

Guidelines

for the Review of Proposals for Workshops for Early Career Investigators



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I Programme Information

The objective of the Workshops for Early Career Investigators Programme is to prepare researchers at an early stage of their career to conduct research projects independently and to enable them to lead a first project of their own and raise third party funds.

Workshops for early career investigators generally consist of a week of workshops and optional additional colloquia.

An early career investigator workshop is a strategic funding instrument, open to all subject areas, aimed specifically at established researchers who seek to address a perceived shortage of researchers in early career phases in their respective field by holding workshops on specific topics.

Workshops for early career investigators, or similar workshops, that are part of regular or special teaching programmes of universities and research institutions, that are intended only for participants from specific regions or institutions, or that are offered regularly by learned societies/associations are not eligible for funding.

Workshops for early career investigators and colloquia cannot be funded if they are to be held outside Germany.

Details of the programme are provided in the Guidelines Workshops for Early Career Investigators with Proposal Preparation Instructions (DFG form 1.07).

www.dfg.de/formulare/1_07

General Guidelines for Reviews (DFG form 10.20) are available at:

www.dfg.de/formulare/10_20

The review should not exceed two pages in length.

II Structure of the Review

1. Is there a special **need** that justifies the specific promotion of researchers in early career phases in the subject area by means of a workshop on the planned topic? For example, is it a so-called shortage subject, or is the workshop for early career investigators focused on an emerging field of research at the boundaries of current knowledge? If a workshop for early career investigators is to be organised for female researchers only, is there a significantly lower proportion of female researchers in the subject area?
2. How would you assess the **qualifications of the applicant** – in general and with regard to the topic area of the workshop for early career investigators? Is the applicant qualified to independently lead the proposed workshop for early career investigators?
3. Is there a convincing **target group** focus? How do you rate the criteria for selecting participants for the workshop? Is the selection mechanism transparent?
4. Does the concept submitted for the implementation of the workshop give rise to the expectation that it will strengthen researchers in early career phases in the scientific field in question? Based on the proposal submitted, can it be expected that the proposed lecturers and **programme** – both subject-related and non-subject-related – will serve the objective of the workshop for early career investigators?
5. Please provide a **clear recommendation** as to whether the proposal should be approved. In doing so, comment on whether the requested funds are justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed workshop.