

GERMANY - National Funding Regulations of BMBF

Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national **Call Contact Person** the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

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Initial Funding Commitment	1.000,000.00 Euros

Who can apply?

- Private and public universities
- Private and public research institutions
- Other types of institutions that provide research contributions
- SME

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

a) Personnel costs

Grants towards the costs of scientific staff, administrators and/or student assistants, required in connection with the proposed project can be provided up to 36 person months. In projects with two German partners, only one of the partners may claim personnel costs.

b) Costs of durable equipment

Funding for project-related material and equipment (such as consumables, business needs, equipment, tools, literature etc.) can be provided to a limited extent.

c) Travel costs and subsistence allowance for German scientists and experts

Travel costs to and from the partner country including the necessary visa (economy class), the subsistence allowance as well as German domestic traveling are eligible according to the regulations of the respective institution or SME.

d) Workshops

For workshops taking place in Germany with partners or with the objective to identify new cooperation potential, grants can be provided towards expenses such as accommodation of guests, transfers, the preparation of the workshop materials, catering and rental of the venue. The amount of the grant depends on the size of the workshop and the number of guests. In these cases no expenses for daily allowances will be paid.

e) Patents

Costs associated with obtaining and validating patents and other industrial property rights incurring during the lifetime of the project can generally be claimed.

There is no provision of funds or subsidies for the basic equipment of the participating institutions.

For the definition of the respectively eligible costs and the calculation of the respective funding amount the General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVO) must be considered.

Nature, scope and amount of the payment

The upper funding limit is 100,000 EUR per project for a project lifetime of 36 months.

Grants for SME are calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding. They can be partially financed in due consideration of the General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVO). The BMBF policy requires an appropriate own contribution towards the eligible costs incurred.

Grants for universities, research and science institutions and similar institutions are calculated on the basis of the eligible project-related expenditures (grants for Helmholtz centers and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft are calculated on the basis of the project-related costs eligible for funding), which can be covered individually up to 100% in due consideration of the General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVO).

In case of non-economic research projects at universities and university clinics an additional lump sum of 20 % (Projektpauschale) will be provided.

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Other Information:

Applicants whose full proposals have been evaluated positively will be invited to submit – in coordination with the designated project coordinator - a formal application for funding on which a decision will be taken after a final evaluation.

To draft formal applications for funding, applicants must use the BMBF's electronic application system "easy online".