



Industry Data for Research

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Call Objectives

- Strengthen sustainable cooperations between industry and academia
- Foster basic research in health or mobility
- Develop generalizable models for data access and governance



- academia-industry cooperation is possible in almost all DFG funding programmes



Funding Phases: Explore & Exploit

Project preparation and
development





- Clarify data availability, quality, and access conditions
- Define research question and developing the work programme
- Develop consortial structure and data governance framework
- Negotiate cooperation agreement between partners



**Knowledge-driven
research based on the
(industry) data made
available**



Funding Conditions and Application Procedure

Eligible for funding

PhD-holding
Researchers at German
research institutions

Not eligible

Researchers at for-profit
research institutions



Cooperation partner

e.g. industry, service provider,
insurance company

optional in Explore Phase

Caveat

cooperation partner cannot
receive DFG funds



Compliance with DFG rules and EU state aid law

Guidelines on the Participation of Commercial Enterprises in Research Projects: [Form 4.02](#)



Cooperation agreement

Model Cooperation Agreement: [Form 41.026](#)



Work Results, Rights of Use

- Joint usage rights of work results for the duration and purposes of the Cooperation project
- Right of use to joint inventions, provided each Party's contribution to the joint invention is greater than one-third.

Publications

- each party has the right to publish, taking into account the mutual protectable interests
- Parties shall notify each other about planned publications, which may be temporally suspended
- publications may be filed without the consent of the other Party, if the publication does not disclose the other Party's work results or confidential information



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Agreement on data access and usage rights

Data governance framework

Purpose

establishing common standards and principles for data sharing, access, management, usage and protection

Core components

Policies, guidelines and shared standards

Processes to operationalize these policies (e.g. data management plan)

Roles & responsibilities for accountability (e.g. data steward)

Metrics to evaluate effectiveness of the framework

DFG offers no model or template for the Data Governance Framework
but see for example: Stahl et al. (2025), Zenodo, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.16753522

Relevant documents

- Project description: max. six pages according to template
- Academic CVs of all applicants
- proof of planned cooperation, either:
 - cooperation agreement or
 - letter of intent from one or more cooperations partners or
 - description of roadmap to initiate cooperation(s) in the proposal

Submission

- Deadline: **11 March 2026**
- Template on call website
- Submission via **elan**
 - “New Project / Draft Proposal”
 - “Individual Grants Programme”
 - “Proposal for a Research Grant” -> start online form
 - ignore template on first page, on second page select the call “DFG Research Data Cooperation”



Eligibility

- **only for projects funded in explore phase** (submission as renewal proposals)
- DFG Head Office will inform funded projects of exact submission date

Proposal Documents

- Applications must consist of:
 - Project description (DFG form 53.01)
 - CVs (DFG form 53.200)
 - Data governance framework
- Further resources:
 - Cooperation agreement (DFG form 41.026)
 - Guidelines on the Participation of Commercial Enterprises in Research Projects (DFG form 4.02)
 - Guidelines (DFG form 50.01) and Proposal Preparation Instructions (DFG form 54.01) for the Research Grants Programme



Q & A



Further Information on our website:

“Industry Data for Research”

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