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RESEARCHERSnewsletter.

National and International Funding Opportunities, Seminars, Tenders, Events, Announcements, and Job Openings

In this newsletter, you will find information on...

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UPCOMING seminars and symposia.

UPCOMING conferences, workshops, events.

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If you wish to submit an entry for the **Researchers Newsletter February 2026**,
please submit it to forschung.um@uni-mainz.de by **January 20th 2025**.

UPCOMING seminars and symposia.

Rhine-Main Area:

- **DFG and JGU | SFB1551 Symposium on *Polymer Concepts in Cellular Function*** (ENG)
The event aims to bring together scientists, while creating a venue that showcases how polymer concepts can be used to understand cellular function. Invited speakers and participants from the *Collaborative Research Centre* will share **new mechanistic insights across the whole spectrum of cell and molecular biology**, that are inspired by polymer concepts. The conference will highlight how life science questions pose new challenges and push frontiers in polymer science forward, and how novel polymer concepts and technologies can be developed to solve fundamental questions about cellular function.
There will be a **registration fee** ranging from **180 € to 500 €**. The fee waiver applies for participants with an active contribution.
The **abstract submission** and **application deadline** is **January 15th 2026**.
When: **March 4th – 6th 2026**
Where: Gonsberg Lounge, Mainz
More information may be found [here](#) (ENG).

Online:

- **'Deutscher Hochschulverband' | *How to become a Professor in Germany*** (ENG)
“This seminar addresses early career researchers who are considering a career as a professor at a German university or are starting to apply for professorships in Germany. In the first part of the seminar the participants get an **overview of the career paths** to a professorship, covering the **legal requirements**, the appointment procedure and the legal status of a professor. The second part of the seminar addresses **questions concerning the application** documents and process, for example the search for relevant job advertisements, the typical structure and content of the written application documents expected by German universities and how to make a good impression during the further steps in the selection process.”
*There will be a **participation fee of up to € 149,-**. Registration is necessary.*
When: **January 23rd 2026**
Where: online
Further information may be found [here](#) (ENG).

- **CurAEducate | webinar series**

“CurAEducate is offering the following webinars focusing on academic well-being, efficient working and leadership:”

- × ***Overcoming decision paralysis***
When: **January 19th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- × ***Getting the best from your supervisor***
When: **January 27th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- × ***The power of saying No***
When: **March 10th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- × ***Academic burnout***
When: **March 18th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- × ***Perfectionism and imposter syndrome***
When: **March 25th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- × ***Developing leadership skills***
When: **April 9th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The seminars are open to researchers from every area and level of expertise.
All webinars are held in English. Registration is necessary.

Further information can be seen [here](#) (ENG).

WORKSHOPS organized by JGU Human Resources Development:

please note that there are registration deadlines in place

[Here](#) you will find a complete list of all the training and workshops offered in 2025.

Please consult the [FZI google-calendar](#) regularly for the
latest seminar announcements from the [FZI](#), [IMB](#), [TRON](#), and others.

UPCOMING conferences, workshops, events.

by location and date

UMC:

- **UMC | event series KI4me: KI-Methoden für Mensch & Medizin** (GER)
The event series *KI4me: AI Methods for People & Medicine* aims to create a platform that **highlights existing activities in the field of AI research and application**, identifies potential for the use and further development of AI techniques, and promotes networking within the *UMC*.
The series invites participants to attend concise **keynote speeches** on a monthly basis, followed by opportunities for **dialogue, exchange, and personal networking**. These are the 3 upcoming events in the series:

- × **LLMs for extracting structured information from clinical free texts**
When: **January 29th 2026**, 05:00 p.m.
Where: seminar room 2, building 708 **and** online
- × **AbstractSwarm - Agent-based simulations and swarm intelligence for improving hospital processes**
When: **February 26th 2026**, 05:00 p.m.
Where: seminar room 2, building 708 **and** online
- × **AI in Radiology**
When: **March 26th 2026**, 05:00 p.m.
Where: seminar room 2, building 708 **and** online

Participation is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.
More information may be seen [here](#) (GER).

