Program for the Promotion of Junior Researchers 2020

Funds (max. €35,000) are available for research projects carried out at the University of Tübingen as part of the Promotion of Junior Researchers Program. **Deadline: 1 April, 2020.**

1) What are the funds available for?
Start-up financing for innovative projects with good prospects of attaining external third-party funding, particularly those which involve assisting qualified junior researchers to set up independent research projects. This program is aimed at the development of a larger third-party funding application. It cannot be used as bridge funding to extend the applicant’s job.

2) What may you apply for?
- Material resources
- Investment funding
- Funding for assistants
- The financing of a part-time (50%) E 13 position (in specific justified cases)

Total funding per application: max. €35,000

In addition, selected successful applicants in this funding line have the opportunity to further develop their innovative projects within the framework of the RISC program in order to obtain additional funding.

3) Duration
The funding is available for a period of up to 18 months.
Funding to start on: **1 August, 2020**

4) Who may apply?
Junior researchers with a doctorate at the University of Tübingen,
- who are not members of the Faculty of Medicine*,
- who have an employment contract with the University of Tübingen, at least until the end of the funding period
- whose PhD was not attained more than five years ago (date of PhD certificate).

Junior researchers who have already received funding under this program can only apply for a second lot of funding if they can show that their first successful application has led to a project fully supported by third-party funding.

5) Assessment of the Application
The University of Tübingen's Research Commission will assess applications according to the following criteria:
- Quality of the project (innovation and originality)
- Concept and content of the work program
- Prospects for continued research and further third-party funding
- Qualification and independence of the applicant (e.g. on the basis of lead authorship of publications)

* The Faculty of Medicine has its own funding programs (see [https://www.medizin.uni-tuebingen.de/de/medizinische-fakultaet/forschung/interne-forschungsfordernung](https://www.medizin.uni-tuebingen.de/de/medizinische-fakultaet/forschung/interne-forschungsfordernung))
6) Application

Applications are made in three steps:

1. Fill in the data sheet(s) online in the electronic application system. It will be available from 1 March, 2020 at https://www.antraege-zv.uni-tuebingen.de/ You have to register once in the system.
2. Upload your project description and appendices as an additional document (see 7) as one pdf-document in the electronic application system.
3. Print out the entire application (project description) as well as the form “declaration & fact sheet” (available via the Excellence Initiative’s Internal Documents) twice and hand it in to the Central Administration, Division II, Section 2

Important: Please note that the signatures of the Dean and the institute’s director are required on the “declaration & fact sheet”!

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Applications may be written in German or English.

7) Project Description (see 6.2)

Your project description must be no longer than five pages. Please illustrate the project’s innovativeness and relevance, while structuring the description as follows:

- Academic/ scientific aims
- Current state of research
- Your own preliminary work
- Detailed, concrete working plan (including timetable)
- Outline of project’s future prospects (To which third-party sponsor or funding program do you plan to hand in your project proposal and when? What is yet to be done before third-party funding may be sought)?
- Detailed financial plan: List of elements of funding with explanation (e.g. if applying for personnel costs: timetable, type and extent of work to be done)

The application must be formulated so that a layman can easily understand it.

The following appendices must accompany your project description:

- List of publications of the last four years with titles of publications and – if possible – details of their impact factors (based on current Journal Citation Reports)
- Your academic career to date/academic CV
- A brief statement by the relevant institute director or supervising professor
- Applications for an extension of funding must include a research report on the initial funding period

Your application (project description and your appendices) must be filed electronically as one document.

https://www.antraege-zv.uni-tuebingen.de/

For the FAQ, please see https://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/78465

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