

Call for Proposals: Start-up Funding

The Priority Program (PP) 2244 provides start-up funding meant to allow young investigators to follow their own research idea, and possibly to bring them to a scientific level that they can apply as PI in the 2nd funding period starting in September 2023. The call is primarily addressed to researchers involved in the PP 2244 but external applicants are also considered. We particularly welcome applications by female scientists and scientists of underrepresented groups.

Type of support provided by PP 2244

The maximum amount of start-up funding available is 20 000 € per application. The funding is limited to a period of six months maximum. Funding does not cover expenses for basic equipment (such as office material, PCs, literature, telephone). The funding can either go to equipment, project-related consumables, or personal costs.

Requirements

A short proposal with a maximum of 2 pages is required to apply for the start-up funding. It has to contain the project description, the timeline of the project, and a budget calculation. Additionally, a letter of acceptance of a hosting university has to be submitted stating the following:

- I. The financial plan agrees with the local regulations of the host institution, in particular concerning the personnel costs.
- II. The applicant (and her/his prospective personnel) has access to suitable infrastructure (computer and Web access, access to library, access to a laboratory with all required equipment for the proposed project).
- III. The applicant will be moderately involved in teaching (up to four hours per week).

Further requirements are:

- I. The hosting institution must ensure regular mentoring meetings with the applicant.
- II. The applicant has to present a signed career development plan that includes statements about scientific independence, access to infrastructure, personnel support, and involvement in the hosting institution.

All required documents are to be submitted to dfg-spp2244@tu-dresden.de until **March 10, 2022**.

Selection criteria

- I. The period after finishing the PhD should not exceed four years, except for parental leave.
- II. Applicants shall submit independent proposals only.
- III. Applicants shall not be PI in any project already funded within the PP 2244.
- IV. There shall be no overlap between contents of proposed research activities and projects that are already funded within the PP 2244.
- V. Scientific excellence of the candidate (evidenced by the PhD thesis and previous research activities).
- VI. Proposal should be scientifically excellent, promising and visionary.
- VII. The proposed research plan shall be compatible with the goals of the PP 2244.
- VIII. Feasibility of reaching a full-proposal stage within the funding period.
- IX. Proposed project should be the start of a scientifically independent project, not the mere extension of an existing one.
- X. Additional resources must be provided by the hosting institution. This includes full coverage of basic equipment.

Submitted proposals will be evaluated by external referees and funded according to a decision by the steering committee.