

GERMANY

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

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

All call topics of the joint call are supported by BMBF:

1. Call topic: Nanotechnologies
2. Call topic: S&T projects in Health
3. Call topic: Social Sciences and Humanities
4. Call topic: Robotics

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by German

- Research institutions
- Universities
- SMEs

Research institutions that receive basic funding from the Federal Government and the Länder can only be granted funds to cover extra expenditure in addition to their basic financing.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

I. Direct costs

a. Costs of personnel

Grants towards the costs of scientific staff, technical staff and/or student assistants that are required in connection with the proposed project can be provided.

b. Costs of durable equipment

Funding for equipment can be provided. However, this only includes equipment that does not form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants).

c. Consumables and supplies

Any consumables necessary for the project implementation may be considered as direct costs. Consumables are only eligible costs if bought after the start date of the project. Consumables belonging to the basic facilities of an applicant are not eligible.

d. Subcontracting

The general rule should be that applicants shall implement the project and shall have the necessary resources to that end. However, it should be accepted that as an exception certain parts that are not "core" parts of the project may be subcontracted. Examples for minor services to be subcontracted are rent of locations, translation costs, costs for technical equipment in the context

of the organization of events or printing services etc.

e. Other costs

Events: With regard to workshops in Germany, grants can be provided towards expenses such as hotel costs for the workshop, printing of workshop materials or catering and rental of the venue. For food and beverage per lunch/dinner a maximum amount of 30 EUR/person shall be applied. The amount of the grant depends on the size of the workshop and the number of guests.

f. Travel and subsistence costs

Travel and subsistence allowance for German staff:

Travel costs (including necessary visas; in case of flights: Economy Class) to/from the place of destination in the partner country as well as subsistence costs can be covered according to the relevant regulation of the German institution.

Travel costs for international cooperation:

Travel costs for international cooperation, e.g. international conferences in Germany or abroad with a clear connection to the project topic, can be covered if a valid justification is provided.

II. Indirect Costs: Overheads

Overhead costs are eligible depending on the type of institution as well as on the respective accounting system. Universities (public/non-public) and university hospitals (regardless of their legal status) can apply for a lump sum of 20% (Projektpauschale) of the requested funding for research projects.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Joint Call

Grants for universities, research and science institutions and similar establishments will be calculated on the basis of the eligible but additional project-related expenditures (grants for Helmholtz centers and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (FhG) will be calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding), up to 100% of which can be covered in individual cases.

Grants for SMEs are calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding. As a rule, up to 50% of these costs can be covered by government grants, depending on how close the project is to application. The BMBF policy requires an own contribution towards the eligible costs incurred - as a rule at least 50%.

The European Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) must be taken into account when calculating the respective funding ratio.

A lump-sum of 20% (Projektpauschale) of the requested funding for research projects for the benefit of universities and university hospitals is already included in the upper funding limit.

Upper funding limit

Upper funding limit: **200,000 EUR/project** incl. lump sum of 20% (Projektpauschale)
(NOT per partner in a given project.) Project duration is **24 to 36 months**.

Applicants whose 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".

Further information relevant to NATIONAL applicants

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