



German Research Foundation

German-Czech and
International Research
Funding Opportunities



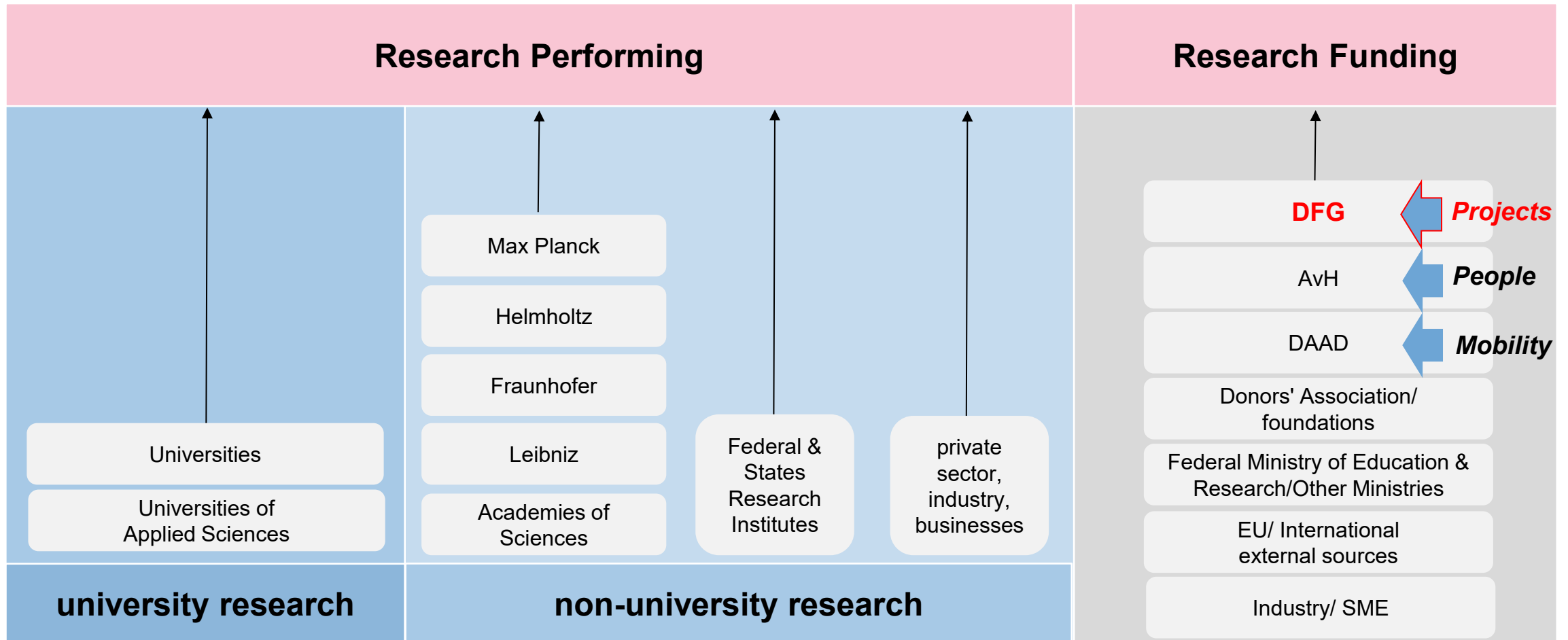
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The German Research Landscape





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The German Research Foundation



Founded in 1920

Central, independent self-governing research funding organisation that promotes basic research in Germany

Serving all fields of science and the humanities

Following a bottom-up science driven approach

Proposal-based project funding

Peer review

About 30.000 projects currently being funded (2024)



