



DFG Emmy Noether Programme

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**Your grant.
Your research.
Your career.**

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Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V.



Germany's largest independent research funding organisation
3.9 € billion annual budget

DFG members
99 leading universities, non-university research institutions, scientific associations, academies

Independent association
under private law



Funding
knowledge-driven research

Researchers have the majority
in decision-making committees

DFG's Independence
guarantees academic freedom



Any discipline, any topic, any time

Wide **variety** of project and cooperation formats

All career stages after the PhD, promoting early career researchers

Transparent, anti-bias review process

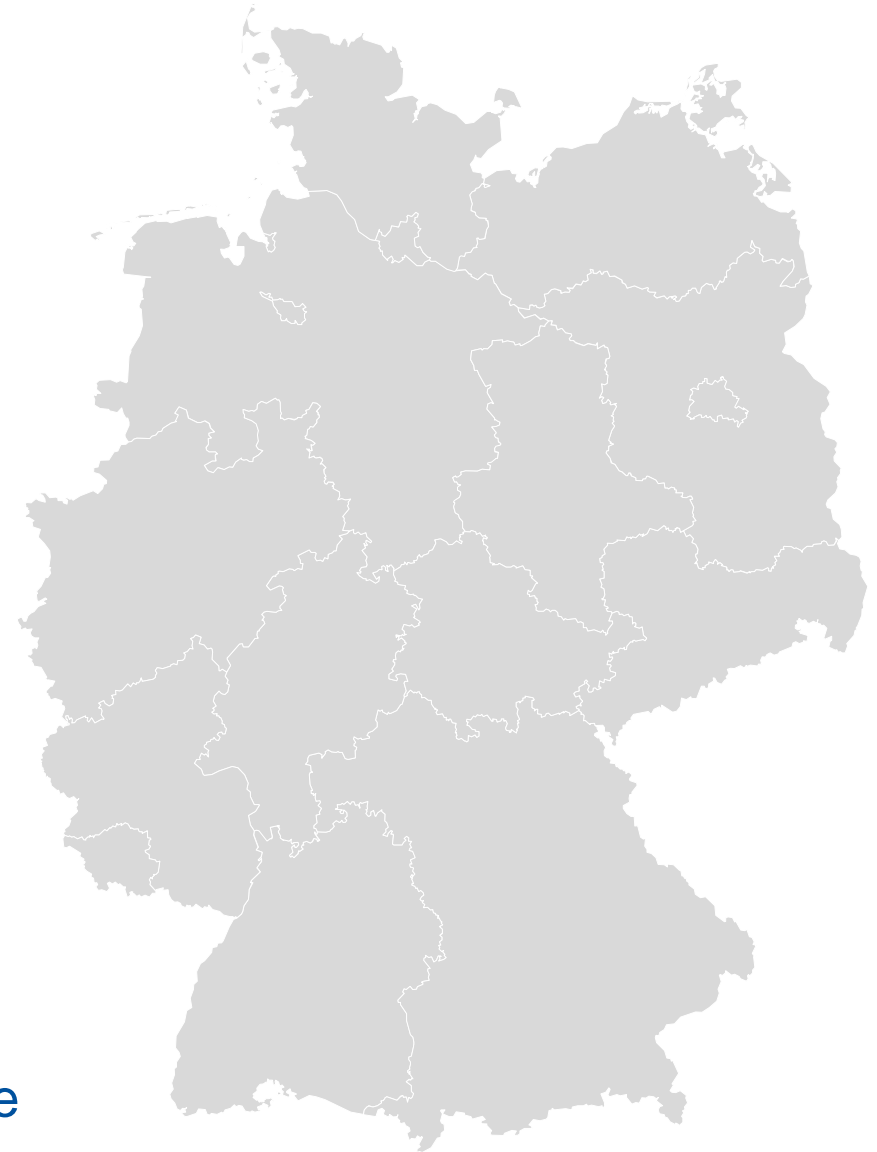
Who is eligible to apply for DFG funding?

