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. **New deadline: 20 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-forschungsforderung)
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”! Due to the corona virus, digital signatures on the data sheet are sufficient until further notice. Alternatively, we require a personal e-mail from the head of the institute or the dean to sonja.grossmann@uni-tuebingen.de stating that the application is supported.

**Deadline: 20 April, 2020**
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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