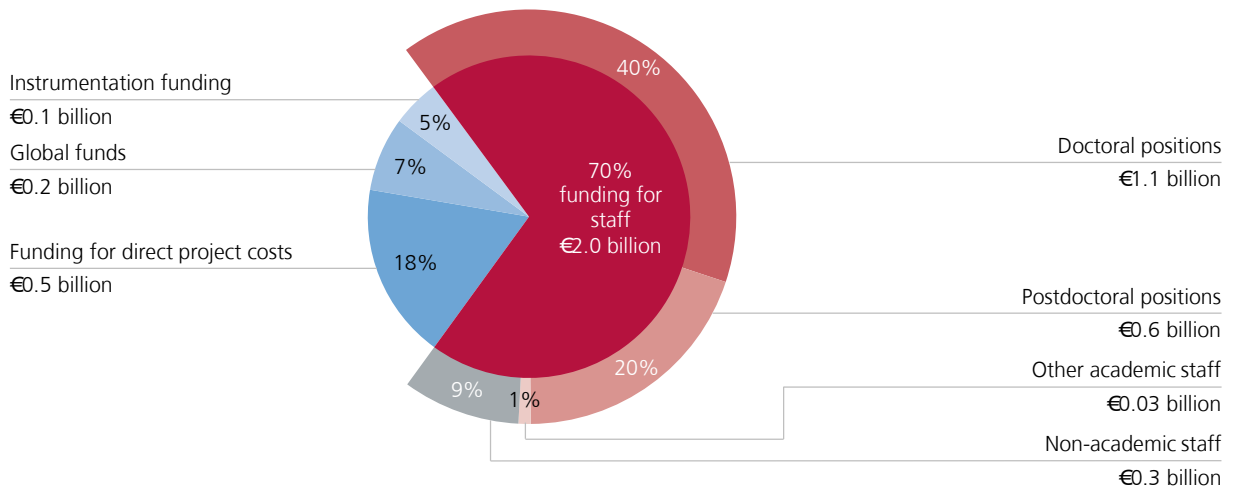


Fact Sheet 12/2023:

Doctoral and postdoctoral positions in DFG-funded projects

Distribution of funds:

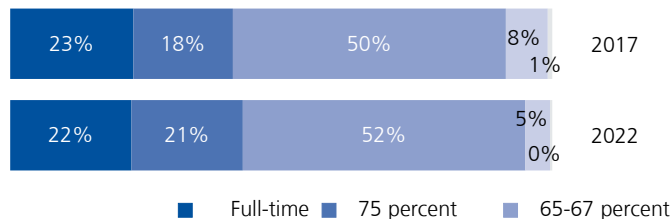
70 percent of DFG project funds¹ in 2022 were funding for staff – a total of €2.0 billion



Full-time and part-time doctoral and postdoctoral positions in a five-year comparison:

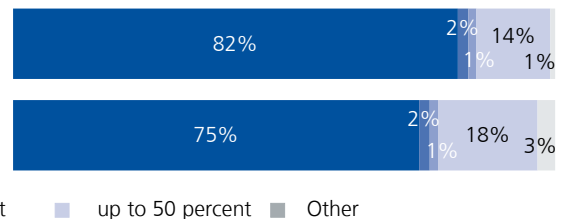
There is an ongoing drop in the number of part-time doctoral positions with a workload of up to 50 percent

Doctoral positions (2017: N=23,504; 2022: N=25,790)

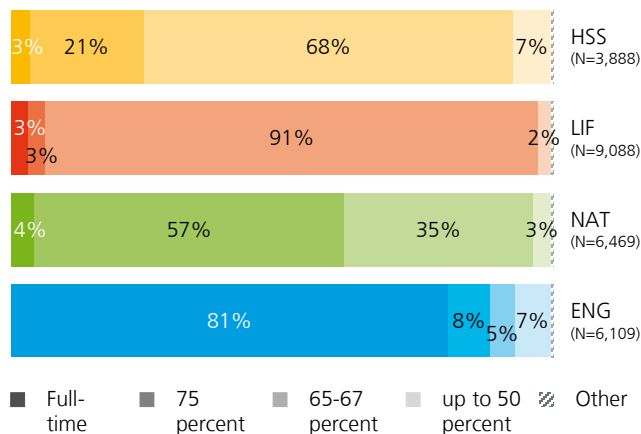


The share of full-time postdoctoral positions is decreasing in favour of part-time positions with a workload of up to 50 percent

Postdoctoral positions (2017: N=9,193; 2022: N=10,374)



Full-time and part-time doctoral positions in 2022 by scientific discipline²:



In projects in the engineering sciences, full-time doctoral positions dominated in 2022 at 81 percent

In projects in the life sciences, part-time positions with a workload of 65-67 percent clearly dominated

Basis: DFG proposal database. Approved positions in projects funded under individual grants programmes and coordinated programmes, not including the Excellence Strategy or fellowships. HSS: humanities and social sciences, LIF: life sciences, NAT: natural sciences, ENG: engineering sciences

The workloads correspond to the DFG's standard workload recommendations (see www.dfg.de/formulare/55_02/55_02_de.pdf).

¹ Approved project funds do not include the programme allowance for indirect project costs. ² Not incl. positions which are not allocated to a specific discipline.

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