Researchers

...who have completed their scientific training,
i.e. **who hold a doctorate***

...who (would like to) work
in Germany

*earliest date: upon submission to the examination office



DFG Funding 2024



30.500
Individual Projects

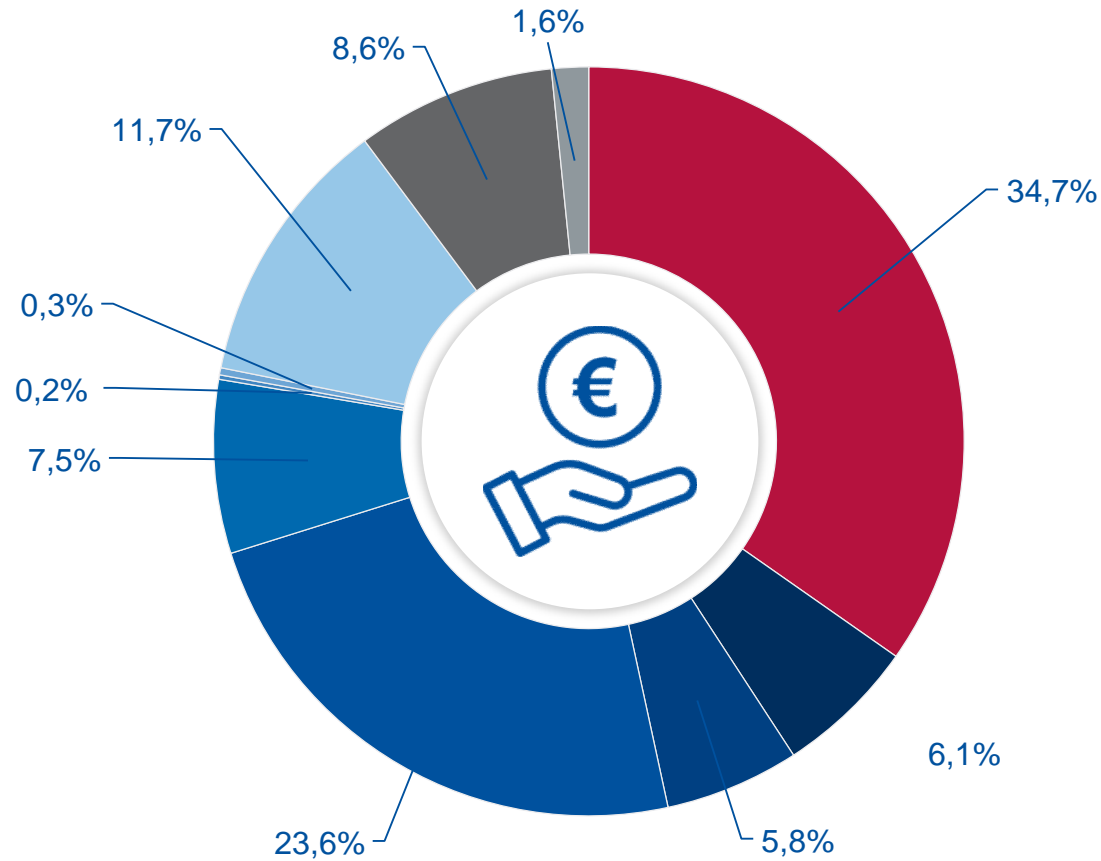


993
Coordinated projects



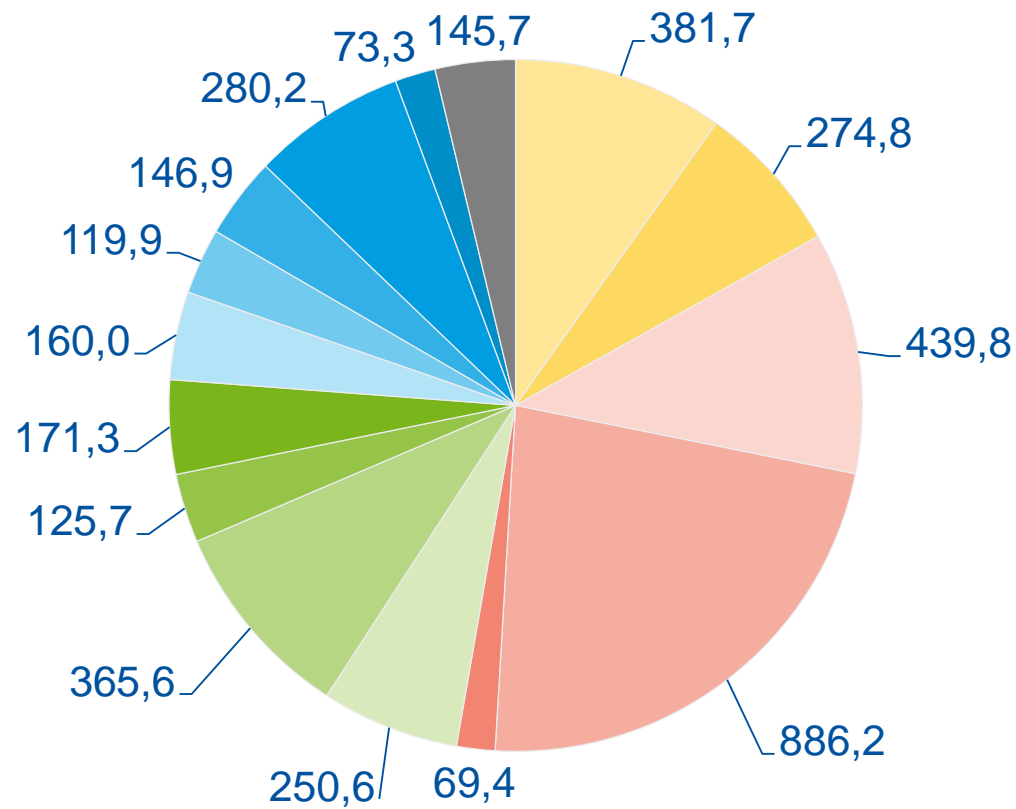
3,9 Billion €
Budget for research projects

Research funding by programme for 2024 (in Mio. € und %)



- Individual grants programme: 1352,3 Mio. €
- Research Units: 238,0 Mio. €
- Priority Programmes: 224,2 Mio. €
- Collaborative Research Centres: 917,2 Mio. €
- Research Training Groups: 291,3 Mio. €
- Research Impulses: 7,5 Mio. €
- Research Centres: 12,6 Mio. €
- Excellenzstrategie: 453,4 Mio. €
- Infrastructure funding: 334,2 Mio. €
- Prizes, other: 60,5 Mio. €

DFG Funding 2024 by Subject Area (in €m)



- Humanities
- Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Biology
- Medicine
- Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Geosciences
- Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
- Thermal Engineering/Process Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Computer Science, Systems & Electrical Engineering
- Construction Engineering and Architecture
- Interdisciplinary



DFG Funding for Early Career Researchers

Tailored funding programmes for every career phase



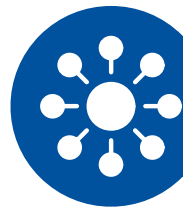
Walter Benjamin
Programme



Emmy Noether
Programme



Heisenberg
Programme



Individual Research Grant
with Temporary Position for PI

R1



first-stage,
PhD researcher

R2

recognised, not yet
independent postdoc

R3

established,
independent researcher

R4

leading researcher,
professor

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Path to early academic independence

Qualification for a university teaching career

Eligibility for professorial appointment by leading one's own independent junior research group

