



Call for proposal for the enhancement of research activities of scientific employees with teaching obligations (Call No. 5)

Research funds of the German Sport University (GSU)

Aim of the grant

Call No. 5 is part of the research funding schemes of the German Sport University Cologne (GSU) and wants to support especially **advanced Postdocs**, who have limited research resources due to their **teaching obligations**. Lecturers should give the opportunity to expand their research activities by using their practical background. In addition, teaching courses can benefit from the direct integration of knowledge acquired in the research project. Therefore, the German Sport University Cologne promotes innovative research ideas with relevance for basic and/or applied sciences in the field of sport sciences.

Financing modalities

Proposals with a funding **up to 17.000 €** will be accepted. A grant from the research funding schemes of the university may be used as the only source of funding or in addition to another funding. In case the declaration of other fundings is mandatory. The grant can be spent on financing of personnel costs (SHK/WHF/WHK, WMA), equipment and travel expenses, but not for the researcher's own position. 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

Scientific employees of the GSU with teaching obligations from 6 years after finishing their PhD, which are not qualified as a professor. The application should emphasize in what extent the project is based on practical experiences and why it is important for the development of the own research profile. Furthermore, the benefit of the research results for the teaching should be demonstrated.

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. Please state in the email subject line the call number (Call 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) in which you apply (e.g. Call 2 for this funding line).

For questions please contact Dr. Birte Ahrens (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

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

- Individual-related aspects (e.g. previous research achievements, practice-relevant experiences, individual-developing profile)
- Distinct structure of the research project
- Contribution to the future development of teaching
- Relevance of the topic
- Realistic time and cost plan
- Consideration of gender and diversity dimensions in the application

Approvals are estimated to be given in January 2022.

Final report

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 case of a publication a short statement (at most 1 page) to the integration of the results into teaching is required. In addition, a contribution with selected results has to be submitted to the universities' newspaper KURIER or science magazine IMPULSE. Furthermore, projects should be added to the research information system (FIS).

Deadline is October 3rd, 2021.