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December 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.

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

UPCOMING seminars and symposia.

Germany and Abroad:

- **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation | 16th Brazilian-German Frontiers of Science and Technology Symposium** (ENG)

The *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation* invites **Germany-based**, early- and mid-career researchers from various research fields to take part in a symposium, organised jointly with the Brazilian *Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education*, focusing on the theme of **AI for Good: Global Responsible Innovation and Business Transformation**.

The **submission deadline** is **January 11th 2026**.

When: **September 24th – 27th 2026**

Where: Brazil

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

Online:

- **'DFG' | Prospects Series**

The *'DFG'* offers an **online overview of all funding instruments** for the time after your PhD, as well as specific focus talks on the Walter Benjamin Programme, the Emmy Noether Programme and the Heisenberg Programme. They will also provide **advice on how to prepare your proposal** for the review process and answer your questions. PhD candidates and postdocs of all disciplines are welcome to join.

These events in the series are coming up soon:

- × **DFG Funding Opportunities for Postdocs** (ENG)
When: **December 11th 2025**, 04:00 p.m. – 05:30 p.m.
- × **The Heisenberg Programme** (ENG)
When: **January 14th 2026**, 02:30 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.
- × **The Emmy Noether Programme** (ENG)
When: **February 10th 2026**, 02:30 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.
- × **'DFG-Förderangebote für Postdocs'** (GER)
When: **March 11th 2026**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- × **'Das Walter Benjamin-Programm'** ^(GER)
When: **April 14th 2026**, 02:30 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.
- × **DFG funding Opportunities for Postdocs** ^(ENG)
When: **May 20th 2026**, 02:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.
- × **The Emmy Noether Programme** ^(ENG)
When: **June 25th 2026**, 02:00 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.

Participation is free of charge. Registration is not necessary.

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

- **GPN | webinar on Career Planning in German Academia** ^(ENG)
“In this interactive 60-minute session, seven key steps for planning an academic career will be explored, with a particular focus on issues relevant to international researchers in Germany. Participants will gain **practical insights** and **inspiration to strengthen their sense of agency, recognize opportunities, and navigate the uncertainties** of the German academic system with greater clarity and confidence.”
Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.
When: **December 17th 2025**, 01:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.
Where: online
More information may be found [here](#) ^(ENG).
- **JGU | Visibility campaign for your research data** ^(GER)
In this event you will learn, how to **store your research data in the JGU repository, Gutenberg Open Science**, and how this data can be synchronized with your profile on Gutenberg Research Elements and your *ORCID* account.
Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.
When: **January 14th 2026**, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Where: online
Further information may be found [here](#) ^(GER).

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:

- **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).

- **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**.

The 4 upcoming events in the series:

- × ***Comparison of AI prediction methods for tabular data***

When: **December 18th 2025**, 05:00 p.m.

Where: seminar room 2, building 708 **and** online

- × ***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).

JGU:

- **curAtime | Workshop Night Science and Creativity: Where Do Good Research Questions Come From?** (ENG)
“Discover the concept of Night Science — the creative and exploratory side of discovery, as described by Itai Yanai and Martin Lercher. While Day Science focuses on structured methods and testing of hypotheses, Night Science sheds light on **how ideas and questions are born**. The workshop covers **presentations, exercises and group discussions**.”
Participation is free of charge. If you would like to attend please contact cathrin.nourse@unimedizin-mainz.de
When: **January 16th 2026**, 09:00 a.m. – 04:00 p.m.
Where: *JGU*, room tbd
More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).

Germany and Abroad:

- **GSO | Leadership Academy** (ENG)
“GSO offers full fellowship stipends for 25 outstanding **researchers of all disciplines** who are ready for the next career step – as a junior group leader, assistant or full professor, founder of a startup or as a professional in a research-related organization or in industry.”
The GSO Leadership Academy includes **two live workshops** with **career trainings, networking** events and **individual coachings**, the costs of which are **fully covered**.
There will be a participation fee of 150,- €.
The **submission deadline** is **March 1st 2026**.
When: **July 13th – 17th 2026** and **November 17th – 21st 2026**.
Where: Berlin and Heidelberg
More information may be found [here](#) (ENG).

Online:

- **'FORTRAMA' | 'Beratung leicht gemacht im Forschungsmanagement'** (GER)
The **online format** provides **practical training in counselling and discussion skills** for everyday work in universities and research institutions. In four modules that build on each other, methods, tools and role security are trained, with a focus on typical counselling situations in research management.
These 4 events are coming up:
 - × **'Beraterische Haltung und Rollenkompetenz'**
The reflection on one's own role, attitudes and creative options in counselling and initial insights into AI-supported analysis and reflection tools.
When: March 23rd 2026, 09:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.
 - × **'Phasen der Beratung und systemische Fragen'**
Conversation techniques and the use of digital and AI-based tools for communication.
When: April 20th 2026, 09:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.
 - × **'Herausforderungen und Good Practices'**
Dealing with typical consulting dilemmas, sharing experiences, analyzing practical cases and AI tools as support for complex consulting situations.
When: May 11th 2026, 09:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.
 - × **'Tryouts und Praxistransfer'**
Short, individual consulting sessions with all participants (with feedback) and the targeted use of AI tools to support reflection processes.
When: June 1st 2026, 09:00 p.m. – 02:00 p.m.