- **'Universitätsbibliothek Mainz' | workshop on Systematic Review**
The workshop provides a comprehensive introduction to conducting a Systematic Review while guiding participants through the entire process from defining a research question to evaluating study results. The focus is on **developing effective literature search strategies, documenting searches accurately, and using practical tools**, including the efficient and useful application of AI. Through presentations, hands-on exercises and group work, participants will learn how to structure their review, manage and evaluate relevant studies, extract key data, and integrate the results in a rigorous and systematic way.
Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.
When: **January 30th** and **February 6th 2026**, 08:15 a.m. – 01:15 p.m.
Where: seminar room 2, building 708 – UMC Mainz **and** online
More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- **UMC – 'AG Mayer' | Public Flow Cytometry Club**
The club offers an informal meet-up, where students and researchers from different fields **exchange ideas, discuss experimental design and data analysis in flow cytometry and work through participants' questions or example data**. The aim is to combine expert input with constructive discussion and shared resources to foster exchange and collaboration.
Participation is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.
When: **every 4th Friday**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Where: Room 0.023, Building 401 - UMC Mainz **and** online via [BBB](#).

- **IMBEI | Bioinformatics Open Café (BOC)**

“The Bioinformatics Open Café (BOC) is an **informal event series** where students, researchers, and enthusiasts can **meet, share ideas, and learn about bioinformatics**, embracing and living the values of open science. Every meeting will have a **short impulse presentation** (max 5-10 minutes), followed by a good round of questions on that.

Afterwards, you can also **present** a small-size bioinformatics-related issue, which will be discussed in an open manner, as a group.”

Meetings will be on the first friday of each month, except the very first one.

Participation is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.

When: **January 9th 2026**, 09:00 a.m.

Where: *IMBEI*, Room 21.7

More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).

Rhine-Main Area:

- **Ingenium and TU Darmstadt | event series**

The events involve participants working actively on their own projects while learning and applying practical strategies to improve their outcomes. They include opportunities for individual practice and group interaction or feedback to support learning.

Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

These are the upcoming events:

- × ***Leading Teams Successfully*** (ENG)

The seminar, aimed at doctoral candidates and postdocs from all disciplines, empowers participants to **adopt a modern leadership approach** by exploring essential managerial tasks, motivating and developing team members, providing constructive feedback, and managing conflicts using practical strategies and industry-informed best practices.

When: **March 19th** and **20th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m.

Where: online via Zoom

- × ***'Schreiben und publizieren während der Promotion'*** (GER)

The workshop guides doctoral candidates through the process of **planning, writing, and publishing academic texts**, including abstracts and journal articles. It covers collaborative writing, revision strategies, publication procedures, and practical challenges, with input from trainers and opportunities for individual and group work.

When: **February 6th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Where: Raum 212, Altes Hauptgebäude (Hochschulstr. 1, Darmstadt)

- ✘ [*Appointment for Professorship: Learning from Experience – Engineering, Computer Science and Natural Science*](#) (ENG)

The event, aimed at professors, postdocs and junior research group leaders affiliated with the Rhine-Main Universities, gives participants practical **guidance** on the entire **professorship appointment process**, including finding suitable positions, preparing applications, presenting to committees, negotiating offers, and understanding professional expectations, with advice from experienced professors and stakeholders.

When: **February 24th 2026**, 10:00 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.

Where: SCC Lounge, Wissenschaftsschloss De-La-Fosse-Bau Darmstadt
- ✘ [*Scientific Writing*](#) (ENG)

The workshop helps doctoral candidates **improve their academic writing** in English by guiding them through each stage of the process, teaching professional strategies and techniques, and providing hands-on practice with their own texts through individual and group exercises.

When: **January 23rd** and **30th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Where: Raum 212, Altes Hauptgebäude (Hochschulstr. 1, Darmstadt)

- ***Pint of Science festival***

Pint of Science Germany is inviting scientists from all disciplines and career stages to **share their research with the public** in a relaxed setting. Speakers are encouraged to present their science in an engaging and creative way in a 15–20 min talk, followed by a Q&A in German or English. Additionally, there will be support in form of a one-hour online **speaker workshop**.

*Registration as a Speaker is necessary and can be done until **January 31st**.*

When: **May 18th – 20th 2026**, usually 06:00 p.m. – 08:30 p.m.

Where: Café or Bar, Mainz

Further information and the registration form can be found [here](#) (ENG).

Germany and Abroad:

- ***IraSME & CORNET | Partnering Event 2025/2026*** (ENG)
- The virtual brokerage and matchmaking event is designed for companies, researchers, and organisations from different countries to meet online and **exchange project ideas, and find partners for joint R&D projects**. Additionally, participants can join a matchmaking platform, schedule video meetings, get up-to-date information on funding opportunities and connect with potential collaborators.
- There will be an online **pitch session** on **February 17th 2026**, 02:00 p.m.
- Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.*
- More information may be found [here](#) (ENG).
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SELECTED funding options and tenders.

