



Call for research projects with German partners



UNIANDES-DFG-Permanent Open Call for Research Grants and Initiation of International Collaboration with German partners

With the purpose of fostering the research cooperation between Universidad de los Andes (UNIANDES) and German researchers, and according to the agreement signed between UNIANDES and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation), the Vice Presidency for Research and Creation opens this call.

Proposals under this call may be submitted at any time during the year in all areas of science.

Research Grant projects

The Research Grant proposal must follow the “Guidelines Research Grants Programme” ([form 50.01](#)) and the “Proposal Preparation Instructions – Project Proposals” ([form 54.01](#)). All forms regarding the Research Grants Programme may be found [here](#).

The Research Grants enable researchers from UNIANDES and Germany, who have already established a common working base and who do not need a preparatory phase, to jointly research on clearly defined topics.

The Vice Presidency opens the possibility for basic research projects of up to **\$120 million COP (one hundred and twenty million Colombian pesos)** and an execution time frame of up to 3 years. Each of the projects must consist of a minimum of two researchers at a faculty or researcher level, one affiliated with UNIANDES and the second one affiliated with a German institution. The funding provided in this call will be devoted exclusively for undergraduate and master’s and doctoral level students, postdoctoral positions, travel allowances, field studies/trips, laboratory supplies, research assistants, technicians and equipment. Under no circumstance the resources will be devoted for researchers to claim bonuses, additional

Initiation of International Collaboration

The Initiation proposal must follow the Guideline “Initiation of International Collaboration Programme with Proposal Preparation Instructions” ([form 1.813](#)). All information regarding the Initiation of International Collaboration Programme may be found [here](#).

In comparison to the Research Grant projects, this funding instrument serves to establish collaborative relationships between partners at UNIANDES and in Germany such as the preparation of joint project ideas.

The Vice Presidency for Research and Creation opens this call for initiation projects of up to **\$35 million COP (thirty-five million Colombian pesos)** and an execution time frame of up to 1 year.

Researchers have the possibility to apply for project-related mobility funds and can request funding for the following components: “Exploratory Workshop” and “Project-related Trips Abroad”.

Parallel submission process

Applications must be submitted to UNIANDES and DFG respectively in parallel.

German researchers wishing to collaborate with researchers from UNIANDES may apply for funding at DFG within the regular “Research Grants Programme” or “Initiation of International Collaboration Programme”. The Colombian counterpart should submit the Colombian part of the proposal at Vice Presidency for Research and Creation of UNIANDES while the German counterpart should submit the German part of the proposal simultaneously via the electronic submission portal at DFG, *elan*. Applicants who apply for funding by DFG are requested to fulfill the eligibility criteria of DFG’s Research Grants Programme, following the corresponding guidelines of the Research Grants Programme, DFG form 50.01, resp. Initiation of International Collaboration Programme, DFG form 1.813.

The scientific kernel of the parallel proposals should be identical, and the joint proposal should clearly show how the two parts (German and Colombian) complement each other.

Evaluation process and decision

Project proposals will be evaluated separately on both sides through peer review and the funding decisions will be done jointly between UNIANDES and DFG, thereby respecting their own specific rules, regulations and practices. At UNIANDES, the final selection will be prepared by an ad-hoc committee led by the Vice President for Research and Creation from UNIANDES.

This committee will be constituted by at least one professor of each of the disciplinary areas involved, the Vice President for Research and Creation and the Head of International Affairs from UNIANDES. At DFG, decisions will be prepared according to the regulations of the DFG review boards. Support will be granted for those proposals where both DFG and UNIANDES, recommend funding. UNIANDES can fund up to three (3) projects in 2026 and up to three (3) projects in 2027. In the case of “Initiation of International Collaboration” proposals, UNIANDES can fund up to two (2) proposals in 2026 and up to two (2) proposals in 2027.

Unilateral funding of only one part of the project is not possible. DFG does not offer special funds for this funding scheme.

Schedule

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There are no deadlines as proposals will be evaluated when the German and the Colombian researchers submit their proposals to DFG and UNIANDES respectively.

The parallel review process can take up to ten (10) months for Research Project proposals and up to six (6) months for Initiation of International Collaboration proposals after submitting them at each institution.

Further information

Any question regarding this call may be directed to the following email address: odp-vice@uniandes.edu.co; vicerrectoria-investigaciones@uniandes.edu.co.

At DFG, questions regarding this call may be addressed to the following contact: Dr. Dietrich Halm, Director for Cooperation with Latin America; dietrich.halm@dfg.de



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