



## Call for proposal for project and initial funding for Postdocs (Call No. 2)

### Research funds of the German Sport University (GSU)

#### Aim of the grant

Call No. 2 is part of the internal research funding schemes of the German Sport University (GSU) and has the objective to support young scientists in their postdoctoral period. They should be supported in order to establish and expand their research profile, to work on their way to scientific independence and to initiate international scientific cooperations. They can apply for funding for their **own research project** or for preparing a **proposal for a competitive third-party funding** (e.g. DFG, EU, BMBF, BIsP, foundations).

Innovative research ideas with relevance for basic and/or applied sciences in the field of sport sciences should be integrated in an application concept. Eligible projects should also include long-term research perspectives. Unique modules of a bottom-up research project as well as individual projects are possible.

#### Financial modalities

Individual applications with a funding **up to 10.000 €** will be considered. A grant from the internal research funding schemes of the university may be used as the only source of funding or in addition to other fundings. In the latter case the declaration of other fundings is mandatory. The grant can be spent on financing of personnel costs (SHK/WHB/WHK, WMA), researchers own position (maximal 50% of the approved amount), equipment and travel expenses. For the support of the initiation of an international cooperation related to the project, additional financial means of up to 3.000 € (additive to the maximum funding of 10.000€) can be applied for as additional subventions to the travel and accommodation costs for one or several stays with the international cooperation partner. These additional means must be spent either for the financing of a research stay for the purpose of the conduction of project work described in this proposal or for the preparation of a joint application for a competitive third-party funding (e.g. EU). If a publication with the cooperation partners (national or international) involved in the project is published as part of the project, additional 1000 euros can be requested during the project or up to 12 months after the end of the project. These funds can be used, for example, for publication costs or to set up further collaborations. To apply for these funds, please use the application form provided for this purpose.

Projects will be approved for a period of twelve months. 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

**Postdocs of the German Sport University Cologne** (employed with minimal 25% for the whole project period) up to **6 years** after completion of their PhD (parental leave and care period are credited) are eligible to apply. A joint application with other Postdocs is possible. Each person can only hand in one proposal.



The application form must be used to submit the proposal.

Proposals can be written in German or English. **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 to the following email address: [forschung-dshs@dshs-koeln.de](mailto: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 2 for this funding line).

For questions please contact Dr. Birte Ahrens ([b.ahrens@dshs-koeln.de](mailto:b.ahrens@dshs-koeln.de) , Tel.: -8737).

**Please note the current and long-term effects of the corona pandemic in your project and time planning, also with regard to flexible adaptation.**

#### **Review process and approval**

Scientific reviewers are involved in the review process. Core reviewing criteria are:

- Personal aspects (e.g. previous research achievements, career opportunities)
- Relevance of the topic
- Quality and feasibility of the work programme
- Appropriateness of methods and models
- Relation outcome / costs
- Consideration of gender and diversity dimensions in the application

Approvals are estimated to be given in January 2022.

#### **Final report for project funding**

Results of the project should be handed in as a final report, a publication (submitted or published high-ranking expert contribution) or an external funding request to the Department of Research and Young Academics six months after ending of the funding period. If the funding organization awards a grant, the proposal should be made available as a “best-practice” example to other young scientists of the German Sport University via the Department of Research and Young Academics. In addition, a contribution with selected results has to be submitted to the university’s newspaper *Kurier* or science magazine IMPULSE. Projects should also be added to the research information system (FIS) of the German Sport University.

**Deadline October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.**