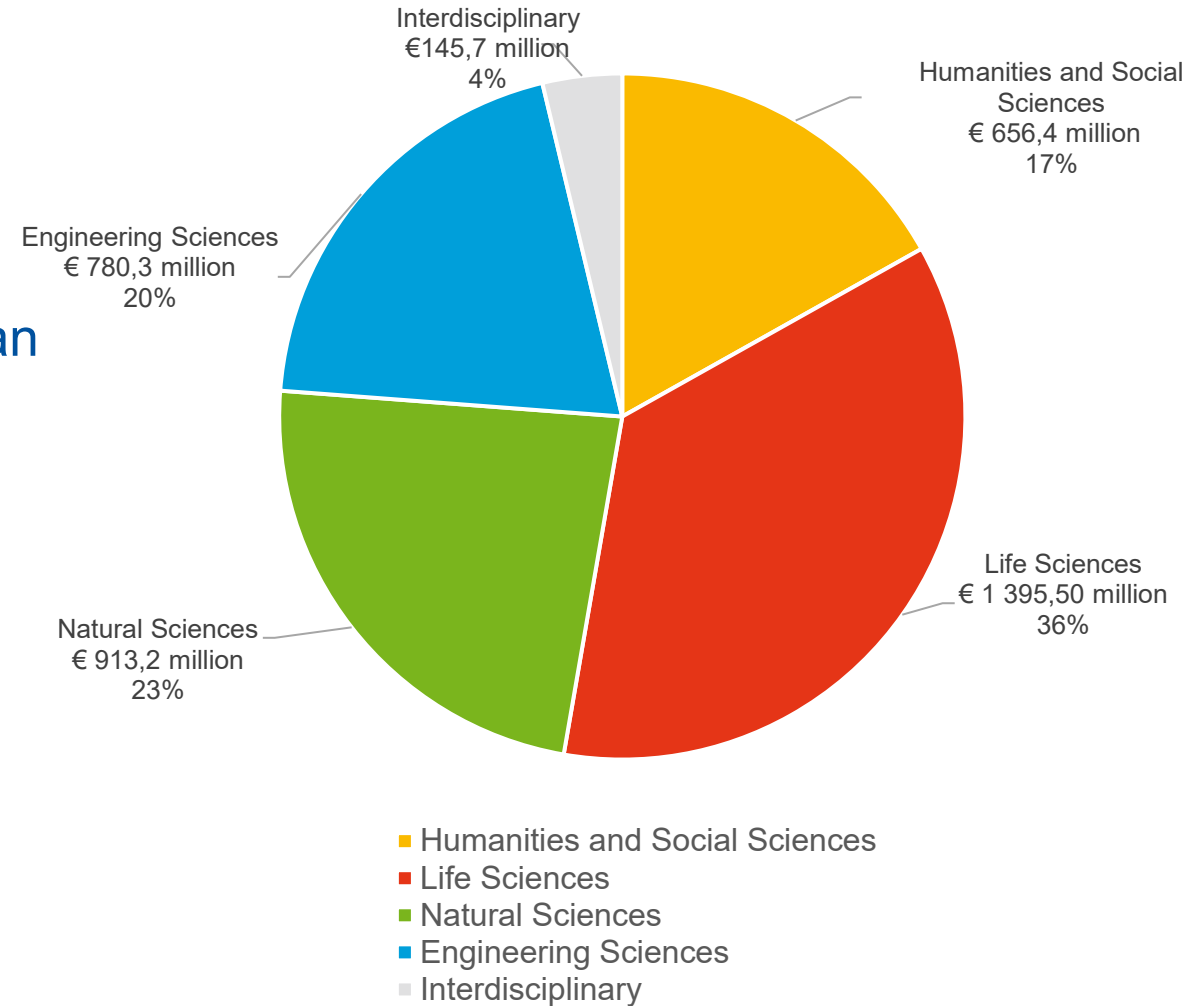
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Funding Principles

DFG is driven by scientific demand

- ▶ DFG funds research **projects** at German universities and research institutions
- ▶ DFG acts and funds **bottom up**
- ▶ No thematic priorities (rare exceptions)
- ▶ No regional priorities
- ▶ No political priorities
- ▶ Everything in **peer review**
- ▶ **Excellence-driven** decision-making
- ▶ **No deadlines**

Funding in 2024, by scientific discipline





Researchers are eligible for DFG funding

who have completed their scientific training, i.e. who **hold a PhD**

who would like to conduct a **research project in basic research**

who (will) work at a **public German university or research institution**

For further questions on eligibility:

[DFG, German Research Foundation - General Questions on Eligibility procedures-researchcareers@dfg.de](mailto:procedures-researchcareers@dfg.de)

(e.g. for the Walter Benjamin Programme)



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International Research Funding Opportunities



Signed Memorandum of Understanding in 2006 to support bilateral research cooperation between German and Czech scientists

Since 2010 until 2020 annually calls in parallel decision making process

In 2021, the parallel procedure was transferred to the lead agency procedure (Weave Lead Agency Process)

