RMU Initiative Funding for Research
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Funding line 1
Joint start-up financing for large RMU collaborative projects (not time-limited)

Objective:
Funding of well advanced proposals of large, strategically relevant collaborative research projects (e.g. DFG-funded Collaborative Research Centre, Research Training Group, Research Unit; EU, BMBF), in which at least two of the three RMUs are significantly involved (at least one of them as lead partner) and in which the submission of a draft proposal can be expected within one year.

Funding format:
Personnel and material resources, e.g. for a coordination office, student assistants and/or joint workshops in order to achieve (pre-)application readiness. The maximum funding amount is 50,000 euros. Funding is determined on a project-by-project basis by the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the RMUs.

Modalities:
- Funding open to any topic
- Proposals may be submitted by project spokespersons from at least two of the RMUs who are members of their respective universities at the time of application.
- Eligible for funding are joint, innovative research projects with a high potential for a successful (preliminary) application as a joint research project within one year.
- Projects already funded elsewhere are not eligible for funding.
- The spokespersons of the funded projects must report to the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the respective RMUs and the relevant departments.

Funding criteria:
- Quality, degree of innovation and a plausible perspective for the submission of promising (pre-)proposals.
- Academic credentials of the applicants.
- Added value through funding from the RMU Initiative Funding for Research (funding line 1).

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Procedure:

- Presentation of projects by the designated spokespersons to the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the respective RMU is possible throughout the year. Preliminary consultation with the respective research departments is recommended.

- Verification of the project's eligibility for funding under funding line 1 of the RMU Initiative Funding for Research by the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the respective RMUs; if necessary, (external) experts are consulted.

- In the case of a positive evaluation, the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the respective RMU will request an application from the designated spokespersons.

- The Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the respective RMUs, supported by the relevant departments, develop a coordinated funding concept that is adapted to the needs of the project in question. They closely accompany the application projects.

- The final funding decision is made by the RMU Steering Committee.

Further information:

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