supporting structures and strategies in the Cluster of Excellence

- Support of early career researchers and their academic independence
- Support of equal opportunity
- Management, quality assurance, science communication

Environment of the Cluster of Excellence

- Integration in the development planning of the university/universities (in the case of joint proposals: cooperative structure and contributions of the individual universities)
- Staffing, financial and infrastructural framework
- Collaboration with other institutions, research-oriented teaching, knowledge transfer (where addressed in the proposal)

Appropriateness of the requested funds

University allowance

- Plausibility of the strategic objectives of the university/universities