

Factsheet: Emmy Noether Programme – German Research Foundation (DFG)

1. Objective of the Emmy Noether Programme

The Emmy Noether Programme enables **highly qualified early-career researchers to qualify for a professorship over a period of six years**. This qualification is achieved through the **independent leadership of an Emmy Noether Research Group**, combined with teaching responsibilities. The programme aims to make researchers eligible for professorships without requiring habilitation (postdoctoral qualification). Additionally, it seeks to attract outstanding international researchers to the German research system.

2. Application Process

2.1 Eligibility Requirements

- **Researchers with a PhD** and high-ranking international publications.
- **At least two years of postdoctoral experience**, demonstrating scientific independence.
- Substantial international **research experience** (must be verifiable).
- Applications are typically submitted **within four years of PhD completion** (plus 2 years per child for female researchers / 1 year per child for male researchers).

2.2 Application Format and Deadline

- Applications accepted at any time (**no fixed deadlines**).
- Follow the **DFG's Project Proposal Guidelines** ([Form 54_01](#)).

3. Funding Duration

- Total duration: **6 years** (initially approved for 3 years).
- Extension for an additional **3 years** after a successful **interim evaluation** (report due 6 months before the end of the third year).

4. Beantragbare Module

The [Emmy Noether Programme](#) consists of a **group leadership module** and optional **additional modules**:

Module	Purpose	Notes
1. Emmy Noether Group Leadership	Funding for the project leader's position	Full-time, part-time possible (minimum 50%). DFG-Formular 60_12
2. Basic Module	Funding for materials, personnel, and investments	Project-specific funds for implementation. DFG-Formular 52_01
4. Mercator Fellow	Long-term exchange with international researchers (in-country/abroad)	Fellows may spend time on-site. DFG-Formular 52_05
5. Project-Specific Workshops	Funding for workshops	DFG-Formular 52_06
6. Public Relations	Funding for science communication (e.g., exhibitions, media work)	DFG-Formular 52_07
7. Allowance for Equity and Diversity	Support for gender equality & family-friendly policies (e.g., childcare)	Up to €1,000 per funding year (lump sum). DFG-Formular 52_14
8. Family Allowance	Coverage of care costs for conferences and research trips	Up to €6,000 per year. DFG-Formular 52_17

5. Special Features

- The research group **should not be based at the institution where the applicant earned their PhD** (exceptions must be justified).