One of the longest-standing active cooperation agreements between DFG and a foreign European funding organization

Weave Lead Agency Process



- ▶ Simplifies funding research collaborations across European borders
- ▶ For **integrated collaborative** research proposals
 - **bi-/trilateral** cross-border research projects
 - **bottom-up** mechanism
- ▶ Proposals compete in the national and regional funding schemes
- ▶ Weave comprises 12 national research funders from 11 European countries
- ▶ Currently possible with DFG and:

Austria (FWF)
Belgium (FWO/FNRS)
Croatia (HRZZ)
Czech Republic (GACR)
Luxembourg (FNR)
Poland (NCN)
Slovenia (ARIS)
Switzerland (SNFS)

Expected:
Sweden (FORMAS)
Norway (RCN)

Further information:
[DFG Website Weave](#)

Initiation of International Collaboration

- ▶ **To get to know each other**, to establish mutual trust and understanding and to prepare a joint project proposal
- ▶ **Different funding modules**
 - short individual visits in Germany or abroad
 - guest visits for up to 3 month in Germany or abroad
 - joined workshops in Germany or abroad
- ▶ Funding can include travel cost and daily allowance
- ▶ Funding is available for maximum of 1 year
- ▶ **To be applied for by the partner in Germany**
- ▶ Information on formalities: [DFG Form 1.813](#)
- ▶ Further information: [DFG, German Research Foundation - Initiation of International Collaboration](#)

Scientific Networks

- ▶ Support for **multi-year scientific exchange and cooperation on a topic area across locations**
- ▶ For up to **36 months**
- ▶ Network can consist of **10-20 researchers from Germany and abroad**; including researchers from several institutions
- ▶ Funding for
 - maintenance costs for work meetings
 - mobility: travel costs for network members or thematically relevant guests
 - publication costs, support for coordination
- ▶ Further information: www.dfg.de/scientific_networks

Individual Research Grant

- ▶ **Opportunity to pursue an individual research project in Germany**
- ▶ Funding generally for up to 36 months
- ▶ **Flexible funding modules**
 - staff
 - equipment, consumables
 - travel
 - instrumentation
 - publication funding, public relations
 - **»Temporary Position for Principal Investigators«**
- ▶ **Host institution in Germany becomes employer**
- ▶ Information on formalities: [DFG Form 50.01](#)

Individual Research Grant

- ▶ Opportunities to integrate a partner from abroad into a research project
- ▶ Funds and modules which can be applied for
 - travel expenses
 - funding for visiting researchers
 - **Mercator Fellowship** (associated with the project over the long term)
- ▶ To be applied for by the partner in Germany
- ▶ Information on formalities: DFG-Form 50.01, DFG-Form 52.01 (2.2 and 2.3)

Individual Research Grant (Mercator Fellowship)

- ▶ **Opportunities to integrate a partner from abroad into an individual research project**
- ▶ **Funds and modules which can be applied for**
 - travel expenses
 - funding for visiting researchers
 - **Mercator Fellowship** (associated with the project over the long term)
- ▶ **To be applied for by the partner in Germany**
- ▶ Information on formalities: DFG-Form 50.01, DFG-Form 52.01
- ▶ Further information: DFG, German Research Foundation - Individual Research Grants

