

Research Seed Capital (RISC) for Junior Researchers

This program of the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts aims on giving promising junior researchers at the start of their career the possibility to pursue new ideas.

The funding program includes so-called „risky projects (Blue Skies Research) or preparatory work for innovative third party funding applications.

For respective projects the junior researchers should receive half of the funding by the Universities, up to 100,000 € each as “seed capital for research”.

The individual application must include details about the person, the qualification of the beneficiary and the reasons why he/she should receive the benefit. It also has to include details about the project and the justification why a special seed capital must be granted. The funds cannot be used to finance the own employment.

The university will evaluate and apply for the funds. The call is coupled with the intramural program of project funding for junior researchers. The most qualified applicants in this program will be requested to expand their innovative projects within the RISC program. Therefore, it is not necessary to apply separately.