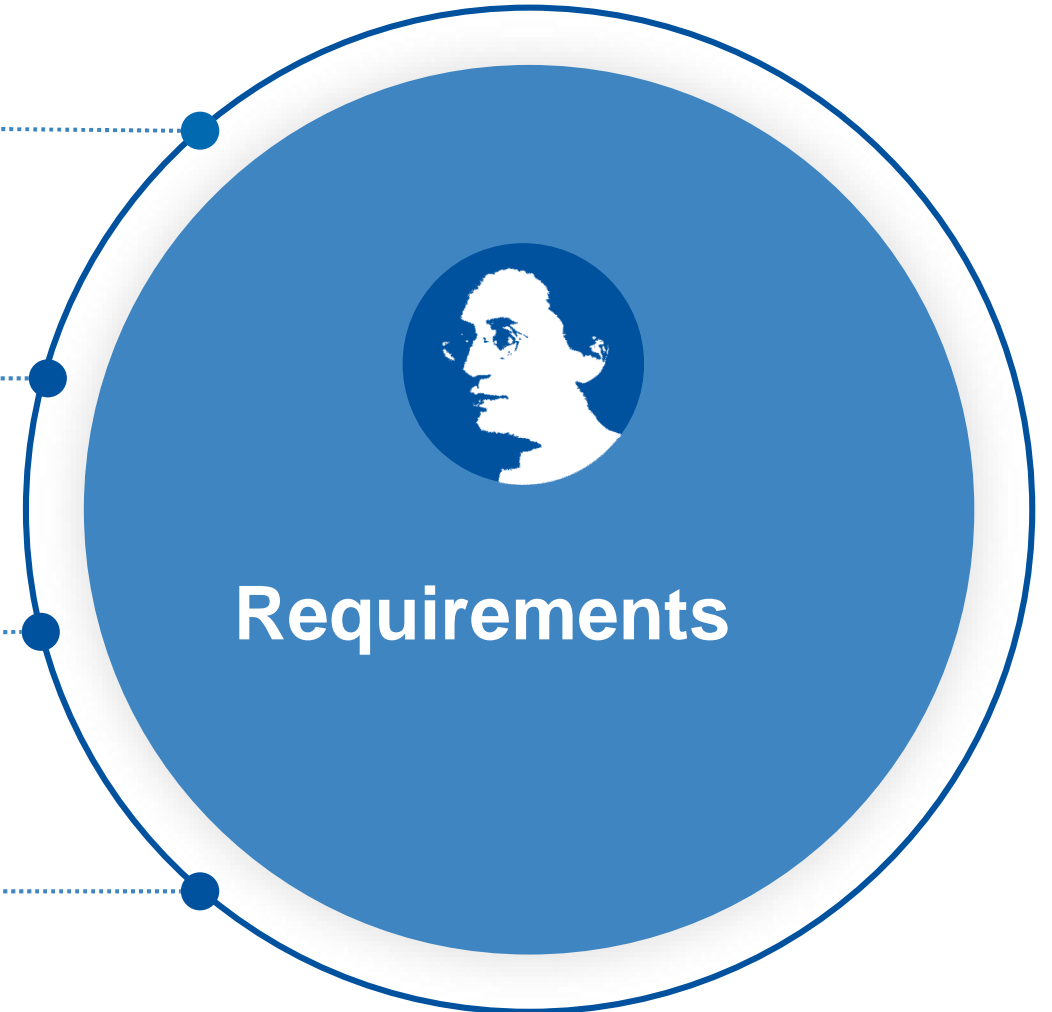


Outstanding research profile

2-4 years of postdoctoral experience

Excellent research project

Substantial international research experience



Substantial International Research Experience:

Longer or several shorter research stays abroad



International research cooperation



International working environment



International publications



4 year* submission deadline

Depends on your individual
doctorate:

