

Factsheet: Research Grants – German Research Foundation (DFG)

1. Objective of Research Grants

The **DFG Research Grant** enables researchers to carry out a **thematically and temporally defined research project** without thematic restrictions. It supports funding for personnel, materials, investments, and other project-related measures.

2. Application Process

2.1 Eligibility Requirements

- Researchers **in Germany or at German research institutions abroad** who have completed their PhD are eligible to apply.

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

- Maximum of **3 years** (initial application).
- Extension possible for **up to 3 additional years** (follow-up application).

4. Requestable Modules

The [Research Grant](#) consists of a **Basic Module** and optional additional modules:

Module	Purpose	Notes
1. Basismodul	Finanzierung von Sachmitteln, Personal, Investitionen	Project-specific funds for implementation DFG-Formular 52_01
2. Own Position	Funding for the project leader's position	Full-time, part-time possible (minimum 50%) DFG-Formular 52_02
3. Replacements	Finanzierung einer Vertretung für Lehr- oder Verwaltungsaufgaben	Release from teaching or administrative duties. DFG-Formular 52_03
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

5. International Cooperation

- **Collaboration with foreign researchers is possible through:**
 - Travel funds & guest funding (Basic Module),
 - Mercator Fellows,
 - Project-specific workshops.
- **Special procedures:**
 - Cooperation with developing countries or Middle East partnerships: Funding for project components abroad is possible.
 - Weave Lead Agency Procedure: Funding through partner organisations. [More information](#)