

Module

Acquisition 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

Research libraries and information facilities make an important contribution to establishing an optimum information infrastructure for all research disciplines. To optimise the provision of information to researchers, funds are provided to support the acquisition of research publications and licences for digital resources.

II. Description

The DFG provides funds for the acquisition and/or licensing of publications and digital resources, provided the following conditions are met:

- The publications or materials to be purchased or licensed must be shown to be of high interest to the research community (and not only to those researchers working at the applying facility or the institution funding it).
- The acquisition or licensing does not serve only to support individual research projects or local groups of researchers.

- The publications are in principle available to any researchers with an interest in them.
- The institutions that house the publications ensure that they are catalogued in accordance with the relevant standards, particularly for reference in supra-regional electronic cataloguing systems and portals.
- The institutions that house the publications guarantee that they will be archived and accessible in the long term. Where the supplier grants hosting rights for licensed resources, measures must also be taken to provide long-term archiving.

III. Proposal Instructions

If a proposal is submitted for these funds, the relevant programme guidelines concerning the content, technological and financial requirements (such as the applicant's own financial contribution or applicable acquisition policies) must be complied with.

In each case, detailed justification of the nature and scope of the requested funds must be provided. A clear breakdown into categories must be given.

The proposal is also expected to include details of how the acquisition will be catalogued, how its long-term availability will be organised and the form this will take, and the rules governing its use.