There will be a **participation fee of up to 460,- €**. Registration is necessary.

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

- **Gutenberg Academy (GA) | GA Connect Live and GA Connect PopUp** (ENG)
The GA provides Early Career Researchers with **information, training opportunities, and networking** formats that will support them throughout their academic journey at JGU. GA Connect Live is the **online introduction** format for all, especially new, doctoral candidates. Additionally, there will be an **introduction in person** on campus (GA Connect PopUp).
Participation is free of charge. Registration is necessary.
When: December 10th 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 01:00 p.m. and **January 29th 2026**, 11:00 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.
Where: online (December) and JGU, Zentralmensa (January)
More information can be found [here](#) (ENG).
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ANNOUNCEments.

- **'Medizinischer Fakultätentag (mft)' | Survey**

“Mft’ would like to cordially invite you to participate in the **survey on the ECLiPSE Project – Establishment of Clinician Scientist Programs at Medical Schools: Status and Expectations** and to contribute to the *Development and Operation of a National Clinician Scientist Cohort (NCSK)*.

By participating, you will make a **significant contribution to creating a solid database** that can be used to support the improvement of research structures and to develop evidence-based recommendations for policymakers and potential funding agencies, universities and other stakeholders.”

The **survey is open** until the **end of March 2026**.

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

SELECTED funding options and tenders.

- **Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation | CoMove funding program**

“The *CoMove* programme supports **outstanding scientists in dual career constellations who are relocating to the region, where their partner accepted** or is negotiating an academic appointment at an institution in Germany or Austria. The programme is specifically designed for the accompanying partner who seeks to establish a new research group or relocate an existing one.

You may apply for up to **1.5 mil. €** for up to **5 years** to develop a highly original research programme.”

Applications can be **submitted any time**.

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

- **Christoph Lohfert Foundation | Lohfert Prize 2026**

The foundation promotes patient-centered, high-quality, and sustainable healthcare and awards a prize to honor exemplary initiatives. Under the theme ***Rethinking the patient journey—innovative solutions for cross-institutional patient management***, the prize awards projects that fundamentally reimagine care from the patient’s perspective. The Prize, endowed with **20.000,- €** is open to hospitals, healthcare organizations, companies, and start-ups across the German-speaking healthcare sector.

The **application deadline** is **February 28th 2026**.

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

- Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation | The Boehringer Ingelheim Prize 2026**
 “The Boehringer Ingelheim Prize honours **outstanding scientists in the Rhine-Main region** who pursue **basic research in the biological, chemical or medical sciences** and have already taken their first steps towards scientific independence. The award recognises both past publication achievements and future potential with the aim of providing new impetus for a **successful independent career** in basic academic research.
 Three finalists will receive a personal prize of **5.000,- €** each in recognition of their outstanding publication achievements.
 One finalist will be awarded the main prize of **55.000,- € in flexible funding** to support an original and creative research project of up to 2 years, designed to strengthen their independent research profile.”
 The **application deadline** is **January 15th 2026**.
 Further information may be seen [here](#) (ENG).
- ‘BMFTR’ | Funding guideline for promoting data usage projects in the field of eHealth**
 The funding will be provided for interdisciplinary pilot projects, in which experts from the applicant institution in the fields of **data science and clinical health research** work closely together.
 Data utilization projects must address a **clearly defined, innovative, and health-related scientific question**, using accessible data sets from existing national research infrastructures (GFDI).
 The aim is to advance research on health-related questions through these pilot projects that leverage high-quality, multicenter datasets while simultaneously strengthening researchers’ expertise and driving improvements in national health data infrastructures.
 The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal (2-step-process) is **February 27th 2026**.
 Further information can be seen [here](#) (GER).
- ‘BMFTR’ | Funding measure ‘Konzeption und Durchführung von Transferprojekten’**
 Funding is provided, **up to 36 months**, for projects and activities aimed at **improving the transfer of project results** between scientific and university research, which demonstrate how scientific findings can be effectively, sustainably and appropriately **incorporated into practical application, teaching, and university management**.
 An **information event** will be held for those interested in funding on **December 17th 2025**.
 The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal (2-step-process) is **January 28th 2026**.
 More information may be seen [here](#) (GER).
- ‘DFG’ | Funding of Mexican-German joint research projects**
 “The ‘DFG’ and the ‘Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México’ (‘UNAM’) are pleased to announce the fourth call for proposals to fund joint German-Mexican research projects in **all fields of research**. This initiative aims to bring together relevant and competitive researchers from Germany and from UNAM to design and carry out jointly organised research projects of **outstanding scientific quality**.
 Researchers may apply for a funding period of up to **three years**.”
 The **application deadline** is **February 25th 2026**.
 Further information may be seen [here](#) (ENG).