Date on your diploma or date of
the oral defense

Extension for parents

*Medicine: 6 years

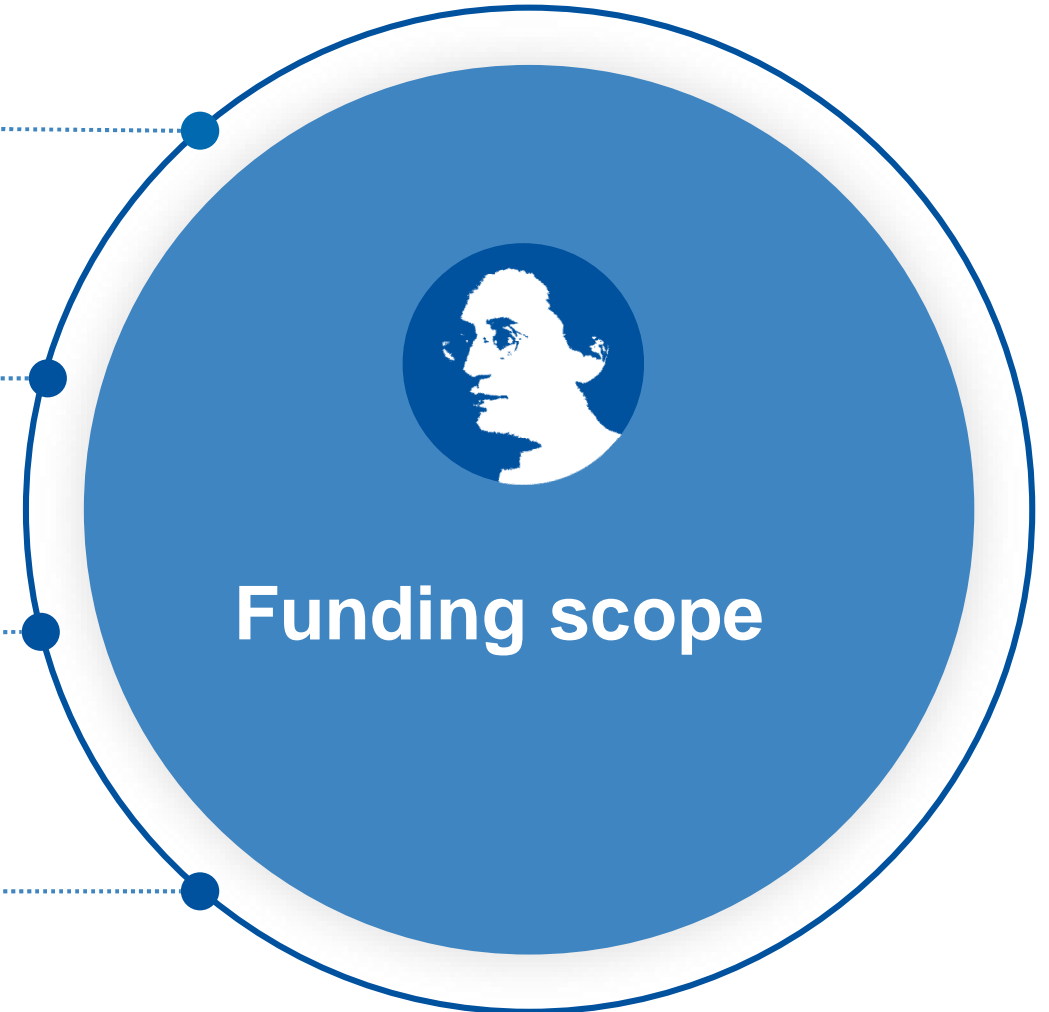


Funding for six years

Your own position as group leader

Project funds

Family allowance possible



Environment of your Emmy Noether Group



Your host institution in
