

About Us



The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is the central self-governing research funding organisation in Germany.

The DFG serves all branches of science and the humanities by funding research projects and facilitating national and international collaboration among researchers. Scientific and academic excellence, the advancement of early career researchers, interdisciplinarity and internationality, and gender equality in research are key elements in the work of the DFG.

In organisational terms, the DFG is an association under private law. Its members are German universities, research institutions, non-university research institutions, scientific associations and the academies of sciences and humanities.

The DFG receives an annual budget of about 3 billion euros, primarily from the German federal and state governments.

With its offices in São Paulo, Washington, New York, Moscow, New Delhi and Tokyo, as well as the Sino-German Center for Research Promotion in Beijing, the DFG seeks to strengthen its international activities worldwide.

DFG Office Latin America

In Latin America, scientific productivity has increased significantly in recent years. This development is also reflected in the rising number of German and Latin American research collaborations. The DFG Office Latin America is tasked with strengthening and enhancing research cooperation.

The DFG Office Latin America in São Paulo

- ▶ **serves as a contact point for researchers** as well as academic institutions and funding organisations in all countries of Latin America.
- ▶ **provides information and advises** local and German scientists and research institutions about research opportunities in Germany as well as possibilities for bilateral collaboration.
- ▶ **maintains and expands strategic partnerships** with Latin American funding organisations and develops instruments for international collaboration.
- ▶ **initiates, organises and accompanies cooperation** promoting measures, such as international seminars, workshops and conferences.
- ▶ **provides special support to early career researchers** through seminars, consultation and events in close collaboration with important German and foreign stakeholders.
- ▶ **monitors research policy developments** in Latin American countries thereby stimulating the dialogue between German and Latin American researchers as well as research and funding organisations.

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Partners

Funding excellent cross-national research projects in all research fields requires the involvement of partner organisations with compatible instruments and resources.

Framework agreements on the co-funding of research projects and researcher mobility exist with the following partners:

Argentina:

- ▶ National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET)
- ▶ Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (MINCYT)

Brazil:

- ▶ Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES)
- ▶ National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)
- ▶ São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)
- ▶ Rio de Janeiro State Research Foundation (FAPERJ)
- ▶ Minas Gerais Research Foundation (FAPEMIG)

Chile:

- ▶ National Agency for Research and Development (ANID)

Colombia:

- ▶ Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MINCIENCIAS)
- ▶ Universidad de los Andes (UNIANDES)
- ▶ Universidad de Antioquia (UdeA)

Costa Rica:

- ▶ National Council of Rectors (CONARE)

Ecuador:

- ▶ Secretariat for Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (SENESCYT)

Mexico:

- ▶ National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)

Funding

Who can apply?

Any researcher holding a doctoral degree and wishing to perform research in Germany can submit a proposal. There are no restrictions on subjects. Doctoral researchers and postdocs may apply for available positions within projects funded by the DFG. To find out more about the projects, please consult the GEPRIS database (gepris.dfg.de/en).

What funding programmes exist?

The DFG provides funds for a full spectrum of funding programmes. It supports the initiation of collaborations and bilateral or multilateral research projects between individual researchers as well as long-term collaborative programmes involving various researchers, such as International Research Training Groups (IRTG), Research Units or Collaborative Research Centres (CRC).

How can I find potential partners for collaboration?

The DFG main website provides links to the GEPRIS database, which contains information about current and completed DFG funded projects. The Research Explorer (www.dfg.de/en/rex) is a search tool with data on more than 25,000 German research institutes.

How does the initiation of an international research collaboration work?

Applicants in Germany interested in cooperating with an international research partner may apply for funding for trips and research stays abroad or for bilateral workshops. Foreign partners should verify the availability of co-funding opportunities by their local or national agency.

How does the funding process work?

Generally, a bilateral research project is funded by the DFG as well as the partner organisation, i.e. the German partner applies for funding to the DFG, and the Latin American partner submits an application to his or her national funding agency. Depending on funding agreements between the agencies, the application and submission process may be conducted jointly or independently. Information on agreements and joint funding opportunities can be found on our website.

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