

First Steps in Grant Writing for MINT

In Kooperation mit dem Research Support

Trainer



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Objective

- Where can you apply for third-party funding for independent research after completing your doctorate in the natural or life sciences?
- How do you find suitable funding lines?
- How do you start writing applications?

This online workshop is intended to provide an initial overview of suitable sources of third-party funding for early career researchers in the natural and life sciences and provide basic tips on how to submit an application.



Description

The ability to acquire external funding is becoming increasingly important for researchers at all stages of their career. However, given the sheer number of funding agencies offering various types of grants, researchers new to grant applications may be overwhelmed by navigating the grant provider landscape in Germany efficiently in order to select those opportunities that best fit their specific needs.

In this short overview of the grant landscape, the participants learn about the grant and funding opportunities available.

Who are the “big players” in Germany and what are their objectives? To find the perfect funding for their research, the participants are presented with various research tools (search engines, newsletters, websites, etc.) and how to use them effectively.

This course is specifically aimed at early career researchers from the natural and life sciences.

The participants will receive basic tips about successful grant writing: from how to structure a proposal to identifying which documents should be prepared for different types of funding programs.

Finally, the participants will be introduced to the resources and services for successful grant writing at the Goethe University.

The Research Support is the first point of contact for researchers seeking third-party funding and supports scientists throughout all stages of the project life cycle.



Methodology

- Expert input
- Plenary discussions
- Small-group exercise



Target group

This workshop targets early career researchers from the natural and life sciences **with no prior knowledge of postdoctoral funding in Germany.**

Organizational Information

Language / Format	English / Online
Target group	Advanced Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs (R2) from Natural and Life Sciences
Date	Wednesday, 4 November 2026, 9:00 – 12:00
Registration	For registration click here



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