Germany will be your employer



more than one potential host
institution in your proposal
possible

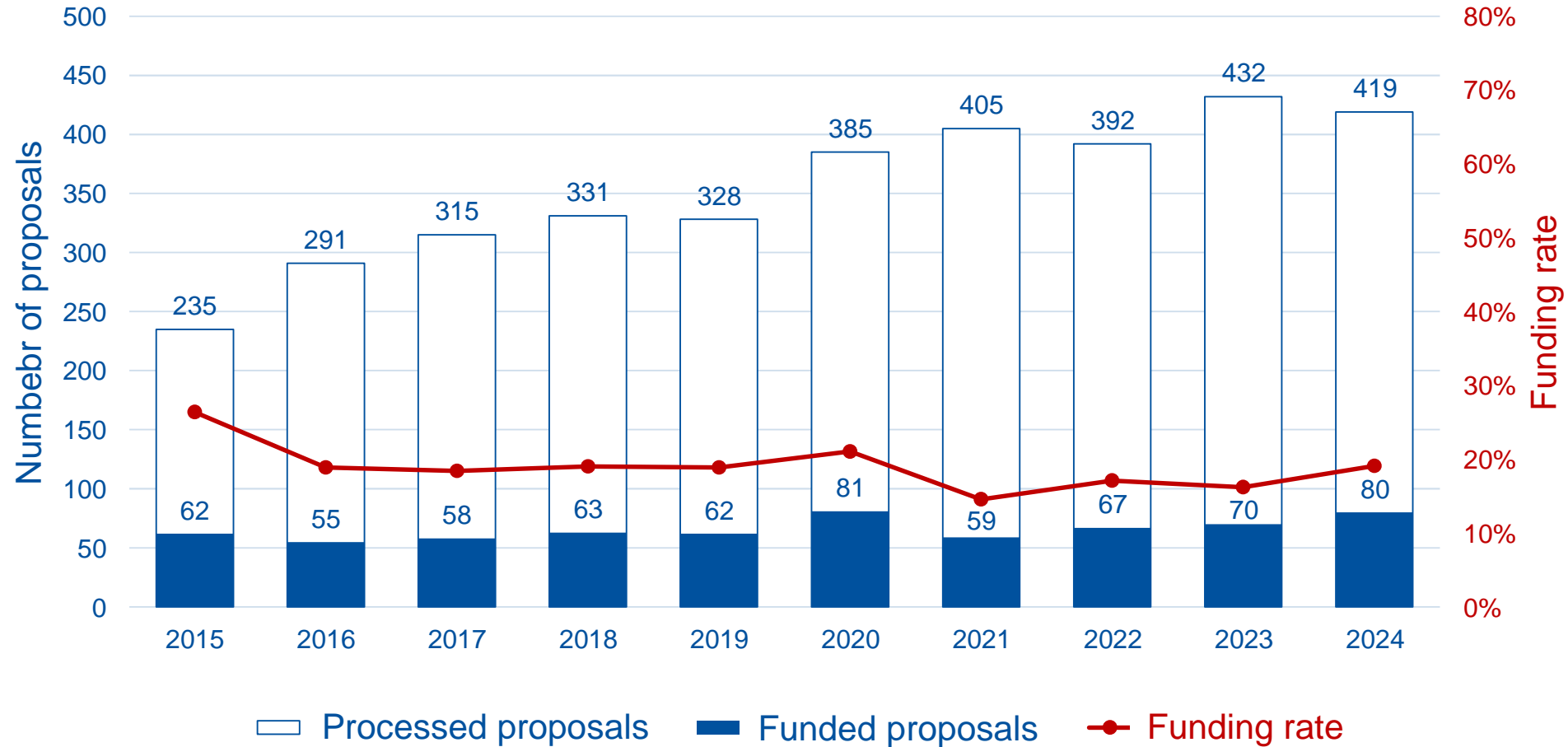


Returning to Alma Mater:
good scientific reasons!



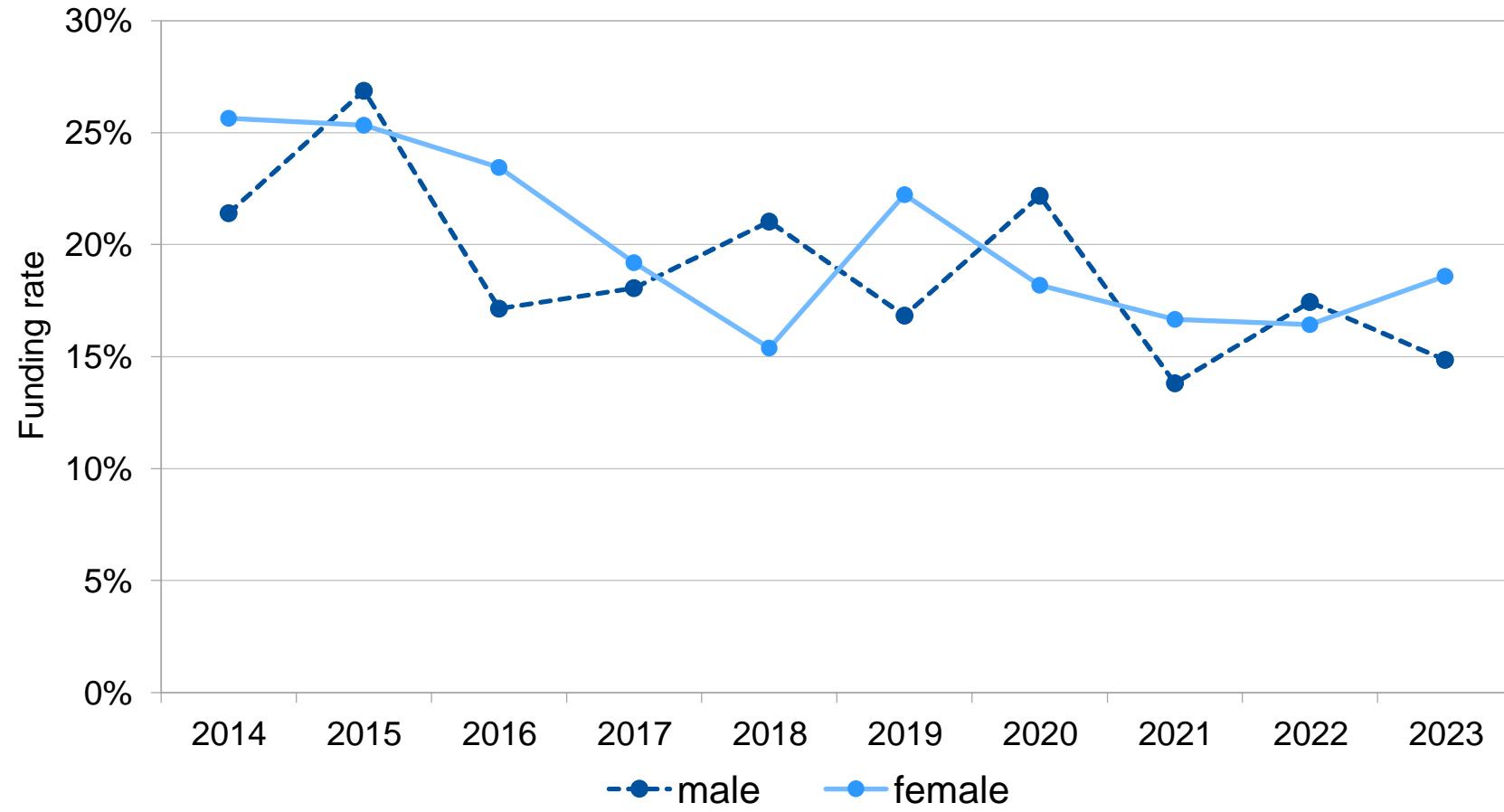
Scientific independence
→ new scientific environment