- **Broermann Foundation | Broermann Medical Innovation Award 2026**
“The Broermann Medical Innovation Award, endowed with 1 mil. €, is presented annually to honor outstanding scientific achievements in medical innovation. This award recognizes pioneering research that contributes to **advancing medical science, improving patient care, and addressing critical challenges in healthcare**. By supporting and celebrating excellence in medical research, the prize seeks to encourage ongoing innovation and inspire the global medical community.”
The **application deadline** is **March 1st 2026**.
More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).
- **JGU | Gutenberg Scholarship 2026**
The prize, endowed with 5.000,- €, is aimed at students and graduates of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz from all disciplines who have submitted a scientific thesis on a **topic related to the city of Mainz**.
Bachelor's theses cannot be considered.
The **application deadline** is **March 27th 2026**.
More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- **„Stifterverband“ and „Leopoldina“ | Carl-Friedrich-von-Weizsäcker Prize 2026**
The prize, endowed with 30.000,- €, is generally awarded every two years to recognize outstanding **contributions to the scientific study of socially important problem areas**.
Nominations must be submitted by eligible institutions. Self-nominations are excluded.
The **application deadline** is **March 15th 2026**.
More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- **Wulf Vater Foundation | „Wulf Vater-Forschungspreis 2026“**
The prize, endowed with 20.000,- €, recognizes outstanding scientific achievements in the field of **receptor research**, including ion channel research. It is awarded to an industry-independent **scientist working in a German-speaking country**, who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of cellular signaling mechanisms and their therapeutic significance over the past five years.
Self-nominations are possible.
The **application deadline** is **March 1st 2026**.
More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- **‘BMWK’ | ZIM cooperation projects within the framework of IraSME**
The IraSME network has published its 37th transnational call for proposals for the **development of innovative products, processes, or technical services**. The call is aimed in particular at small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), but also at medium-sized companies and non-commercial research institutions acting as cooperation partners for companies.
The **submission deadline** is **March 25th 2026**.
Further information may be seen [here](#) (GER).

- **Karl Heinz Beckurts Foundation | Karl Heinz Beckurts Prize**
 The *Karl Heinz Beckurts Prize*, endowed with **30.000,- €**, honors scientific work that emerges from cooperation between academia and industry and generates clear impulses for innovation in industrial practice. The foundation recognizes research conducted at publicly funded institutions, whose relevance is demonstrated through concrete or clearly foreseeable application.
 Applications must be submitted with the 'Beckurts-Formular', which can be accessed on the website with the password **Beckurts_2026**.
Nominations must be submitted by eligible institutions. Self-nominations are excluded.
 The **application deadline** is **March 31st 2026**.
 More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- **'BMW'** | **German-Polish joint funding measure**
 The funding measure, **open to all topics**, supports joint research and development projects under the 'ZIM' that aim to **develop innovative products, processes, or technical services across all technologic and application areas**. Funding is provided for market-oriented projects with strong commercial potential, where research results are intended to be further developed into viable products after the project concludes.
 There will be a free online information event on **January 13th**, offering important insight into the joint funding measure.
 The **application deadline** is **April 30th 2026**.
 More information can be found [here](#) (GER/ENG).
- **'BMFTR'** | **'Konzeption und Durchführung von Transferprojekten'**
 The funding objective is to improve the recursive transfer of results between economic and business research and practice.
 Only projects that develop **concrete measures, activities, and formats**, that improve the transfer of results from 'WiHo' ('Wissenschafts- und Hochschulforschung') research, will be funded for a period of up to **36 months**.
 The **submission deadline** for the first proposal (2-step-process) is **January 28th 2026**.
 Further information may be seen [here](#) (GER).
- **'BMFTR'** | **'Reduzierung des Gender Data Gap in der klinischen Forschung'**
 The aim of the funding measure is to **identify the most pressing research questions from the perspective of patients** in order to close the gender data gap in gender-sensitive treatment. In addition, gender-sensitive aspects are to be given greater consideration in clinical research in the short to medium term, and scientists in the early stages of their careers are to be **made more aware of the importance** of considering aspects of gender-sensitive medicine.
 Funding is provided for a period of up to **18 months**.
 The **submission deadline** is **March 10th 2026**.
 Further information may be seen [here](#) (GER).

