

DFG-Funding Programmes and Opportunities for Joint Research and International Cooperation

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Proposal Package (“Antragspaket”)

- **Number of individual proposals: flexible, but generally 3-10**
- **Location: at different universities/places**
- **Duration: ca. 3 years**
- **Funding for each proposal: Personnel: 1-2 PhD
Consumables and equipment:
50-100 kEuro/year**
- **Overall Duration for review: 5-6 months**

International Cooperation: Generally possible, but there is no specific contract yet with USA and Japan, so that a case-by-case examination will be required. Anyway, the general rule will be „Funding for the international partner’s research is to be provided by his/her organisation or country.”

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DFG-Research Units

(„DFG-Forschergruppe“)

- **Number of individual proposals:** ca. 5-12
- **Location:** at different universities/places
- **Duration:** 6 years
- **Funding for entire Project:** 1,2 Mio Euro/year
- **Overall Duration for review:** ?

Remarks: (i) Scientific excellence and contribution to establish new research directions
(ii) Extend beyond other DFG-funding programmes in terms of thematic focus, duration and finances (added value)
(iii) Two-steps review procedure

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Collaborative Research Centres („Sonderforschungsbereiche“)

- **Number of individual proposals:** larger than DFG-Research Unit
- **Location:** at one university/place
- **Project Duration:** ca. 9-12 years
- **Funding:** much higher than DFG-Research Unit
- **Overall Duration for review:** ≥ 1 year

Remarks: (i) Scientific excellence and thematic focus at least like
for DFG-Research Units

(ii) Two-step-review procedures

International Cooperation: Generally possible, but there is no specific contract yet with USA and Japan, so that a case-by-case examination will be required. Anyway, the general rule will be „Funding for the international partner's research is to be provided by his/her organisation or country.“

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International Research Training Groups („Internationale Graduiertenkollegs“)

- **Goals:** to establish joint doctoral training between a group at a German university and a partner group at a foreign university
- **Location:** at one German and one foreign university
- **Duration:** limited specific time period (up to ? years)
- **Funding:** doctoral students, post-docs, consumables, visiting professors, sabbaticals by participating university teachers, small conferences and travel by doctoral students, coordination work.

Remarks: (i) Doctoral students incorporated in research at participating institutions
(ii) Interdisciplinary research and study programme desired
(iii) Each doctoral student should complete a 6-month research stay at respective partner institutions.

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