Call No. 3 of the research funds for the German Sport University Cologne

Call for proposals for initial funding
(POSTDOCS and DOCTORAL STUDENTS in the final phase)

Aim of the grant
In the light of universities’ increasing need to acquire competitive third-party funding and the resulting requirements and expectations for researchers, postdocs and doctoral students of the German Sport University can receive specific financial support to help them successfully apply for competitive funding research grants.

The grant is designed to support the preparation of an application to a competitive third-party funding organization (e.g. DFG, EU, BMBF, BISp, foundations). It aims to give young scientists the possibility and resources to prepare a proposal and to improve their proposal writing skills.

Innovative research ideas with relevance for basic and/or applied sciences in the field of sport sciences should be integrated in an application concept, which will be submitted to a funding organization with a competitive peer-review process. If the grant is awarded, the research project should be carried out at the German Sport University Cologne. Due to the current efforts of the GSU to attract more third-party funding from the DFG, this funding line is intended to encourage young researchers in particular to submit applications to the DFG. The various funding programmes of the DFG should be considered.

Funding modalities
Applications of up to €40,000 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 the increase of the own position. In addition, funding can be applied for for the module internationalisation (3,000 euros) and for the module open access (2,000 euros) and. Projects are approved for a period of 12 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 and doctoral students of the German Sport University Cologne are eligible to apply. For applicants in the final phase of their doctoral studies, the following additional requirements apply: At the latest nine months after submission of the application for internal university research funding, the application for the initiation of the doctoral examination procedure (= submission of the dissertation) must also have been submitted. Only when the application for the initiation of the doctoral examination procedure has been submitted can the project period begin and, if applicable, an applied-for position be taken up.

Each person can only hand in one proposal. Persons who, at the time of application, are leading another project within HIFF that has not yet been completed, are not eligible to apply. The application form must be used to submit the proposal.
Please note the current and long-term effects of the corona pandemic in your project and time planning, also with regard to flexible adaptation.

The application should emphasize how the planned externally funded project is important for the applicant’s own scientific career and independence. If review periods by the intended funding body are included in the time planning, work should be carried out during this period to flank or support the project.

**The application form for funding line 3 must be used for the application submission.**

Proposals can be written in German or English.

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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](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 3 for this funding line).

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

**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
- Consideration of gender and diversity dimensions in the application

Approvals are estimated to be given by February 2023.

**Required output**

- At the end of the project period, an application for third-party funding must be submitted to a funding organization within the framework of a competitive procedure.
- In the course of the proof of submission you will receive a link to a questionnaire on the general conditions of funding and project implementation. Participation in this survey (approx. 10 minutes) is mandatory.

**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.

**Deadline is November 13th 2022.**