Number of proposals and funding rate in the Emmy Noether Programme from 2015 to 2024

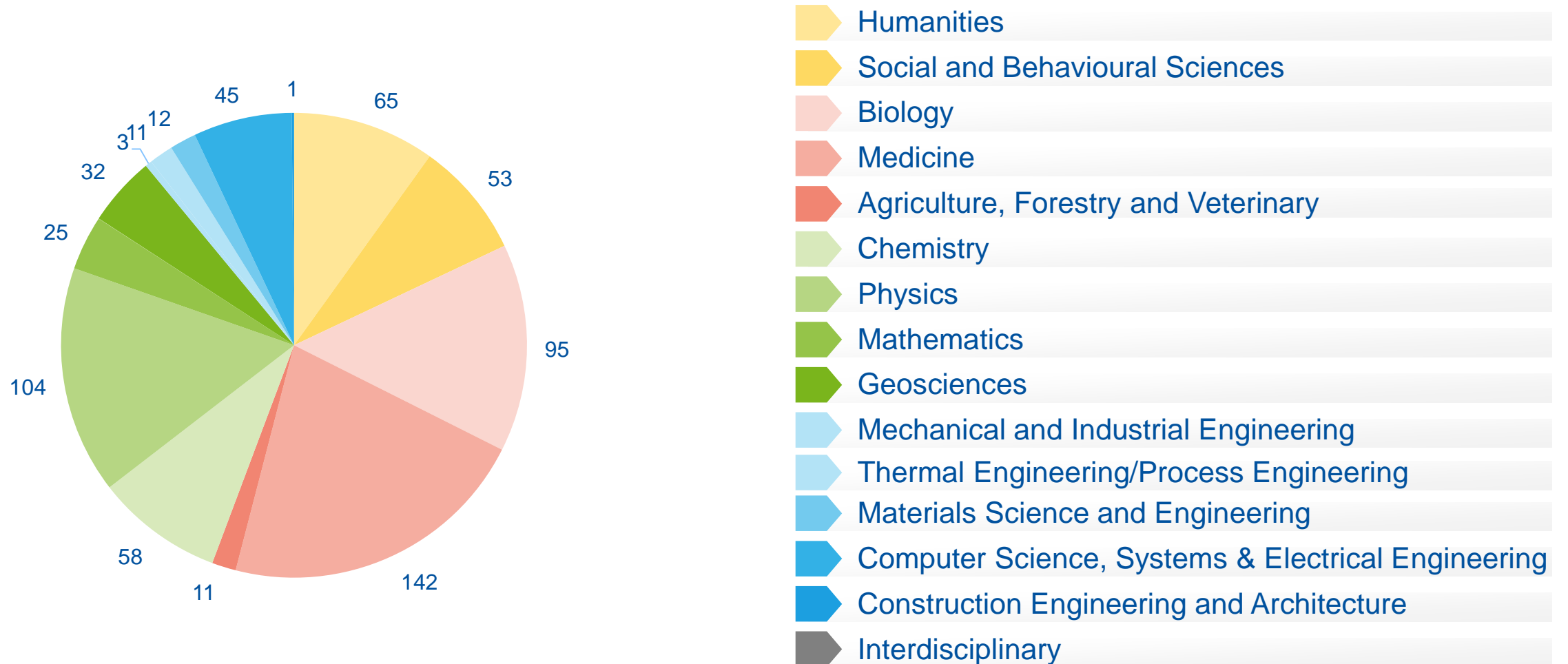


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Funding rate by gender



Number of funded proposals 2015 - 2024 by discipline



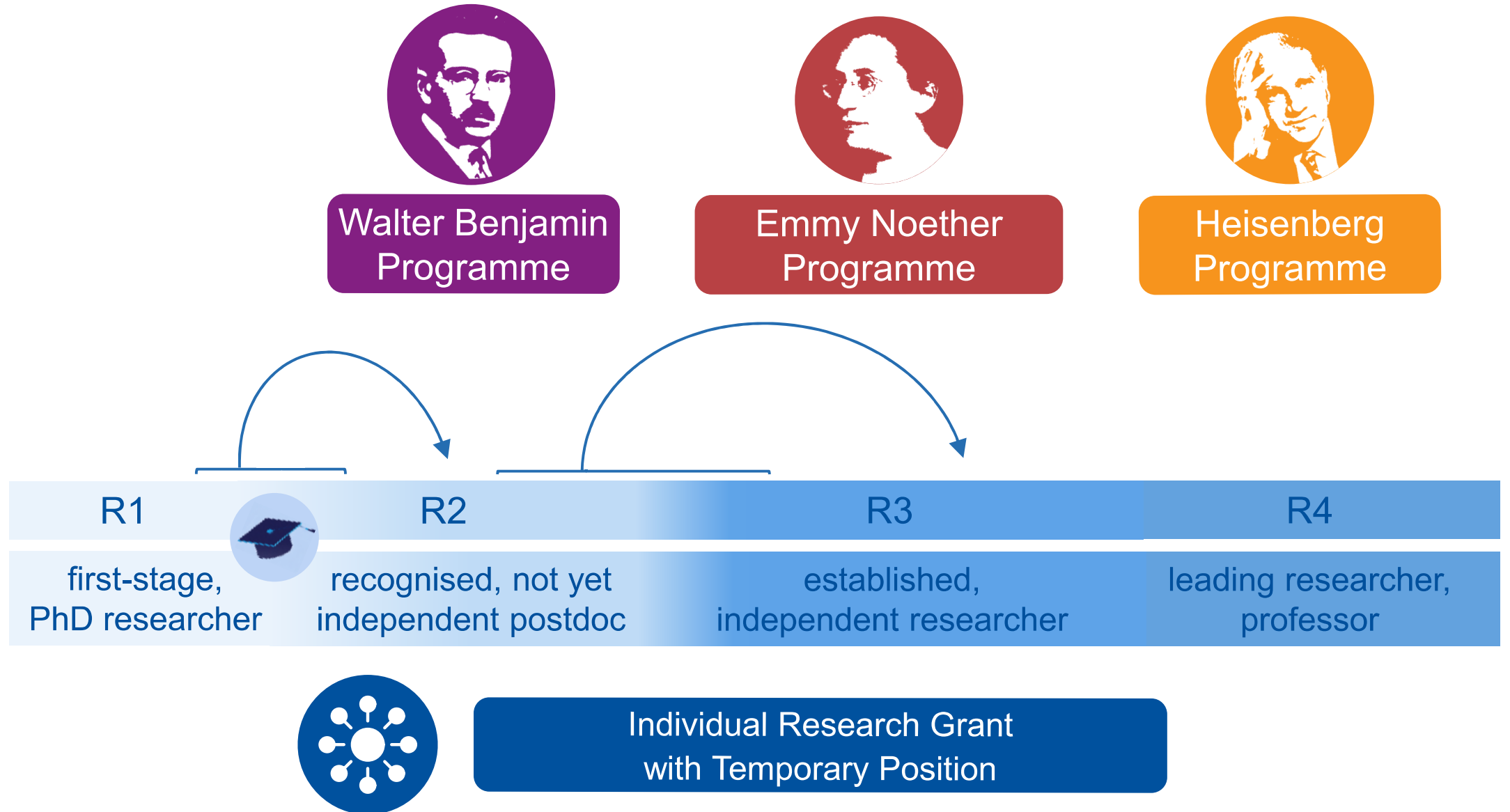
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Emmy Noether Jahrestreffen

Yearly Meeting of
Grantees & Alumni
in Potsdam



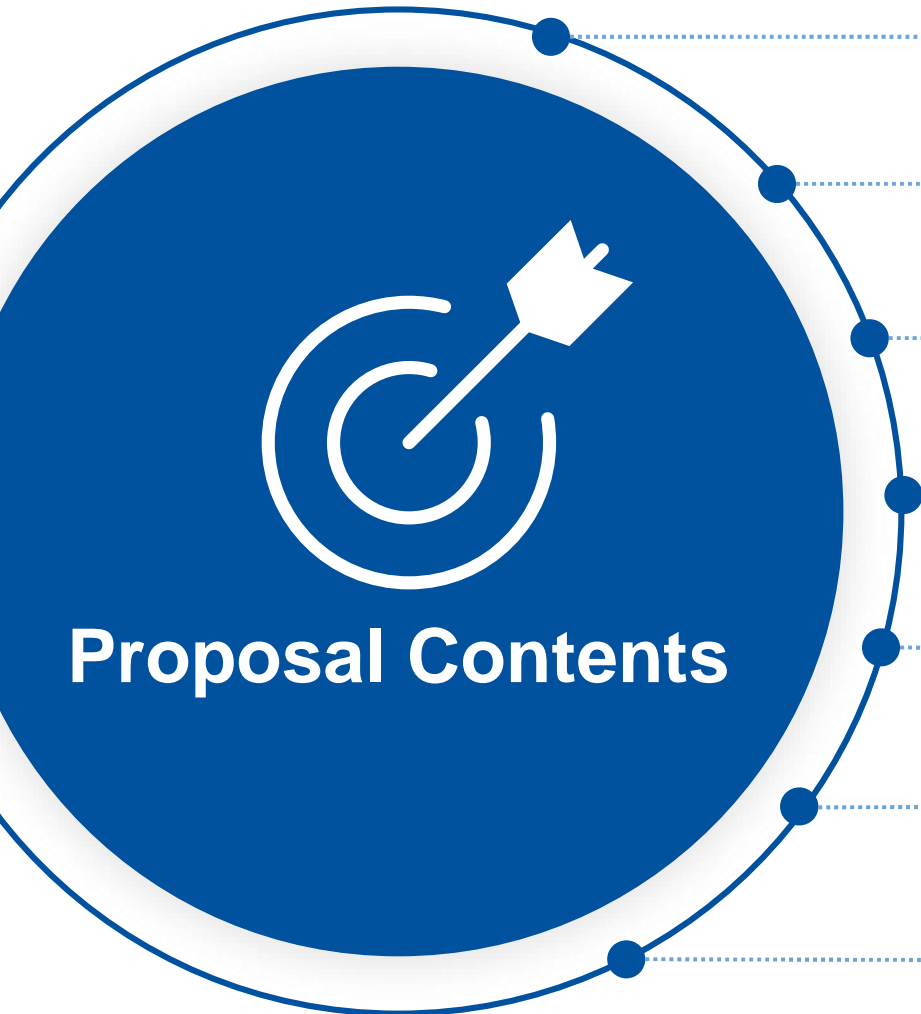


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Questions



From Submission to Decision



What is the **knowledge gap** you would like to fill?

Why are the expected results **novel and relevant**?

Who is going to do what? Why?

What's your **concrete, realistic and feasible plan** to answer your research question?

How are you going to manage setbacks? What's your **plan b**?

Why are you the right person to successfully manage this project?

Why is the **host institution** ideal for your project?

