

RMU Initiative Funding for Research CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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Funding line 2

Development and intensification of RMU-internal cooperations (deadline: March 15, 2022)

Objective:

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

Funding format:

Resources that serve the networking of a collaborative project (e.g. for joint workshops, joint scientific communication, establishment of exchange platforms, conferences, lecture series, student assistants), in which at least two of the three RMUs are significantly involved, at least one of them in a leading role. Personnel funds are only eligible if they are used for the organization and administration of networking activities. Personnel and material resources for the acquisition and operation of equipment are expressly not eligible for funding. The funding volume per approved cooperation project is up to 20,000 euros p.a. for a maximum of two years (total funding per project: 40,000 euros across all three locations).

Modalities:

- Funding open to any topic
- Scientists from at least two of the RMU who are members of their respective university at the time of application are eligible to apply.
- Eligible for funding are innovative collaborative research projects with a credible perspective on the realization of the defined project goals (e.g., establishment of a scientific network, joint acquisition of third-party funding) within a realistic medium timeframe (e.g., concretely 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).

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- New collaborations are preferred.

Procedure:

- Applications can be submitted until **March 15, 2022** to
koordination@rhein-main-unis.de
- Advising in advance by the respective RMU cooperation managers and/or the research departments is recommended.
- Review and funding recommendation by the RMU Vice-Presidents responsible for research and the joint RMU Research Council; external expertise may be sought.
- The RMU Steering Committee makes the selection decision.
- Presentation of the results of the funded projects in a short final report after the end of the total funding period to the members of the RMU Steering Committee, the RMU Vice-Presidents responsible for research 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.
- Significance and innovation potential for science and, if applicable, application.
- Evidence of existing expertise, if applicable joint preliminary work based on relevant criteria.
- Description of the added value of cooperation between different locations.
- Outline of sustainability perspectives: e.g. continuation of scientific exchange beyond the funding period, applications for third-party funding that may result from the cooperation, intended establishment of institutions, etc.
- Competitive situation nationally/internationally, differentiation from similar initiatives.

3. Goals

- Objectives and planned activities during the funding period (research, cooperation, structures).
- Milestones during the requested funding period.
- Outlook for possible follow-up activities.

4. Planned measures

- Description of the activities to be funded from the requested funds.
- The description should show how the planned activities will contribute to the realization of the requested project.

5. Resources applied for

- List of cost positions for the application period broken down by university.

Further information:

www.rhein-main-universitaeten.de/en