



Research funds for the German Sport University Cologne

Call for proposals for initial funding application of third-party funding for an interdisciplinary research project

Aim of the grant

Doctoral researchers and Juniorprofessors at the German Sport University are to be supported with the help of initial funding in the acquisition of third-party funding for an interdisciplinary research project.

The aim of the funding is to submit a third-party funding application to a competitive funding organization, such as the DFG, EU, BMBF, G-BA, foundations, etc. The initial funding is aimed at all disciplines represented at the GSU, whereby interdisciplinary projects are necessary for funding. When selecting the funding organization, the suitability of the research project to the call for proposals/program must be determined in advance and presented in the application. The Department for Research and Young Academics provide advice and support. If approved by the funding organization, the research project must be carried out at the German Sport University Cologne.

Funding modalities

Applications of up to € 45,000 will be considered. The funds can be used for personnel, material and travel expenses (no congress fees). The personnel funds can also be used for an own position or to increase the own position¹. Furthermore, additional funds can be applied for as part of the Internationalization (3,000 euros) and Open Access (2,000 euros) modules. The initial funding refers to a period of 12 months; at the end of the funding period, an application for third-party funding must be submitted to a funding organization as part of a competitive procedure.

Application process

Doctoral researchers and Juniorprofessors at the German Sport University are eligible to apply.

The application can be submitted in German or English according to the preferred scientific language of the respective disciplines. The application should outline the planned project and the associated objectives and refer to the activities in preparation for the application. The use of the application form is mandatory for the application. Each person can only hand in one proposal. Persons who, at the time

¹ When applying, please note that the employment is within the framework of academic qualifications according to the Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz (German Act on Academic Temporary Contracts) and that your individual creditable employment periods still have sufficient capacity. Please also note that employment positions are automatically associated with teaching obligations. When applying for a 50% WMA position for 12 months, a lump sum of 39,600 euros must be calculated.



of grant acceptance, are managing another HIFF project that has not yet been completed, are not eligible to apply.

The application deadline is **March 31, 2024** and approval is expected to be granted in July 2024.

Assessment and approval

All applications are reviewed as part of a review process. The University Commission for Research makes the final decision on funding on the basis of the written reviews and the funding criteria.

The following criteria are taken into account in the review process:

- Quality and relevance of the project idea
- Quality and feasibility of the preparatory activities for the application
- Interdisciplinary cooperation
- Suitability of the research topic to the start-up funding and the targeted funding program/the selected funding organization
- Consideration of gender and diversity dimensions in the application
- Personal aspects (e.g. previous research achievements in line with academic age) and contribution to the applicant's future career

Please note: If the formal requirements of the application form (page numbers, missing signatures, missing documents, budget overruns etc.) are not met, the application will not be accepted.

Complete application documents should be handed in electronically (via e-mail, max. 8 MB) as one pdf document to the Department of Research and Young Academics (forschung-dshs@dshs-koeln.de).

For questions, please contact Dr. Birte Ahrens (b.ahrens@dshs-koeln.de , - 8737).

Obligations

If the funds are used in the sense of an own position or an increase, the position includes a teaching obligation of 2 SWS (for a 50% WMA position). The applicant is expected to seek advice from the Department of Research and Young Academics regarding the application to be submitted, and to submit the application to the Department of Research and Young Academics after submission to the selected funding agency. In case of approval by the funding agency, the application should be made available to other young researchers as a "best practice" via the Department of Research and Young Scientists. Rejected applications and, if possible, expert opinions should also be submitted to the department.