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## May 2025

# RESEARCHERSnewsletter.

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

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In this newsletter, you will find information on

*please note: "ENG" = event language is English; "GER" = event language is German*

**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**.*

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If you wish to submit an entry for the **Researchers Newsletter June 2025**,  
please submit it to [forschung.um@uni-mainz.de](mailto:forschung.um@uni-mainz.de) by **May 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)*

- **SFB 1361 seminar**

Dr. Domenico Libri (*Institute of Molecular Genetics of Montpellier, France*) will give a talk entitled **"R-loops and the control of pervasive transcription revisited through the magnifying glass of CRAC"**.

Dr Libri's research seeks to elucidate the pathways that shape transcriptomes and the mechanisms that regulate the conflicts caused by **transcription machineries**.

*If you would like to attend please contact [sfb1361@imb.de](mailto:sfb1361@imb.de).*

**When:** May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2025, 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** IMB's seminar room and online

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

- **ReALity Initiative | "Acetylation, enhancers, and gene regulation complexity"**

**Prof. Choudhary** (*NNF Center for Protein Research, University of Copenhagen Denmark*) will be around on June 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and before and after his talk. He is happy to talk to everyone who is interested. Please write to [reality-admin@uni-mainz.de](mailto:reality-admin@uni-mainz.de) if you would like to have a chat with Prof. Choudhary.

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

**When:** June 12<sup>th</sup> 2025, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** IMB's seminar room

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

## **Germany and abroad:**

- **GLOHRA Day 2025**

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual symposium intends to bring together members of the community and facilitate exchange on research and policy topics relevant to global health research.

Participants can engage in **member-led thematic roundtables**, where researchers working on similar topics or themes come together for in-depth discussions, and can also join **mini-methods forums**, which provide participants at all career stages with a solid introduction to new or unfamiliar research methods.

*Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.*

**When:** June 06<sup>th</sup> 2025, 09:00 a.m. – 08:00 p.m.

**Where:** Spreespeicher, 030 Eventloft (Stralauer Allee 2A, 10245 Berlin)

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.

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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.

*by location and date*

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### **JGU:**

- **ReALity workshop | "Intersystems Communication in Immunology"**  
"ReALity is a **joint initiative of all principle investigators** of the faculty of biology, the *Focus Program Translational Neurosciences (FTN)*, the *Research Center for Immunotherapy (FZI)*, and the *Center for Translational Vascular Biology (CTVB)* at *Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz*".  
The *ReALity Initiative* is happy to present its next **workshop**, hosted by Prof. Dr. Daniela Kramer and Prof. Dr. Michael Delacher.  
*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.*  
**When:** **June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**, 11:00 a.m. – 04:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Linke Aula of Alte Mensa, Mainz  
More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).

### **Rhine-Main Area:**

- **WissKomm Academy | expertise training**  
Researchers at all career levels and subjects **who work at a scientific institution in Rhineland-Palatinate** have the opportunity to **expand and strengthen their own communication and media skills** and to develop the skills required for professional science communication as part of a practical series of seminars.  
*There will be a **service fee** of 25,- € per person/day.*  
*You can only register for an entire module series in a specific group.*  
The **deadline** for registration is **May 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**.  
**When:** **November 11<sup>th</sup> 2025 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2026**  
**Where:** online and in person (Geschwister-Scholl-Str. 2, 55131 Mainz)  
More information can be seen [here](#) (ENG).

- **STARTUP OPEN AIR 2025 - SOA25**

The SOA25 is a premier event for founders, investors, and professionals interested in the world of startups. The event features a dynamic open-air environment with **workshops, panels and keynotes focused on current startup topics**. Over 100 startups will showcase their innovative ideas, providing opportunities to connect with investors, partners, and companies. SOA25 will center on three key sectors: **sustainability, digital health and cybersecurity & AI**—areas that are both socially and economically impactful. The event also includes networking activities, live music, food trucks, and complimentary drinks.

*Tickets are required to attend.*

**When:** August 27<sup>th</sup> 2025, 02:00 p.m.

**Where:** Digitaler Hub Region Bonn AG (Rheinwerkallee 6, Bonn)

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

## Online:

- **BMWK | Innovation Day for SMEs**

The federal government's 'Research and Innovation' counselling service will be on hand to **advise interested parties on funding opportunities**. The event is open to the public and will be accompanied by **webinars**.

Take part in these to explore the various initiatives and extensive funding programmes. Learn how to transform your ideas into marketable products, processes, and services with the support of BMWK.

