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## February 2026

# RESEARCHERSnewsletter.

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

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We would like to point out once again that only publications that are affiliated with the *University Medical Center Mainz* will be accounted for granting of the LOM ('Leistungsorientierte Mittel') for your institution.

[The JGU Publications Policy](#) defines measures to ensure correct author and affiliation information, in line with national recommendations and the principles of good scientific practice.

The policy is binding for all members and affiliates of the *University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz*, when publications are substantially based on work carried out there.

Correct affiliation is especially important for reimbursements from the [Open Access Publication Fund](#). To ensure correct affiliation, an overview of the official names of the clinics, including their English equivalents, is available [here](#).

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

*Please note: "(ENG)" or "(GER)" = language of the website/event is English or German*

**UPCOMING seminars and symposia.**

**UPCOMING conferences, workshops, events.**

**ANNOUNCEments.**

**SELECTED funding options and tenders.**

## Funding options.

Click the button to view this month's **Funding Options**.

If you wish to submit an entry for the **Researchers Newsletter March 2026**, please submit it to [forschung.um@uni-mainz.de](mailto:forschung.um@uni-mainz.de) by **February 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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## UPCOMING seminars and symposia.

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### IMB:

(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Seminar Room, Ackermannweg 4, JGU Campus, unless noted otherwise)

- ***IQCB and ReALity | seminar on A Natural Therapy for Patients with Short Telomeres***  
The *IQCB* and *ReALity* present a joint seminar with Prof. Dr. Jon Alder, *University of Pittsburgh*.  
*Participation is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.*  
**When:** **February 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**, 02:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.  
**Where:** IMB

### Online:

- ***'RMU' | Diamond Open Access Journals*** (GER)  
"In Diamond Open Access journals, quality-assured articles are published free of charge for authors and readers under an open access-compliant licence. The journal or title rights belong to the scholarly community.  
Diamond Open Access journals serve academic communication and non-commercial purposes. This information session highlights how Diamond OA journals can be launched and what support is currently available for this in the *RMU* context."  
*Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.*  
**When:** **February 17<sup>th</sup> 2026**, 02:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.  
**Where:** online  
Further information may be found [here](#) (ENG).

## **WORKSHOPS organized by JGU Human Resources Development:**

*Please note the registration deadlines.*

[Here](#) you will find a complete list of all the training and workshops offered in 2026.

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

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## **UPCOMING conferences, workshops, events.**

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### **UMC:**

- **curATime | career day for junior scientists** (ENG)  
The program covers mentoring and research career development. Topics include; how mentoring works, its benefits and challenges, goal setting, key career factors such as **visibility and funding**, and tools for career planning. It also features a **panel discussion with mentors and mentees** sharing their experiences.  
*Registration is necessary and can be done [here](#) (ENG).*  
**When: February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026**, 9:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.  
**Where: UMC Mainz – Building 102**
- **UMC | event series KI4me: KI-Methoden für Mensch & Medizin**  
The event series 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 *UMC* invites participants to attend concise **keynote speeches** on a monthly basis, followed by opportunities for **dialogue, exchange, and personal networking**.  
These are the recently announced upcoming events in the series:
  - × **'KI in der Schluckendoskopie'** with Dr. Jürgen Konradi (*Interprofessionelles Studienzentrum für Bewegungsforschung, UM Mainz*)  
**When: April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026**, 05:00 p.m.  
**Where: UMC - seminar room 2, building 708 and online**

*Participation is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.*

More information may be seen [here](#) (GER).

- ,IMBEI' | ,Radiation Epidemiology für Mediziner\*innen & Epidemiolog\*innen'** (ENG)

The module informs researchers about **radiation epidemiology**, focusing on topics like UV-radiation, higher cancer risk after CT-scans, risks of electromagnetic fields and more. Internationally renowned scientists from the *ICRP, DZFK, RERF Hiroshima* and more are participating, to share their knowledge and **network**.