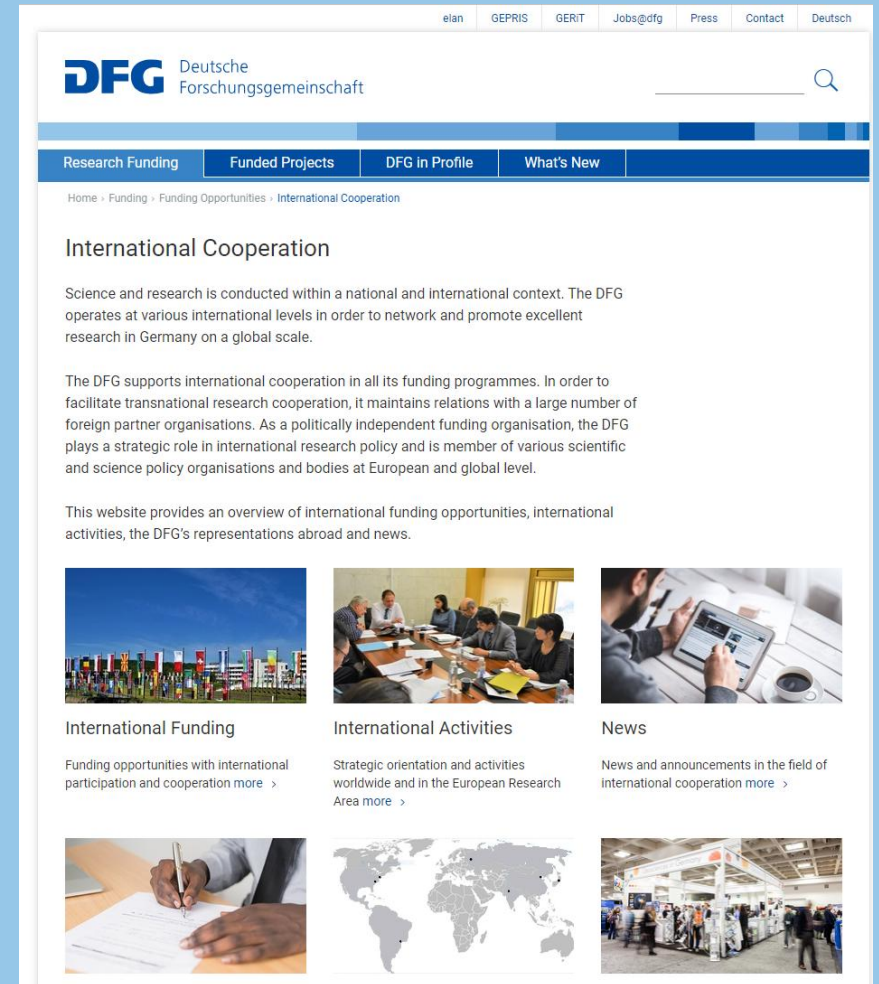
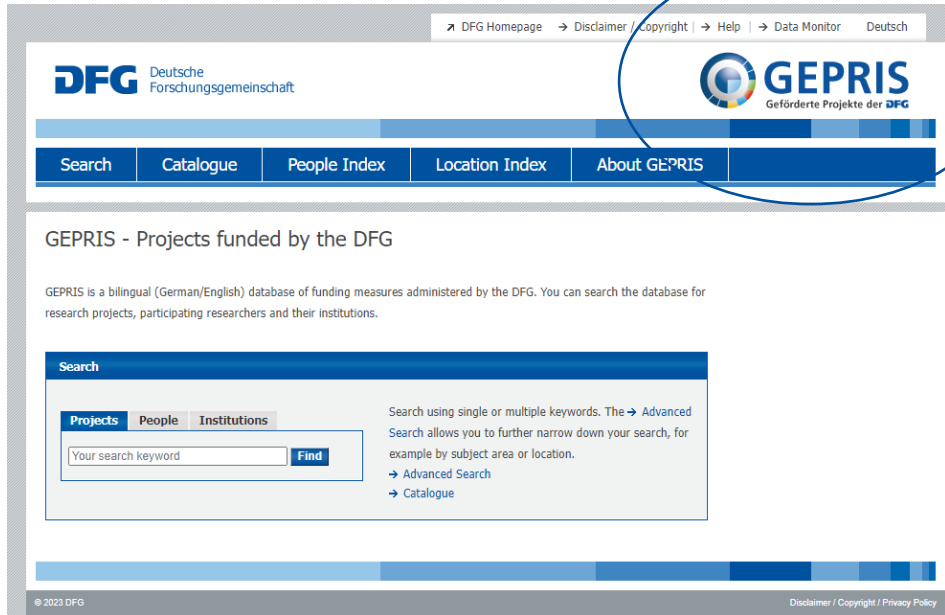
Walter Benjamin Programme



- ▶ **To promote autonomy and mobility in an early postdoctoral phase**
- ▶ Applicants should move to a new host institution, either abroad or in Germany
- ▶ Host researcher advises on research career and introduces to academic networks
- ▶ **Funding for up to 2 years**
 - fellowship (abroad), temporary position (in Germany)
 - further allowances
 - expected that further requirements are covered by the host institution
- ▶ **Can be applied for by a researcher from abroad**
- ▶ **Host institution in Germany is a precondition**
- ▶ Information on formalities: [DFG Form 50.10](#)
- ▶ Further information: [DFG, German Research Foundation - Walter Benjamin Programme](#)



Further Information



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