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April 2025

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.

ANNOUNCEments.

SELECTED funding options and tenders.

JOB openings.

FUNDING options.

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

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

UPCOMING seminars and symposia.

UMC:

- **UMC Symposium | Immunometabolism & Beyond – From Liver to Brain** (ENG)
This symposium is part of the 5th meeting of the Sino-German mobility program and will bring together leading researchers to **discuss key advancements in immunometabolism**. The preliminary program highlights include sessions on CNS, adaptive immunity, liver, and innate immunity, with keynote lectures by international experts and **ample opportunities for discussion and networking**.
The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.
When: May 20th – 21st 2025
Where: Hotel Weinberg-Schlösschen, Oberheimbach
Further information can be taken from the [official flyer](#) (ENG).

IMB:

(2nd Floor Seminar Room, Ackermannweg 4, JGU Campus, unless noted otherwise)

- **‘2nd Life Sciences Postdoc Symposium Mainz’** (ENG)
The symposium aims at connecting life sciences postdocs and staff scientists in Mainz, Frankfurt and Darmstadt, providing them with an environment to discuss topics relevant for their career development.
The symposium will feature **networking opportunities**, a keynote talk from **Dr. Christian Tidona** (Managing Director of BioMedX, Heidelberg) and a **panel discussion on career development** with scientists of diverse backgrounds and experience
Registration is necessary until June 12th. A registration fee of 50,- € applies.
When: June 26th 2025, 09:30 a.m. – 06:30 p.m.
Where: state parliament Rhineland-Palatinate, 55116 Mainz
Further information can be found [here](#) (ENG).

Online:

- **TransMed | "Bridging the Gap Between Basic Research and Biotech Industry - How Cooperations Can Shape the Future of Life Sciences"** (ENG)

"Julia Rietsche (*Zymo Research Europe*) and Thorsten Stehlik (*Promega*) provide insights into exiting research cooperations and personal growth. The seminar is organized by the *ReALity Initiative* and *TransMed*, together with the *VDGH*.

Julia Rietsche will talk about "**Project BubbleMeth - When Biological Processes & Mechanical Engineering Meet: Microbes as Bio Reactors**"

She will outline the research cooperation with regard to project *BubbleMeth*, provide an overview of *Zymo Research's* work and give some insights into her own biography.

Dr. Thorsten Stehlik will talk about "**Scientific Progress Through Collaboration: A Personal and Professional Perspective**"

He gives an insightful talk on how *Promega* collaborates with scientists and hear about the transition from academia to industry firsthand."

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.

When: April 9th 2025, 10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: seminar room 2 in building 102, UMC Mainz and online

More 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 | Workshop: Pitch Training in Science**

This hands-on, action-oriented 2-day workshop is designed to help you effectively present your research project, highlight the value of your work, and engage diverse audiences.

Participants will **gain practical tools, receive personalized feedback**, and build the confidence to present their research in any setting.

The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary and can be done by sending an e-mail to viola.krenzlin@unimedizin-mainz.de

When: April 9th - 10th 2025, 09:00 a.m. – 05:00 p.m.

Where: University Medical Center Mainz, seminar room 2 of building 708

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

Rhine-Main Area:

- **Gutenberg Academy Opening Day**

The Gutenberg Academy (GA) will officially open its new institution for the promotion and support of scientists in early to mid-career phases (Early Career Researchers - ECR).

The Vice President invites interested parties to attend the Gutenberg Academy Opening Day to discuss the requirements profile of tomorrow's scientists and the resulting challenges and opportunities. You can then share your impressions with others during an informal get-together.

When: April 28th 2025

Where: Saarstraße 21, Mainz

The official invitation with detailed information on the programme will follow shortly.

Online:

- **DWIH | Women in entrepreneurship online program 2025**

“German students or researchers who are women are invited to join this program to take action together with a community of diverse entrepreneurs.

Participants will have the opportunity to refine their ideas within the first 8 weeks of the program and submit their proposal to get the opportunity to be selected to be one of 10 participants, who receive an invite to the sponsored one-week program to present to investors and startup leaders and deepen their understanding of the opportunities.”

There will be a 50,- € application fee and participants will be responsible for their own flight costs.

When (online): May 6th – June 24th 2025.