*There is a participation fee of 200 - 400,- €. Registration is necessary.*

**When:** **May 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026**, 10:00 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Where:** *IMBEI*, Mainz

Further information may be accessed [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 4<sup>th</sup> Friday**, 09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – next upcoming **February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Where:** Room 0.023, Building 401 - *UMC Mainz* **and** online

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

## JGU:

- JGU | GA Connect PopUp – Info Booth**

“Our *GA Connect* events provide you with information about your points and persons of contact, and the **wide range of workshop offers and advisory services available at JGU**. Take advantage of these opportunities to get to know us as your central point of contact for your career phase and to **ask any questions you may have.**”

**When:** **February 29<sup>th</sup> 2026**, 11:00 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.

**Where:** 'Zentralmensa', *JGU Mainz*
- JGU | ,RMU Social Welcoming Event: Naturhistorisches Museum Mainz'**

“After the one hour guided tour you will have the chance to explore not only the rest of the '*Naturhistorisches Museum*' but also the *Gutenberg Museum*, the *World Museum of Printing Art*, and **network with fellow early career researchers** from the region.”

*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary, until February 11<sup>th</sup>.*

**When:** **February 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**, 02:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

**Where:** '*Naturhistorisches Museum*', Mainz

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

## Germany and Abroad:

- **GPN | Annual Conference 2026**

Join postdoctoral researchers from all disciplines to exchange ideas on the current postdoc landscape and strengthen the nationwide *German Postdoc Network (GPN)*. This conference offers a national **forum to connect, co-develop solutions to shared challenges, and gather community input** on *GPN* strategy, structure, and sustainability. Our program will also focus on transferable skills, practical career navigation, and cross-sector perspectives to support careers within and beyond academia.

*Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary, until **February 11<sup>th</sup>**.*

**When: March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Where: Helmholtz Center, Munich**

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

- **„DFKI“ | curAHack 2026** (ENG)

The workshop offers networking opportunities and various challenges utilizing AI in life sciences. Participants may choose the challenge they are most interested in.

*Registration is necessary until **March 1<sup>st</sup>**.*

**When: March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Where: „DFKI“, Kaiserslautern**

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

## Online:

- **IZKS | basic courses**

*The participation fee is 200 - 500,- €. Registration is necessary.*

The following online courses are currently being offered:

- ✘ [„Grundlagenkurs für Mitglieder eines Prüfungsteams bei klinischen oder sonstigen klinischen Prüfungen nach der Verordnung \(EU\) Nr. 2017/745 über Medizinprodukte oder Leistungsstudien nach der VO \(EU\) Nr. 2017/746 über In-vitro-Diagnostika i.V.m. dem MPDG“](#)<sup>(GER)</sup> – **March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.
- ✘ [„Auffrischungs- und Updatekurs für Hauptprüfer und Prüfer bei klinischen oder sonstigen klinischen Prüfungen oder Leistungsstudien nach den Europäischen Verordnungen Nr. 2017/745 \(Medizinprodukte\) und 2017/746 \(In-vitro-Diagnostika\)“](#)<sup>(GER)</sup> – **March 10<sup>th</sup> 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 01:00 p.m.
- ✘ [„Aufbaukurs für die Leitung eines Prüferteams bei klinischen oder sonstigen klinischen Prüfungen nach der VO \(EU\) 2017/745 oder Leistungsstudien nach der VO \(EU\) 2017/746 i.V.m. dem MPDG“](#)<sup>(GER)</sup> – **March 17<sup>th</sup> 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.

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## ANNOUNCEments.