- **‘BMFTR’ | Funding measure BioDigitalHub – AI for autonomous bioprocess development**

The measure is funding, with up to **25 mil. €**, two application-oriented, interdisciplinary **research networks (BioDigitalHubs)**. These hubs will work together to develop a robust database, data standards, and widely transferable digital tools that can be applied in industry and science. The focus is on industrial relevance, close cooperation with business partners, and the demonstration of technologies using meaningful use cases and a bioprocess development platform.

The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal (2-step-process) is **April 15th 2026**. More information may be seen [here](#) (GER).
- **Daimler and Benz Foundation | Ladenburger Horizonte funding program**

The funding program supports cooperation between **German and African research institutions** and provides up to **300.000,- €** for a **maximum period of 3 years**. Independent research group leaders (professors, junior professors, postdoctoral researchers) at universities and non-profit, non-university research institutions in Germany are eligible to apply.

The **application deadline** is **December 15th 2025**. Further information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- **‘BMFTR’ | Funding Measures to establish sustainable joint partner structures**

Funding of up to **400.000,- €** will be given to measures that are necessary for the preparation and establishment of institutional cooperation. In this context, human resources will be provided primarily for coordination, networking, and concept development. Research work will only be **funded to the extent that it is necessary** to accompany the development and expansion of institutional cooperation.

The **submission deadline** for the pre-proposal (2-step-process) is **January 15th 2026**. More information can be found [here](#) (GER).
- **Center SynGen | Funding measure**

“Center for Synthetic Genomics (Center SynGen) bridges disciplines across engineering, life sciences, medicine, and the humanities to **drive innovation in synthetic DNA**, train future scientists in molecular systems engineering and biomedical research, and **advance genomics research** by focusing on the creation, programming, and synthesis of large, complex DNA sequences – including complete genomes. The seed funding call supports **innovative, cross-disciplinary research in synthetic genomics** — spanning engineering, life sciences, medicine, and the humanities.

Researchers affiliated with KIT, Heidelberg/Mainz Universities, EMBL, DKFZ can apply.”

The **application deadline** is **January 31st 2026**. More information can be seen [here](#) (ENG).
- **‘DFG’ and ‘ANR’ | French-German Call for Proposals in the Natural, Life and Engineering Sciences 2026**

The French ‘*Agence Nationale de la Recherche*’ (‘ANR’) and the ‘DFG’ are continuing their annual joint calls for French-German projects in the Natural, Life and Engineering Sciences.

The duration of the projects can be **up to 3 years**.

The **application deadline** is **January 14th 2026**. More information can be seen [here](#) (ENG).

- Körber Foundation | 'Deutscher Studienpreis 2026'**
 The annual 'Deutscher Studienpreis 2026' is given to the **best doctoral graduates in all disciplines**. The **social significance of the research is particularly important**. The foundation encourages young scientists to highlight the social value of their own work and to engage in public debate about it.
 In the category of natural sciences and technology, **one first prize of 25.000,- €** and **two second prizes of 10.000,- €** will be awarded.
 The **application deadline** is **March 1st 2026**.
 More information can be seen [here](#) (GER).
- Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation | Scholarship programs**
 The Scholarships are awarded to **students, trainees and doctoral candidates in all disciplines** (except medicine for doctoral candidates). Everyone may apply, but Women, students from STEM subjects, students at universities of applied sciences, first-time graduates and students from immigrant families are particularly favored. In order to apply for a scholarship, it is **essential that you live in Germany, study at a German university, and have a very good German language skills**.
 Applications can be **submitted any time**.
 More information may be found [here](#) (ENG).
- European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) | Postdoctoral Fellowships**
 "EMBO Postdoctoral Fellowships support **excellent postdoctoral researchers** throughout Europe and the world for a period of **up to two years**. International mobility is a key requirement. The fellowship **includes a salary or stipend**, a relocation allowance and support for fellows with children. Awardees can attend an *EMBO* Laboratory Leadership course and become part of the global network of *EMBO* Fellows."
 The **application deadline** is **January 23rd 2026**.
 More information can be seen [here](#) (ENG).
- 'DFG' | Funding Initiative Global Minds in DFG Consortia**
 The provided funding is intended for the recruitment of researchers who have been **working abroad for at least three years** at the time of proposal submission. The **maximum funding period is 5 years**.
 Two funding modules are available:

 - ✘ **Professorships:**
 This module enables consortia to appoint an outstanding researcher from abroad to a **long-term professorship at the applicant university**.
Value: up to 3,5 mil. €
 - ✘ **Mercator Fellows Global:**
 This module allows consortia to select, an outstanding, **experienced researcher** who is currently working abroad and **does not (yet) intend to make a permanent move to the German research system**, and integrate this individual as a long-term, closely involved fellow.
Value: up to 650.000,- €

The **application deadline** is **March 6th 2026**.
 More information may be seen [here](#) (ENG).