*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary.*

**When:** June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025

**Where:** online

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

- **ORCID | Information event**

ORCID is a free, unique, **persistent identifier (PID)** for individuals to use as they engage in research, scholarship, and innovation activities.

The ORCID is permanent, even if the name or institution changes. The established standard is already used by many players in the scientific system, such as funding organisations, publishers and repositories.

The event will present an **overview of ORCID, its benefits, and the process of linking it to the research information system Gutenberg Research Elements**.

*The event is free of charge. Registration is necessary and can be done until June 11<sup>th</sup> 2025.*

**When:** June 12<sup>th</sup> 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Where:** online

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

- **DFG | Digital information event on the large-scale equipment initiative**

As part of a pilot measure, the German Research Foundation (DFG), in coordination with the Joint Science Conference (GWK), is opening up **additional application options** in the **large-scale research equipment programme** in accordance with Art. 91 b of the basic law in order to renew or upgrade existing large-scale equipment for extended use in research. Within this framework, applications can also be submitted where the investment costs for the renewal are below the usual threshold values of the large-scale research equipment programme.

*The event is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.*

**When:** May 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, 01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

**Where:** online

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

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# ANNOUNCEments.

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- **BMBF| ‘Exploring groundbreaking research in Germany’**

In collaboration with its esteemed featured partners, the *Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)* provides exclusive insights into **key scientific advancements** shaping the future. Each month, the initiative invites all those interested to explore leading institutions and experts, focusing on pioneering discoveries, breakthrough innovations, and exciting collaborations, within Germany's dynamic research landscape.

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

- **DFG| Call for proposals - Large-scale equipment initiative 2026**

The *German Research Foundation (DFG)* invites scientists to **submit topic proposals** for the establishment of a large-scale equipment initiative.

The DFG funds projects that make the latest and most complex large-scale equipment and facilities, with outstanding and particularly promising technology, available for research.

The **submission deadline** is **June 10<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **The German Alliance for Global Health Research (GLOHRA)**

The *GLOHRA* is celebrating its **five-year anniversary in 2025**. The association, made up of researchers from public German institutions, emphasizes the importance of diversity and networking in advancing global health. The initiative **connects academics, funds research projects, and supports early-career researchers**. Key initiatives include Germany's first Global Health Research Directory, featuring over 1,300 researchers from 200+ institutions, and the Global Health Academy, offering resources and networking opportunities for PhD's and postdocs.

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

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## SELECTED funding options and tenders.

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- **Novartis Graduate Award – Reminder**

The award, endowed with **8.000,- €**, is specifically for **young researchers with doctoral degrees** who are still at the beginning of their scientific careers and have already attracted attention through outstanding achievements.

The **application deadline** is **May 18<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

Please check the [websites](#) (ENG) for further and more detailed information.

- **BMBF | Promotion of joint strategic project funding programmes with the Republic of India**

Funding is provided with up to **500.000 €** for **bilateral R&D projects** involving science and industry. The involvement of German SMEs in particular is intended to ensure a high level of practical relevance and subsequent commercial usability of the research results, in order to make an overall contribution to a more sustainable economy. The funded projects should also **serve to prepare applications for follow-up projects**.

The **submission deadline** for the first step (2-step application process) is **May 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **Hertie Foundation | medMS Doctoral Programme**

„The Hertie Foundation supports and promotes scientific research in the neurological illness **multiple sclerosis**.

The doctoral programme is designed to create incentives for medical students interested in scientific study to focus on the topic of multiple sclerosis in their dissertation and/or enhance the scientific quality of the work.

The main award is a **12-month grant** during the practical phase of the doctoral program, in which the study of medicine is interrupted for at least six months to allow full-time work on the dissertation. The doctoral mentor receives funding of **5.000 € for equipment**.”

The **application deadline** is **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **Volkswagen Foundation | Impetus for the German Science System**

“Funding will be provided for **strategic concepts at universities** within which new approaches are tested, that previously could **not be implemented due to legal or bureaucratic regulations**.

Applicant universities are therefore encouraged to enter into a dialogue with the relevant ministries in order to create the necessary exceptions and special regulations. The aim is to test within the funded projects whether a higher degree of freedom should be granted permanently and systematically, i.e. state- or nationwide, to other universities in the future. If successful, the experimental spaces should thus serve as a model for other institutions and federal states, thereby improving the structural conditions for exploratory, pioneering research.”

**Budget:** up to 500.000,- €

The **application deadline** is **September 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **G-BA | Innovation Committee is looking for topic proposals for the 2026 funding year**

The *Innovation Committee at the Federal Joint Committee (G-BA)* launched the search for healthcare-relevant topic proposals for the 2026 funding year. The aim is to **incorporate a wide range of ideas into the new funding announcements**. Proposals may relate to new forms of healthcare and healthcare research.

