

## Call for proposals for postdoctoral research funding (Call No. 4)

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

#### Aim of the grant

Call No. 4 is part of the research funding schemes of the German Sport University (GSU) for young scientist. With this call young scientists should be supported in their postdoctoral period. They should be given the possibility to focus on their research profile, to expand their scientific independence and to initiate international cooperations. Excellent young scientists shall be given a career opportunity by funding their own major research project (or subproject) at the German Sport University. Therefore, the German Sport University Cologne promotes innovative research ideas with relevance for basic and/or applied sciences in the field of sport sciences.

#### Financial modalities

In this call, **up to 70.000 € for a period up to 24 months** can be applied. The position should be started not later than three months after grant approval. A grant from the research funding schemes of the university may be used as the only source of funding or in addition to other fundings. In case the declaration of other fundings is mandatory. The grant can be spent on financing of the researcher's own position (up to 50% principle investigator position (WMA)), personnel costs (SHK/WHB/WHK/WMA) or equipment and travel expenses (e.g. for congresses or for the initiation of an international cooperation). Precondition for funding is a contribution of the Institute/Department of at least 25% of the total project costs. An award will be made if the university budget allows its implementation and if the university has enough resources in the award year.

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.

#### Application process

**Postdocs of the German Sport University and external national or international Postdocs up to 6 years after completion of their PhD** (parental leave is credited), aiming a career in science, are eligible to apply. Only proposals from individuals are eligible (no group applications). 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) in which you apply (e.g. Call 4 for this funding line).

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

In-house and external scientific reviewers are involved in the review process. Core reviewing criteria are:

- Individual-related 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 projects with a time span of more than one year, an interim report has to be submitted after half time of the project. Results of the project should be handed in as a final report and a publication (submitted or published high-ranking expert contribution) to the Department of Research and Young Academics six months after ending of the funding period. In addition, a contribution with selected results has to be submitted to the universities newspaper *Kurier* or science magazine IMPULSE. and should be added to the research information system (FIS).

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