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To all
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Dear Sir or Madam,

As part of efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), we are working on the assumption that regular research activities in DFG-funded projects will be subject to considerable restrictions. To give funding recipients and project staff security for the continuation of their work, the DFG is implementing the following arrangements (subject to the provision of funds by the federal and state governments):

For all ongoing funded groups tied to the fiscal year (Collaborative Research Centres, Research Centres, Research Training Groups and Clusters of Excellence), the following arrangements will apply:

Grant and accounting periods that end during the current fiscal year will automatically be extended to the end of the fiscal year; no additional request is required.

The submission deadline for financial status reports for the 2019 calendar year will automatically be extended to 30 June 2020; here, too, no additional request is necessary. Please be aware that there is an option of transferring funds from 2020 to the 2021 calendar year and this option will be considered in all justified cases.

Employment contracts for doctoral researchers in a Research Training Group with a planned period of 36 months can be extended by up to 12 months to a total of 48 months, on a cost-neutral basis, without explicit approval from the DFG. If, at the end of the project duration, the approved funding for staff is insufficient due to containment measures and no other funds are available for reallocation, additional staff funding can

be provided for up to three months. The shortfall can be requested in the financial status report when the Research Training Group comes to an end.

For **all ongoing funded groups not tied to the fiscal year**, the following arrangements will apply:

Should additional needs arise as a result of containment measures (e.g. cancellation costs, staff expenses due to the continued employment of staff on a DFG project), these can be requested at the end of the project duration from the Financial Grant Management team, e-mail FIN2@dfg.de. Such costs can be requested in accordance with current collective agreement regulations.

Please also refer to the relevant DFG funding guidelines, which outline various flexible usage options.

Yours sincerely,

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