The **submission deadline** is **June 20<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **Volkswagen Foundation | Night Science**

The *Night Science* funding initiative supports the development of creative skills in research and the exploration of **unconventional ideas**, hypotheses, or theories. It seeks interdisciplinary teams of **two researchers** who inspire, complement, and challenge one another. The initiative aims to create a space for new approaches to emerge, free from the pressure of immediate results, encouraging fresh perspectives and innovation through collaborative scientific work.

**Budget:** up to 200.000,- €

The **application deadline** is **June 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **Bf3R | Research Funding - Replacement, Reduction and Refinement**

“Every two years, the *German Centre for the Protection of Laboratory Animals (Bf3R)* at the *German Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (BfR)* awards funds for scientific research projects addressing the **3R principle** (Replace, Reduce, Refine). Funded are projects that serve to **replace and reduce the use of laboratory animals** in areas of medical research or basic biological research, or that aim to identify, classify, and reduce pain, suffering, or harm in laboratory animals and improve husbandry conditions. With an annual total budget of approximately **350.000,- €**, innovative projects of high scientific quality are funded for a total duration of **up to 3 years**. “

The **submission deadline** is **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2025**.

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

- **canSERV | Open Call for Transnational Service Provision**

Under the open call, researchers are welcome to apply to a portfolio of services offered by *canSERV* to address the research needs of the entire **oncology developmental pipeline**.

The research project can range from basic discovery science to translational science, including personalized oncology. It should **address at least one of the Cancer Mission's four strategic goals**: understanding cancer, prevention and early detection, diagnosis and treatment, or improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

The overall budget for this call is **1.5 mil. €**.

The **submission deadline** is **July 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**, 02:00 p.m..

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

- **Sobek Research Award 2025 and Sobek Young Talent Award 2025**

The Sobek Research Prize, endowed with **100.000,- €**, is one of the most highly endowed awards for **MS research** in Europe. It recognizes scientists for **outstanding and pioneering research** work on an international scale and can be awarded for both individual scientific excellence and excellent overall scientific achievement.

The Sobek Young Scientist Award is endowed with **15.000,- €** and is awarded to young researchers who have already made an impression with their outstanding scientific work in the **field of multiple sclerosis or related sciences**.

The **submission deadline** is **May 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **Deutsche Hochschulmedizin e.V. | German University Medicine Prize 2025**

Outstanding **team achievements** in the field of basic medical research, as well as clinical or translational research in the **field of university medicine**, are to be honoured. The aim of the award, which is endowed with **25.000,- €**, is to strengthen research in university medicine in Germany as a centre of science.

The evaluation of the team and its performance is primarily based on a **max. 3-minute video**. In it, the team should present its research project and its (social) impact.

The **application deadline** is **July 6<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **Rosemarie Germscheid Foundation | research prize**

The research prize is primarily aimed at issues relating to the needs of **rheumatism sufferers**, research into **rheumatic diseases**, self-help research in **rheumatology**, social participation and the health literacy of sufferers.

*Researchers can apply by submitting an outline of their ideas or by submitting published scientific articles.*

The two best entries will each be awarded with **5.000,- €**.

The **submission deadline** is **July 31<sup>st</sup> 2025**.

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

- **DKFZ | Patient Expert Award**

This award is intended to recognize patient representatives who have made an outstanding contribution to **cancer research** in Germany.

The award honours patient involvement in **all areas of cancer research**.

It is endowed with **5.000,- €** and will be awarded on **July 16<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

The **application deadline** is **May 21<sup>st</sup> 2025**.

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

- **EKFS | Else Kröner Excellence Grants 2025**

The *Excellence Grants* exist to enable outstanding **scientists from the US** to continue their **medical research in Germany**. **Medical faculties and universities wishing to host** a US-based scientist at their research facility in Germany **are eligible to apply** for funding. The foundation has earmarked a total of **10 mil. €** for this initiative.

The **deadline** for the first call for proposals is **June 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

- **Bio-Security | Bio-Founder Competition**

Every year, the *Bio-Security Competence Centre* organizes a competition for **start-ups and young entrepreneurs** from the **agricultural and food industry, biotechnology and biochemistry or related sectors**.

Applicants must submit a maximum 6-page description of their innovation/idea.

The winners will receive **cash and non-cash prizes** worth up to **4.000,- €**.

The **application deadline** is **June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025**.

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

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# JOB openings.

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## **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).*

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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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