- **'Medizinische Hochschule Hannover' | Johann-Georg-Zimmermann Prize and Medal 2026**

The Johann Georg Zimmermann **Prize** is awarded to **outstanding young researchers** (up to and including 40 years of age) for current scientific work in the field of cancer research. The prize is endowed with **10.000,- €**.

The Johann Georg Zimmermann **Medal**, endowed with **2.500,- €**, honors a **person** who has made a **special contribution** to the fight against cancer. **Medical faculties and research institutions** in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland are asked to nominate outstanding scientists and personalities in cancer research to receive these awards.

The **submission deadline** is **January 31st 2026**.

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

- **'Forschungsnetzwerk der Alterssicherung' | 'Der FNA-Forschungspreis'**

Every year, the *FNA* awards its prestigious research prize in recognition of outstanding scientific achievements in the field of old-age provision. The research prize is awarded to **young scientists who have completed a dissertation** in the field of old-age provision research in the past year and a half. It is endowed with **5.000,- €**.

In addition to work in the social sciences, work from other scientific disciplines is also eligible, provided that it **deals with issues in the field of old-age provision**.

The **submission deadline** is **December 31st 2025**.

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

- **'G-BA' | ,Innovationsfonds: Neue Versorgungsformen 2025'**

The aim of this funding program is to promote **new forms of care that are specifically aimed towards further developing cross-sector care**.

Funding will be provided for projects that can demonstrate **health-related improvements** within a short period of **up to 24 months**. Initial findings on the effectiveness of the underlying intervention must already be available.

The **submission deadline** is **December 31st 2025**.

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

- **'Walter Schulz Stiftung' | 'Forschungspreis 2025'**

The *Scientific Advisory Board* awards the research prize, endowed with **15.000,- €**, to **young scientists** (usually under the age of 40) who have made **outstanding contributions to cancer research**. The work must have been published recently in an internationally recognized scientific journal. Only publications that are directly related to **clinical cancer research** and have not been published before January 1st 2025, should be submitted.

Work that has already received other awards cannot be considered.

The **submission deadline** is **December 31st 2025**.

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

- **'DFG' | Artificial Intelligence for Protein Function (AI4PF)**

"The programme is designed to run for six years. The present call invites proposals for the first **3-year funding period**.

The program supports research, that **develops new computational methods** for the design of experimentally validated functional proteins, **by integrating AI** with chemical and biophysical representations of the polypeptide chain."

The **application deadline** is **March 3rd 2026**.

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

- **JSPS | Japanese-German projects**

The *JSPS Bonn Office* provides researchers and graduate students with information on Japanese universities and research institutions and offers various programs to promote international cooperation in scientific research.

There are 3 joint **funding programs** currently available:

- × **JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship (short-term):**

The aim of the program is to enable highly qualified young German researchers with doctorates and doctoral candidates to undertake **short-term research stays** at universities and selected research institutions **in Japan** in cooperation with the *JSPS*.

Funding period: up to 12 months

Value: monthly scholarship payments of **up to 362.000,- Yen**

Deadline: **January 31st 2026**

- × **JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship (standard):**

The program provides opportunities for young and excellent postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative **research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions**.

Funding period: up to 2 years

Value: monthly scholarship payments of **up to 362.000,- Yen**

Deadline: **April 29th 2026**

- × **JSPS Invitation Fellowship (short-term):**

This program allows researchers employed at Japanese universities and other research institutions to **invite fellow researchers from other countries to Japan** to participate in cooperative activities at their research institutions.

Funding period: up to 60 days

Value: 18.000 Yen per day

Deadline: **April 28th 2026**

Further information and other funding programs can also be found [here](#) (GER/JAP).

- **'DFG' and CONICET | Argentinean-German collaboration in research**

The *DFG* and the *National Council for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICET)* are pleased to announce the fifth call for proposals to **fund joint German-Argentinean research projects** in the following areas: **physics, chemistry, materials science and engineering, geosciences, neurosciences, molecular and clinical infectiology and immunology**.

The *DFG* strongly welcomes proposals from researchers of all career stages, types of universities and research institutions and with disabilities or chronic illnesses.

The **submission deadline** is **January 20th 2026**.

More information may be seen [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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