When (in-person): September 1st – 5th 2025.

Where: Silicon Valley/online

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

Germany and abroad:

- ***Falling Walls Foundation***

“Falling Walls Lab is a **world-class pitch competition** and **networking forum** that brings together a diverse and interdisciplinary pool of talents by providing a stage for breakthrough ideas both locally and globally.

Each year, renowned academic institutions around the world organize their own Falling Walls Labs to showcase their region’s most innovative minds. In three minutes each, participants try to convince a high-calibre jury of their solutions to some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

The winner of the competition qualifies for the global finale in Berlin on **November 7th** and wins a ticket to the **Falling Walls Science Summit**, where they get to interact with the world’s movers and shakers of science, business, and policymaking.”

Several application deadlines apply, please consult the website.

More information and the application form can be found [here](#) (ENG).

- **‘Deutsche Biotechnologietage 2025’**

The event is regarded as a national forum for the German and international biotechnology sector. The event enables entrepreneurs to **exchange ideas** with scientists and partners from politics, funding institutions and administration.

The two-day programme highlights the diverse fields of application and the potential of biotechnology, from health research to bioeconomy.

When: April 9th and 10th 2025

Where: Heidelberg Congress Center (Czernyring 20, 69115 Heidelberg)

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

ANNOUNCEments.

- **Important information** regarding research data obtained with large-scale research equipment

Please note this important information regarding all publications where data was obtained with DFG-funded large research equipment/instrumentation:

Publications must include a reference to DFG funding. The DFG and the funding must be mentioned as follows: **“funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) - project number(s)”**.

The project number of the referenced project is included in the approval letter for the project or the GEPRIS project information system <https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/OCTOPUS>

- **Guide to research and innovation funding**
The Federal Government offers interested parties a central point of contact for questions relating to research and innovation funding, called the *Federal Government's 'Research and Innovation' funding advice centre*.
More information and the flyer can be found [here](#) (GER).
 - **DFG | actions to stabilize expenditure**
As a result of inflation and general cost increases in recent years, the *German Research Foundation (DFG)* feels compelled to take measures to stabilize expenditure and maintain funding opportunities in its funding portfolio.
The most recent step was the decision to **suspend the call for proposals for new Priority Programmes (SPP)**. This means that the next round of applications will be **suspended as of October 15th 2025** and for funding from 2027.
More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
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SELECTED funding options and tenders.

- **Joachim Herz Foundation | Add-on Fellowships for Interdisciplinary Science and Transfer**
“With the Fellowship, researchers receive financial and non-material support.
The funding is aimed at excellent researchers in the early stages of their careers.
In addition, researchers must be **employed at a university or non-profit research institution in Germany** at the time of application or their research must be otherwise funded there.
Funding is available for scientists working on interdisciplinary research topics of social relevance in the field of ‘**Resources of the Future**’.
Fellows receive funding of up to **15.000,- € for two years.**”
The **application deadline** is **May 16th 2025**.
More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).
- **Prince Mahidol Award Foundation**
The Royal Thai Embassy **invites the University Medical Center, Mainz to nominate candidates for the Prince Mahidol Award 2025**.
To be considered, candidates must demonstrate **leadership in disease prevention or treatment**, and have made **significant discoveries that advance medical knowledge**, leading to innovative medicines, devices, or treatments that address global health challenges.
The Prince Mahidol Award consists of a medal, a certificate, and a sum of **US \$100.000** for each of the two categories.
Nominations can be submitted by mail or [online](#) (ENG) until **May 31st 2025**.
More information can be found [here](#) (GER).

- BMBF | Guideline for the funding of new approaches for disease control**

The purpose of the funding programme is to **support interdisciplinary research networks** that study innovative approaches to combating diseases. The results must be highly relevant for improving the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of important diseases.

The **submission deadline** for the first project outline (2-step process) is **June 4th 2025**.

More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- BMBF | Guideline for the funding of joint projects on the topic of „Anwendung von Künstlicher Intelligenz (KI) in der Wirkstoffforschung“**

The funding guideline is intended to enable researchers from the academic and commercial sectors to **carry out high-risk research and development (R&D)** projects on the use of AI in drug development, either alone or in collaboration, and to further develop them beyond the state of the art.