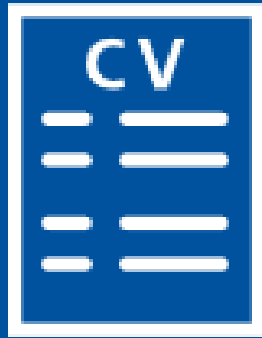
Carefully read and follow the **guidelines and proposal instructions**

Decide on the proposal **language**:
English or German

Necessary information can be found
on the **DFG website**

Questions? Ask for help





Preparing your CV



Follow the [DFG CV Template](#)



Include qualifications, engagement & awards

also: organization of scientific meetings, review activities etc.



Mention time away from research

Relating e.g. to family, illness or dependent care; no details required



List your most important scientific contributions

Comment on your own contribution to a publication / study / database / software



No **upper limits**

Needs to be **realistic and justified** by the project

DFG funds **only supplemental, project-specific needs** (vs. existing resources at your host institution)

Seek **advice** from other grant applicants, recipients, institutions

Average **personnel rates** on DFG website





Questions? Ask for help

On Eligibility

procedures-researchcareers@dfg.de

On General Topics

info-researchcareers@dfg.de

On Equity & Diversity

chancengleichheit@dfg.de

With a Subject-Specific Focus

<https://www.dfg.de/en/about-us/head-office/programme-contacts>

AI in proposal preparation

- Generally permitted
- But: you have to disclose this fact
- Questions? AI Mailbox KI@dfg.de



AI in the review process

- [Guideline on the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Review Process](#)
- Principles: confidentiality; transparency, quality assurance and responsibility
- 22 April, 10:30 a.m., online info event