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- **'BMFTR' | 4<sup>th</sup> change on ,KMU-innovativ: Interaktive Technologien für Gesundheit und Lebensqualität'**

The funding guideline is being amended so that **no new project outlines** can be submitted. The last date for submitting outlines was October 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

In addition, the **term of the guideline will be revised**. It will generally apply until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2027 (end of the AGVO plus six months). If the AGVO is extended without significant changes, the guideline will also be extended, but no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> 2030. If the AGVO is replaced by new regulations or its content is changed, an amended successor directive is to come into force until at least the end of 2030. The amendments will come into force on the day after their publication in the *'Bundesanzeiger'*.

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

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## SELECTED funding options and tenders.

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- **'BMLEH' | 'Tierschutzforschungspreis 2026'**

The *'Tierschutzforschungspreis für herausragende Forschungsleistungen nach dem 3R-Prinzip'* recognizes researchers whose **innovative methods significantly replace, reduce, or refine animal experiments and improve animal welfare** beyond existing approaches. The main research award is worth **100.000,- €** and candidates are nominated by national 3R centres, research institutions, or German animal welfare organizations. Self-nominations are excluded.

A second prize, the *'Der Tierschutzforschungspreis für den wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs in der 3R-Forschung'*, supports early-career researchers up to five years post-promotion for **outstanding theses or follow-up work with strong impact in the 3R field**. This award is worth up to **50.000,- €** and allows both self-applications and nominations.

The **application deadline** is **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026**.

Further information may be found [here](#) (GER).

- **'Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung' | CZS Wildcard 2026: Programme to encourage unconventional ideas**

With this call for application the 'Carl-Zeiss-Stiftung' provides maximum freedom, with a budget of **750.000,- € + 20 % Overhead**, for a funding period of **2 years**. The funding enables interdisciplinary research groups of **three to five scientists** to pursue their project with radically new, unusual, and therefore particularly bold ideas in natural sciences, life sciences and/or engineering sciences (STEM fields).

*The spokesperson must work at a state university or university of applied sciences of the states Baden-Württemberg, Thuringia, or Rhineland-Palatinate (CZS funding states)*

If you are interested, please send a one-page project outline highlighting the participating scientists and institutions, as well as the innovative potential of the idea to [researchservices@uni-mainz.de](mailto:researchservices@uni-mainz.de), by **March 9<sup>th</sup> 2026**, 12:00 p.m. at the latest.

Please copy in the dean's office of the respective department(s). JGU may submit a maximum of four applications, so if more than four expressions of interest are received, an internal pre-selection process will take place.

Further information may be found [here](#) (ENG).

- **'BMFTR' | FutureFoodS Call 2025**

The specific objective of this call for proposals, with a project budget of **350.000,- €** and a duration of **3 years**, is to promote research on the topic of **'Perspektiven für eine vielfältige, nachhaltige und kreislauforientierte Lebensmittelverarbeitung'**. The aim is to expand basic knowledge in this field, developing and testing new solutions to overcome systemic challenges and identifying opportunities for **improvement in the provision of environmentally friendly foods and diets**.

The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal (3-step process) is **February 11<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

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

- **Eckhart-Buddecke-foundation | 'PRO-SCIENTIA-Förderpreis'**

The annually awarded prize, endowed with **10.000,- €**, is awarded for a **scientific paper published** (or demonstrably accepted for publication) **in a scientific journal in 2025 or 2026**.

The eligible contribution should show that biochemical, molecular biological, immunological, glycobiological or cell biological working methods have been used to gain new insights into the complex regulatory framework of life processes.

The **application deadline** is **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026**.

More information can be seen [here](#) (GER).

- **'BMFTR' | funding for menopause research**

The aim of the funding measure, with a **max. project duration of 5 years**, is to strengthen research into menopause. It should contribute to a better understanding of the development and varying severity of symptoms, as well as creating **improvements in prevention, diagnosis, and treatment**. To this end, the mechanisms behind the onset and varying severity of symptoms will be investigated and new biomarkers and methods for better classification of menopausal stages will be developed.

The **submission deadline** for the 1<sup>st</sup> project outline (2-step process) is **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

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

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

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

Kind regards,  
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