The **submission deadline** for the first project outline (2-step process) is **April 30th 2025**.

More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- DKFZ | International PhD Program**

“The *DKFZ International PhD Program* is a fully funded, structured program providing its doctoral researchers with tailored mentoring and training in cancer research. With a lively network of active members, regular scientific networking activities and social events are organized.

The program offers comprehensive guidance and career development resources, providing a strong foundation upon which members take their next career step.”

The **application deadline** is **April 24th 2025**.

Further information can be found [here](#) (ENG).
- DFG | Guaranteed funding for open access publications for researchers with disabilities**

The *Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz* and the *University Medical Center Mainz* promote the publication of their employees research results in open access journals with a publication fund. This fund will again be co-funded by the *German Research Foundation (DFG)* from 2025 to 2027. Publication of **each eligible article** is supported with **up to 2.000,- €** as long as funds are available. The *UMC Mainz* reserves 20.000,- € of the open access publication fund for 2025 to support researchers with severe disabilities. Each eligible researcher has the opportunity to apply for publication support in this funding line once per year.

For further details, please contact forschung.um@uni-mainz.de.
- UMC | Clinical Research Fellowship Programme**

The *University Medical Center of the Johannes Gutenberg University (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.

The program is open to all physician researchers at the *UMC*, who are at an early stage of their academic career.

Please note that the program is **not** open for medical students and/or for the conduct of a medical (“Dr.med. / Dr. med. dent.”) thesis, or equivalent work in the context of other studies (e.g. any Master theses), or work intended for a PhD thesis within another program of the *UMC*. The program is also **not** open for postdoctoral qualification (e.g., “Habilitation”).

The **application deadline** is **April 15th 2025**.

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

- **Einstein Foundation Award 2025**

The *Einstein Award for Promoting Quality in Research* (endowed with **350.000,-€**.) in cooperation with the *QUEST Center for Responsible Research* (Berlin Institute of Health at Charité) honors researchers, institutions, and early career researchers around the globe whose work helps to **fundamentally advance the quality, transparency, and reproducibility of science and research**.

The **application deadline** is **April 30th 2025**.

More information may be accessed [here](#) (ENG).

- **TWAS-DFG | Cooperation Visits Programme**

Based on the agreement with *The World Academy of Sciences for the Advancement of Science in Developing Countries* (TWAS), the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (DFG) draws the attention of researchers at German research institutions to the possibility of **inviting researchers** (of all disciplines) **in early career phases from sub-Saharan African, north-African and middle-eastern countries to spend three months at their institution** in Germany, for the purpose of research and cooperation.

The **application deadline** is **May 19th 2025**.

Further information may be seen [here](#) (ENG) (sub-Saharan Africa – German cooperation)

or [here](#) (ENG) (north-African/middle-eastern – German cooperation).

- **BMBF early career groups | bilateral cooperation between Germany and the Western Balkans**

Projects in the three areas of ‘Digital Transformation, Green Deal and **Healthy Societies**’ will be funded. The aim of the funding measure is to **strengthen cooperation between science and industry with and in the Western Balkan states** and to bring them closer to the major European innovation programmes as well as to promote excellence in research in the above-mentioned areas.

Furthermore, so-called ‘BMBF early career groups’ are being funded. These are working groups consisting of researchers from the Western Balkan states and Germany.

The **submission deadline** for the first outline (2-step application) is **June 11th 2025**.

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

- **Cord-Michael Becker-Prize 2025**

The prize is endowed with **5.000,-€** and is awarded in recognition of an **outstanding doctoral thesis in molecular medicine**. It will be presented during a colloquium of the Faculty of Medicine on **October 18th 2025**. Personal attendance of the awardee on October 18th is a prerequisite for receiving the award. A diploma, bachelor’s or master’s degree in molecular medicine and a doctoral degree with outstanding thesis obtained within the last 2 years are required for application.

The **application deadline** is **May 15th 2025**.

Further information can be taken from the [official flyer](#) (GER & ENG).

JOB openings.

UMC:

*Currently, there are no job openings to be explicitly announced. If you are interested in a job at the University Medical Center Mainz, **you are always welcome to check the UMC's website for [open job positions](#)** (GER).*

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.

Kind regards,

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