Before submission



Put yourself in the reviewers shoes

Consult the [“General Guidelines for the Written Review”](#) for reviewers



Seek honest criticism from colleagues



Plan on a feasible timeline

on average, the time to decision is approx. nine months

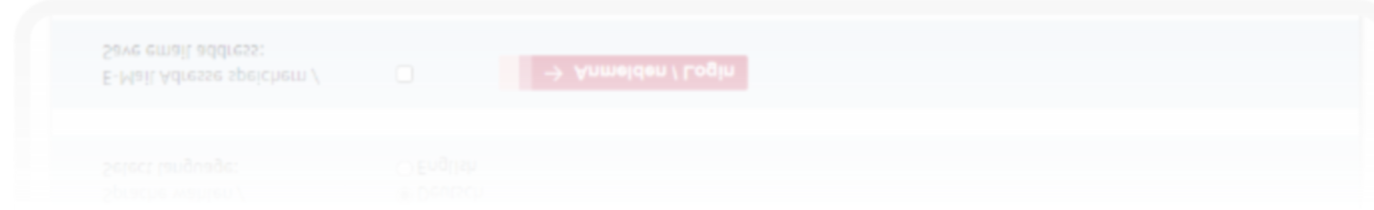


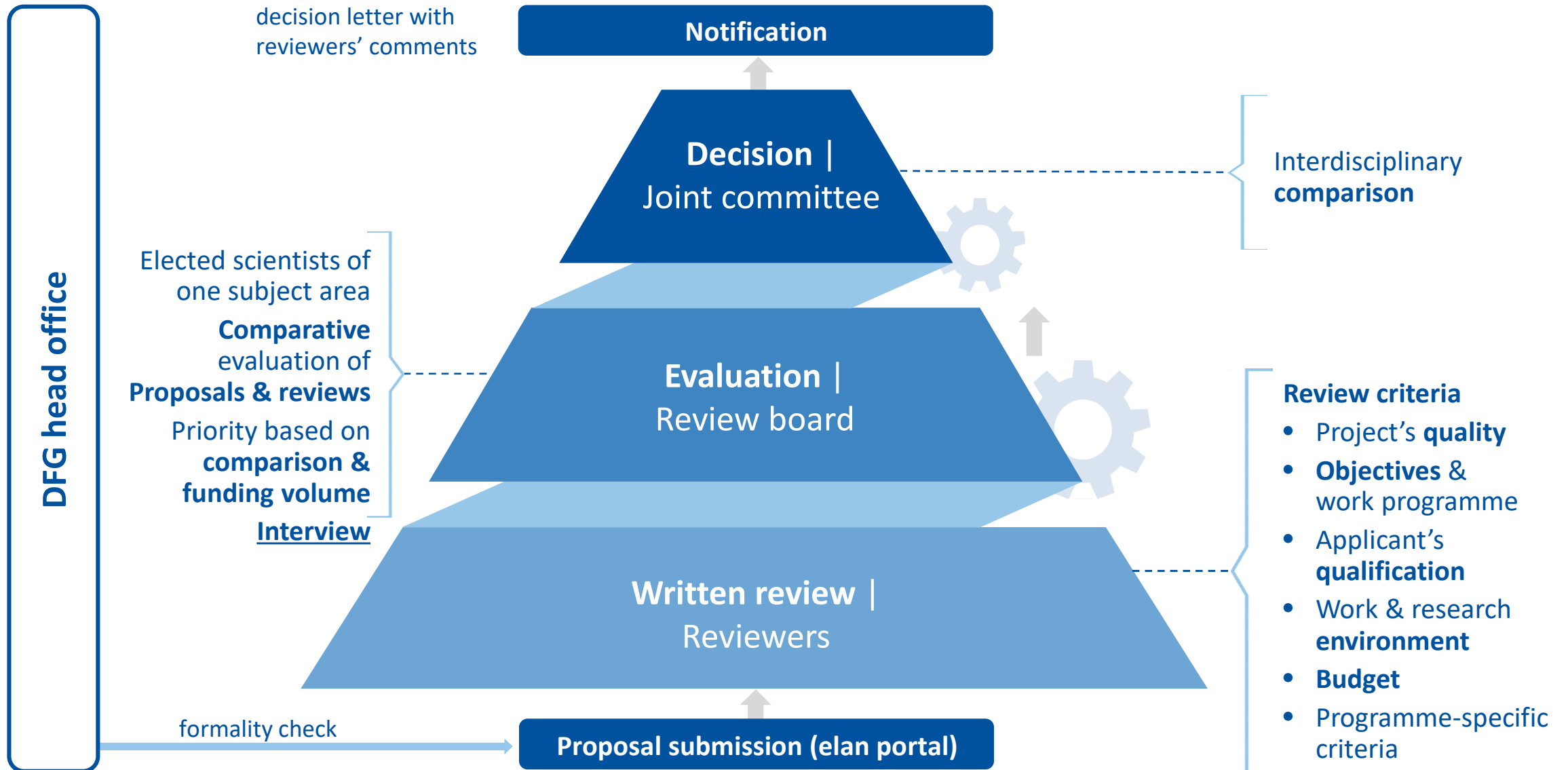
Inform DFG Head Office

in case a conflict of interest or competitive scenario exists

Submitting your proposal via *elan*

The screenshot shows the login interface for the DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) system. At the top left, the DFG logo is displayed next to the text "Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft". Below this is a decorative horizontal bar with segments of varying shades of blue. The main heading is "Anmeldung / Login". The form contains four rows of input fields: 1) "E-Mail Adresse / Email address:" with a text input box. 2) "Kennwort / Password:" with a password input box. 3) "Sprache wählen / Select language:" with two radio button options: "Deutsch" (selected) and "English". 4) "E-Mail Adresse speichern / Save email address:" with an unchecked checkbox. To the right of the checkbox is a red button with a white arrow and the text "Anmelden / Login".







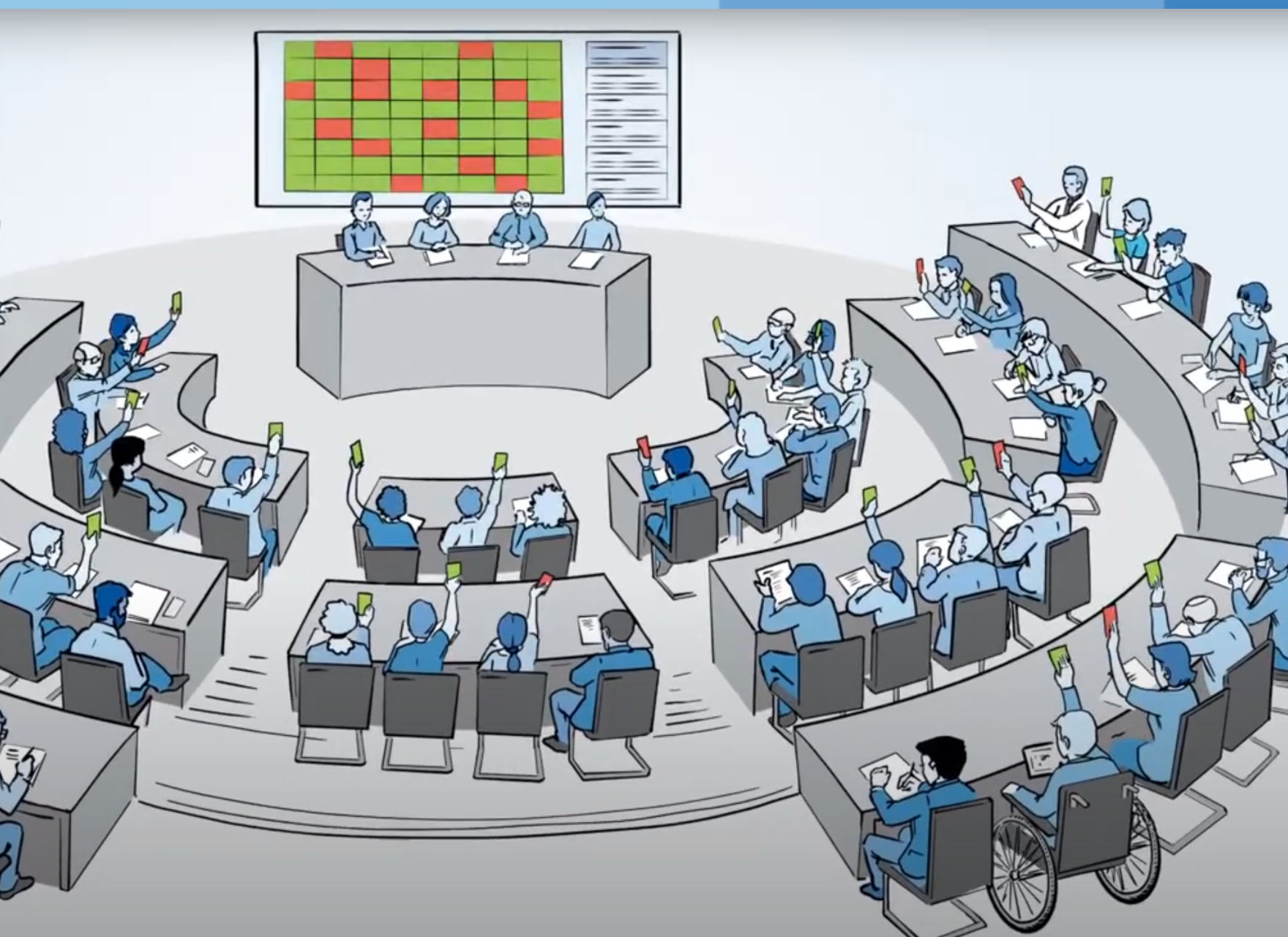
49 Review Boards

Elections every four years
by the community of
~ 150,000 researchers in
Germany



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2027**

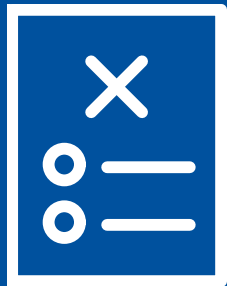
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Joint Committee

- Interdisciplinary committee
- Final decision on all DFG grants

In case your proposal is not successful...



Don't be discouraged

Unfortunately, the majority of proposals cannot be funded.



Take the reviewers's comments seriously, but not personally



Consider the reviewers's comments

They might give you some pointers for reworking and resubmitting your proposal



Consult the DFG Head Office

If you need advice or feel treated unfairly

**In case your proposal
is successful...**



Congratulations!

Download the decision letter; project starts with first request for funds (within 6 months after decision)



Contact us at an early stage

For setting the start date, relocation, part time work, etc.



Final report

Due three months after project ends. Obligation to submit a report.



More questions?
info-researchcareers@dfg.de

Orientation for early-career researchers:
www.dfg.de/research_careers

Proposal Submission – A How-To Guide:
www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/individual_grants_programmes

GEPRIS – database with all DFG-funded projects:
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Profiles of 25,000 German research institutes:
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