Call for proposal for master’s students (Call No. 1 MA)

Research funds for the German Sport University (GSU)

Aim of the grant
Call No. 1 is part of the research funding schemes of the German Sport University Cologne (GSU) and supports especially young scientists. Therefore, the German Sports University Cologne promotes innovative research ideas with relevance for basic research and/or applied sciences in the field of sport sciences. Unique modules of a bottom-up research project as well as small projects as part of the final thesis (master) are possible.

Financial modalities
Proposals with a funding up to 2,500 € for a master’s student will be accepted. A grant from the research funding schemes of the university may be the only source of funding for the project, but can also be used as additional funding. In case the declaration of other funding’s is mandatory. Students, not employed at the GSU, can apply for 50% of the funding as a research grant (SHK/WHF/WHK, 5 to maximal 9 hours/week). The grant can be spent on financing of personnel costs, equipment and travel expenses. Projects will be approved for a period of twelve months (at most until the end of the study). An award will be made if the university budget allows its implementation and if the university has enough resources in the award year.

Application process
Master’s students of the German Sport University are eligible to apply. A joint application with other students is possible as well as the submission of more than one proposal. Proposal has to include the outlined points of the application form including the documents referred to therein as an attachment. Please note: If the formal requirements of the application form (page numbers, etc.) are not met, the application will not be accepted.

Complete application documents should be handed in electronically (via e-mail, max. 5 MB) as one pdf document to the Department of Research and Young Academics (forschung-dshs@dshs-koeln.de). Please state in the email subject line the call number (Call 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) for which you apply (e.g. Call 1 for this funding line).

For questions please contact Dr. Alexandra Pizzera (a.pizzera@dshs-koeln.de, telephone -7580).

Review process and approval
Scientific reviewers are involved in the review process. Core reviewing criteria are:
- Individual-related aspects (e.g. previous research achievements)
- Relevance of the topic
- Quality and feasibility of the work programme
- Appropriateness of methods and models

Approvals are estimated to be given not later than July 2020.
Final report
Results of the project should be handed in as a final report (see guideline), a publication (submitted or published high-ranking expert contribution) or a conference contribution to the Department of Research and Young Academics six months after ending of the funding period. Furthermore, results should be presented at a conference at the German Sport University Cologne. In addition, selected results of PhD projects should be submitted to the universities newspaper KURIER or science magazine IMPULSE and should be added to the research information system (FIS).

Deadline is March 23rd, 2020.