- **'BMFTF' | 'Alter und Krebs – Nationale Dekade gegen Krebs'**
 The purpose of this funding measure is to promote interdisciplinary research networks that use innovative approaches to investigate the field of aging and cancer. The networks should **address a previously unresolved challenge** and pursue a **cooperative and coordinated research concept** using the latest investigative methods. The work within the network should be focused on jointly defined goals, questions, and a common, clinically oriented research topic.
 Funding is provided for a period of up to **3 years**.
 The **submission deadline** for the first proposal (2-step-process) is **February 20th 2026**.
 Further information may be seen [here](#) (GER).
- **ReALity | Synergy Funding Call 2026**
 "ReALity supports focused, collaborative research projects between 2–3 PIs with complementary technical expertise, preliminary data, and an innovative idea in **aging research**. They particularly **encourage proposals** that **involve junior colleagues** at the beginning of their independent careers."
 The **application deadline** is **February 28th 2026**.
 More information can be accessed [here](#) (ENG).
- **Else Kröner-Fresenius Foundation | 'Else Kröner Memorialstipendien 2026'**
 The scholarship, endowed with **250.000,- €**, supports particularly talented and motivated doctors working in **clinical and scientific fields** at the start of their careers, for a period of **2 years**.
 Applicants are expected to submit an application that demonstrates the scientific significance and quality of their research project and highlights their previous scientific achievements.
 The **application deadline** is **February 25th 2026**.
 More information can be accessed [here](#) (GER).
- **Klaus-Tschira Foundation | 'KlarText – Der Preis für verständliche Wissenschaft'**
 The foundation is looking for researchers who can present their exceptional doctoral work in a way that is engaging and understandable for a general audience, either as an article or an infographic. Applicants should have completed their PhD in the last two years, in the fields of biology, chemistry, computer science, geosciences, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, or a closely related field. The winners will receive **7.500,- €**, have their **work featured in the science magazine KlarText**, and join the foundation's active alumni network.
 The **application deadline** is **February 28th 2026**.
 More information can be accessed [here](#) (GER).
- **EMBL | EIPOD-LinC Fellowship Programme**
 The fellowship supports researchers passionate about interdisciplinary science, offering guidance, training, and career development to help them **grow as future leaders**. Fellows are able to collaborate with academic, industrial, or clinical partners to design their own projects and gain new skills while contributing to EMBL's *Molecules to Ecosystems* research programme.
 The **application deadline** is **February 2nd 2026**.
 Further information may be seen [here](#) (ENG).

- **Evonik Foundation | Evonik scholarship and Werner Schwarze Fellowship for the Promotion of Amino Acid Research**
The scholarship supports talented young scientists by funding master's theses (**6 months, 250-600 €/month**), doctorates (**two years** with option of extension, **1.850,- €/month**) and postdoctoral research, in the area of *New electrochemical routes or processes towards carbon neutrality*. You will be provided with financial support, guidance, and opportunities to purchase literature or attend conferences. The annual fellowship supports outstanding young scientists, conducting amino acid research at German universities or research institutions, with **funding for projects that align with the focus area, *Advanced Biosolutions: New biopolymers for cosmetics*, and cannot be fully covered by personal or external resources.** The **abstract submission deadline** is **February 15th 2026**. Further information can be seen [here](#) (ENG).
- **DFG | Industry Data in Research**
“This call for proposals aims to support time-limited, topic-specific research projects that address questions in the **fields of health or mobility**, drawing on data provided by application partners in the private sector. This will enable researchers to gain access to industry data so that they can address fundamental research questions in an evidence-based and practice-oriented manner. At the same time, such collaborative projects support innovation and the development of new products in direct exchange with the research sector, benefiting both the companies themselves and their public image.”
The **application deadline** is **March 11th 2026**.
More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).
- **TransMed | Clinical Research Fellowships ('TV-Ärzte UM Mainz, Ä1, 100%')**
“The *UMC* aims to promote the active initiation and participation in academia-driven clinical trials. Therefore, the *UMC* has established a fellowship program to increase the attractiveness of clinical research for young excellent physicians, **establish career perspectives**, amplify the visibility of the *UMC*, and ultimately translate this knowledge into advances in patient care.”
Please note that the program is **not** open to medical students, medical theses (Dr. med./Dr. med. dent.), equivalent thesis work in other degree programs (e.g., Master's or PhD theses within another *UMC* program) or postdoctoral qualifications. The **application deadline** is **January 12th 2026**.
Further information can be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

Please consult the **monthly Funding Options and Job Openings** ([see webpage](#)) for further awards, grants, and scholarship opportunities.

We look forward to assisting you. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to interested colleagues and friends.

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