

RMU Initiative Funding for Research CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Funding line 2

Development and intensification of RMU-internal cooperations (deadline: 29 May 2020)

Objective:

Further development of the scientific networking of the RMUs in research and, in the medium term, the establishment of third-party funded collaborative research.

Funding format:

Resources which serve the networking of a cooperation project (e.g. for joint workshops, conferences, lecture series, student assistants) in which at least two of the three RMUs are significantly involved, at least one of them as lead partner. Personnel resources are only eligible if they are used for the organisation and administration of networking activities. The funding volume per approved cooperation project is up to 20,000 euros p.a. for a maximum of two years (total funding amount per project: 40,000 euros).

Modalities:

- Funding open to any topic
- Proposals may be submitted by researchers from at least two of the RMUs who are members of their respective universities at the time of application.
- Funding is available for innovative cooperation projects in research with credible prospects of achieving the defined project objectives (e.g. establishment of a scientific network on the basis of a cooperation agreement; joint acquisition of third-party funding) within a realistic medium-term timeframe (e.g. precisely defined milestones).

Funding criteria:

- Quality and degree of innovation of the project.
- Academic credentials of the applicants.
- Plausibility of the sustainability of the funded scientific contact.
- Added value through funding from the RMU Initiative Funding for Research (funding line 2).
- New cooperations are preferred.

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Procedure:

- Applications can be submitted until **29 May 2020** to

koordination@rhein-main-unis.de

Prior consultation with the respective RMU cooperation managers and/or the research departments is recommended.

- Review and funding recommendation by the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the RMUs and the joint RMU Research Council; external expertise may be obtained where necessary.
- The RMU Steering Committee makes the selection decision.
- Funding will initially be provided for one year at a time.
- Report by those responsible for the project to the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the respective RMUs, both verbally and in the form of a short written report at the end of the first funding period.
- Approval of a second funding year by the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the respective RMUs in case of a positive review.
- Presentation of the results of the funded projects in a short final report at the end of the overall funding period to the members of the RMU Steering Committee, the Vice-Presidents responsible for research at the RMUs and the members of the RMU Research Council.

Structure of the application for funding from the RMU Initiative Funding for Research - (max. 5 pages):

1. General information
 - Object and objective of the project.
 - All applicants, with one central contact person per university and one person with overall responsibility.
 - Participating PIs (faculty, university, possible participation in research priorities of the own university).
2. Description of the initiative
 - Generally comprehensible summary of the project (max. half a page).
 - Scientific question and research programme, concrete research approach and methodology.
 - Importance and innovation potential for science and, where appropriate, application.
 - Proof of existing expertise, if appropriate joint preparatory work based on relevant criteria.

- Description of the added value through cooperation between different locations.
 - Outline of the sustainability perspectives.
 - National/international competitive situation, differentiation from similar initiatives.
3. Objectives
- Objectives and planned activities during the funding period (research, cooperation, structures).
 - Milestones in the funding period applied for.
 - Outlook on possible follow-up activities.
4. Planned measures
- Description of the measures to be financed from the resources applied for.
 - The description should show how the planned measures will contribute to the realisation of the project applied for.
5. Resources applied for
- List of cost items for the application period.

Further information:

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