

## Leibniz Young Investigator Grants

### Project funding for outstanding postdoctoral researchers

#### A. Information on applying for funding

##### I. Content of funding

The aim of the funding line is the promotion of the careers of excellent postdocs. LUH supports them in acquiring their own research project and in gaining research and leadership experience in an excellent environment.

Another aim of the funding line is the support of the research of the existing clusters of excellence and excellence cluster initiatives at Leibniz University. Therefore, projects should preferably relate to the existing clusters (Hearing4All, QuantumFrontiers, PhoenixD and SE<sup>2</sup>A) or the cluster initiatives in the emerging research areas of knowledge graphs, science ethics and implant research. In addition, submissions in other thematically interesting topics are also possible.

The call for Leibniz Young Investigator Grants aims firstly at postdocs at LUH (up to four years after their doctorate) who wish to advance their research, for example with the support of a doctoral position (funding line A – local). Secondly, the call aims at international postdocs (up to four years<sup>1</sup> after their doctorate) for whom the grant provides the opportunity to come to LUH (funding line B – global).

##### II. Eligibility to apply for funding

###### Funding line A – local

Only postdoctoral researchers of Leibniz University Hannover up to four years after their doctorate<sup>1</sup> are eligible to apply for funding. They must be employed by the university at the time of application and for the duration of the project with an amount of at least 50% FTE (E 13) – scholarship holders at LUH are on an equal status with this group. The applicant's own position can neither be funded nor increased. The call for research projects is open to all subjects and faculty member of Leibniz University Hannover.

###### Funding line B – global

International postdocs are eligible, who may not have lived or worked in Germany for more than 12 months in the 36 months prior to the submission deadline. Application must occur within four years of completion of the doctoral degree<sup>1</sup>.

In both funding lines, the respective host institute must ensure the framework conditions for the implementation of the project.

Female researchers are particularly encouraged to apply.

##### III. Funding amount and duration

###### Funding line A – local

Applicants can apply for a maximum of 120,000 euros per project. Eligible for funding are costs for a doctoral position for a maximum of two years (E 13, 75% FTE) as well as consumables and travel costs. Not eligible for funding are the applicant's own position or shares of the position as well as the awarding of contracts to third parties and basic equipment customary in the field.

Your own position (at least 50 % FTE E13) must be confirmed at the institute at the time of application and for the project duration. In addition, the institute must ensure a three-year doctoral phase and supervision of the doctoral process.

###### Funding line B – global

Applicants can apply for a maximum of 170,000 euros per project. Eligible are costs for a postdoctoral position for a maximum of two years (E 13, 100% FTE). No additional funds can be applied for in addition to the own position. Rather, the host institution is expected to provide the additional resources required.

Funding line A and B:

The maximum duration of the funded projects is 24 months. The latest project start date is 01.01.2024. Projects must be completed by 31.12.2025.

Only one project can be funded per applicant. The project funds are not transferable to third parties. If the applicant leaves Leibniz University Hannover before the end of the project period, Research and Innovation Service must be informed immediately. In this case, the funds flow back to the central administration.

#### IV. Application

The deadline for applications is **1 May 2023**. Applications must be submitted electronically via e-mail.

**The deadline for funding line B "Global Leibniz Young Investigator Grants" has been extended. The new deadline is 01.07.2023.**

Here you can find information on the excellence cluster initiatives and the existing excellence clusters: <https://www.intern.uni-hannover.de/en/themenbereiche/forschung-transfer/exzellenzstrategie>

In addition to the project description, please describe in the application how it relates to one of the clusters of excellence or to a cluster of excellence initiative.

As a rule, the resubmission of applications is not possible.

The formal requirements of the application are determined in the application guidelines.

#### V. Selection procedure and criteria

The Research and Innovation Service formally examines each application. After a selection process within the university, the Presidential Board decides on the funding.

Criteria for the selection process are:

- the high relevance of the project idea to a cluster of excellence initiative or cluster of excellence and its innovative content,
- expertise of the applicant,
- quality of the project,
- objectives and work programme,
- interdisciplinarity, the integration of humanities and social sciences is desired and preferred
- time and financial planning,
- statement by the host researcher at LUH.

To ensure optimal exploitation, the results should be made available in open access after successful completion. The corresponding contributions are to be published either (a) directly in quality-assured or professionally recognised Open Access Journals or on Open Access platforms, or (b) in discipline-specific or institutional electronic archives (repositories). LUH provides both a text repository (<https://www.repo.uni-hannover.de/>) and a research data repository (<https://data.uni-hannover.de/>) for this purpose.

The Presidential Board decides on the applications on the basis of the selection process. The entire process will take about 8 weeks. Approved projects have to start no later than 3 months after the announcement of the approval. Documentation of the use of funding, including annexes, must be submitted no later than 8 weeks after completion of the project. All projects must be completed by 31.12.2025.

There is no legal entitlement to this funding.

#### VI. Further Information

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1: Doctoral candidates, who already handed in their doctoral thesis, can submit a proposal. As a rule, proposals may only be submitted within five years after obtaining your doctorate. The submission deadline for female researchers providing childcare within the eligibility period will be extended by two years per child, while the deadline for their male counter-parts will be extended by one year per child, no documentation is necessary. Male re-searchers who provide childcare beyond the one-year period can also be eligible for a max. two-year extension per child provided appropriate documentation is given. Children under the age of 12 when the period begins who live permanently in the same household as the applicant are included.