Information on the Start-up Funding Programme for project proposals

In order to support collaborative research initiatives and for the preparation of research proposals under the European Research Council (ERC) programmes, the Foundation of the Georg-August University Göttingen or the Presidential Board of the University can provide start-up funding upon application.

Eligible projects include Collaborative Research Centres, Research Units and Research Training Groups funded by the DFG as well as projects funded by the BMBF, the Volkswagen Foundation, the EU/ERC and other national and international funding institutions if several working groups or scientists from the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen will participate. Funding will only be granted for projects coordinated in Göttingen.

The aim of this Start-up Funding Programme is to provide scientists (usually the spokesperson) the best possible conditions needed in order to submit a high-quality proposal, and thereby improving its chances for success.

Funds provided for this purpose can, for the most part, be freely allocated with regard to specific discipline-related requirements, e.g. for an additional research assistant or other assistants, for resources to conduct workshops or for necessary project-related travel. Funds can also be used to invite external experts.

Please note that a fixed-term contract for scientific or administrative staff is only possible on a case-by-case basis, i.e. not subject to general approval. Therefore, please contact the Human Resources Department in advance to clarify any questions regarding fixed-term contracts.

The Start-up Funding Programme generally provides the following maximum funding amounts:

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<th>Project</th>
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<td>Collaborative Research Centre</td>
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If your application is approved, the funds will usually be allocated by the Finance Department within 28 days of the submission date to the Research and Transfer Department.
Support for preparing a draft proposal:

Your application to the Foundation of the Georg-August University Göttingen should give a clear and compelling description of the intended project and not exceed three pages. It should include the following information:

- Topic
- Name of the funding organisation and its programme/scheme
- Objectives and central issues of the proposed project
- Participating scientists, including institutions at home and abroad if applicable
- Timeline
- Requested amount of funding according to budget category and a brief explanation of its expected use

An application for Start-up Funding to the Foundation of the Georg-August-University of Göttingen for a draft proposal is to be submitted via your research advisor at the Research and Transfer Department. For this purpose, please send your application to: forschung@zvw.uni-goettingen.de

Support for preparing a funding proposal:

The application should give a meaningful description of the intended project and not exceed two pages. It should include the following information:

- Topic
- If applicable, name of the funding organisation and its programme/scheme
- Objectives and central issues of the proposed project
- Participating scientists, including institutions at home and abroad if applicable
- Timeline
- Requested amount of funding according to budget category and a brief explanation of its expected use

Please send your application to your advisor in the Research and Transfer Department.

Research and Transfer Department, 30 June 2022