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**Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft**

German Research Foundation

# Content

1. Structures and Aims of DFG
2. Funding Programmes
3. Review Process
4. International Cooperation
6. Information Systems



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# The German Research Foundation

## Profile and Mission

- ▶ founded in 1920
- ▶ independent association under private law
- ▶ annual budget in 2022: € 3,6 billion
- ▶ 31.750 projects funded in 2022
- ▶ central, self-governing research funding organisation that promotes basic research at universities in Germany
- ▶ serves all fields of science and the humanities and supports scientific excellence in competition



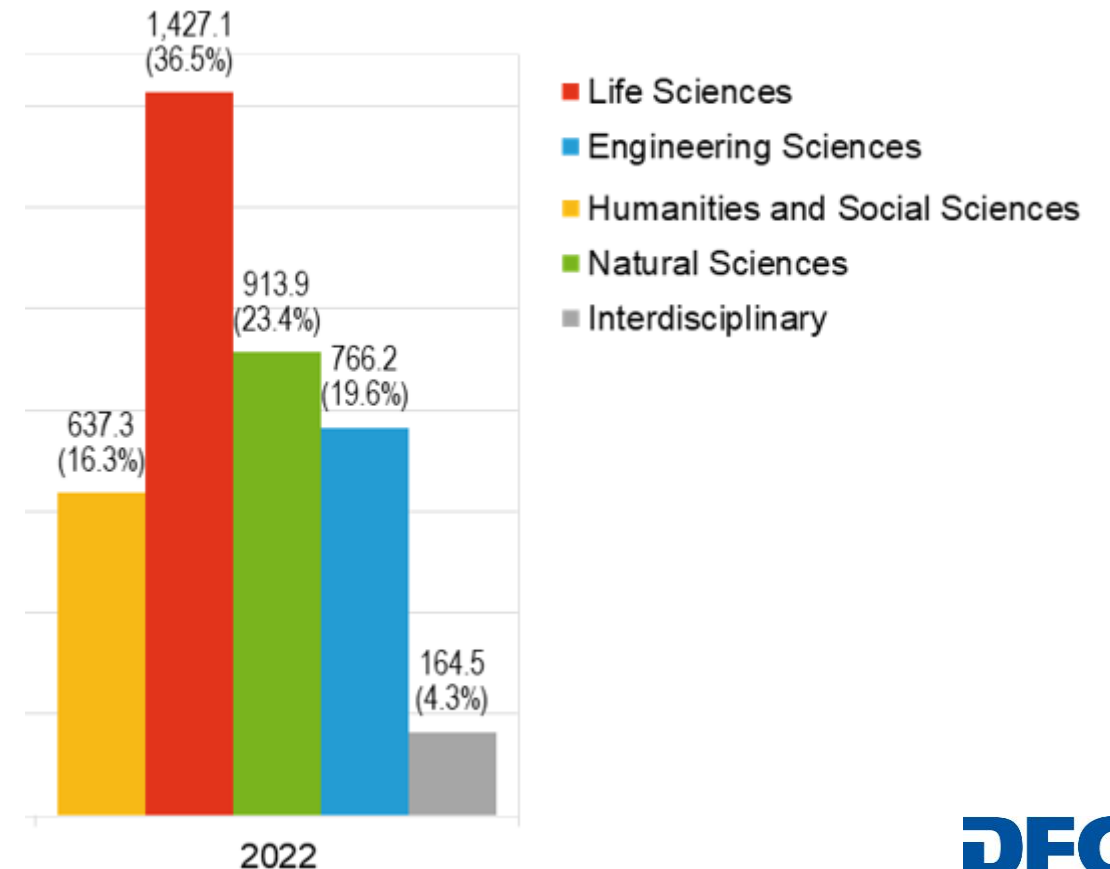
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## Driven by Academic Demand

- ▶ DFG acts and funds bottom-up
- ▶ no thematic priorities (rare exceptions)
- ▶ no regional priorities
- ▶ no political priorities
- ▶ no deadlines (rare exceptions)
- ▶ in peer review

### Funding in 2022 by academic discipline



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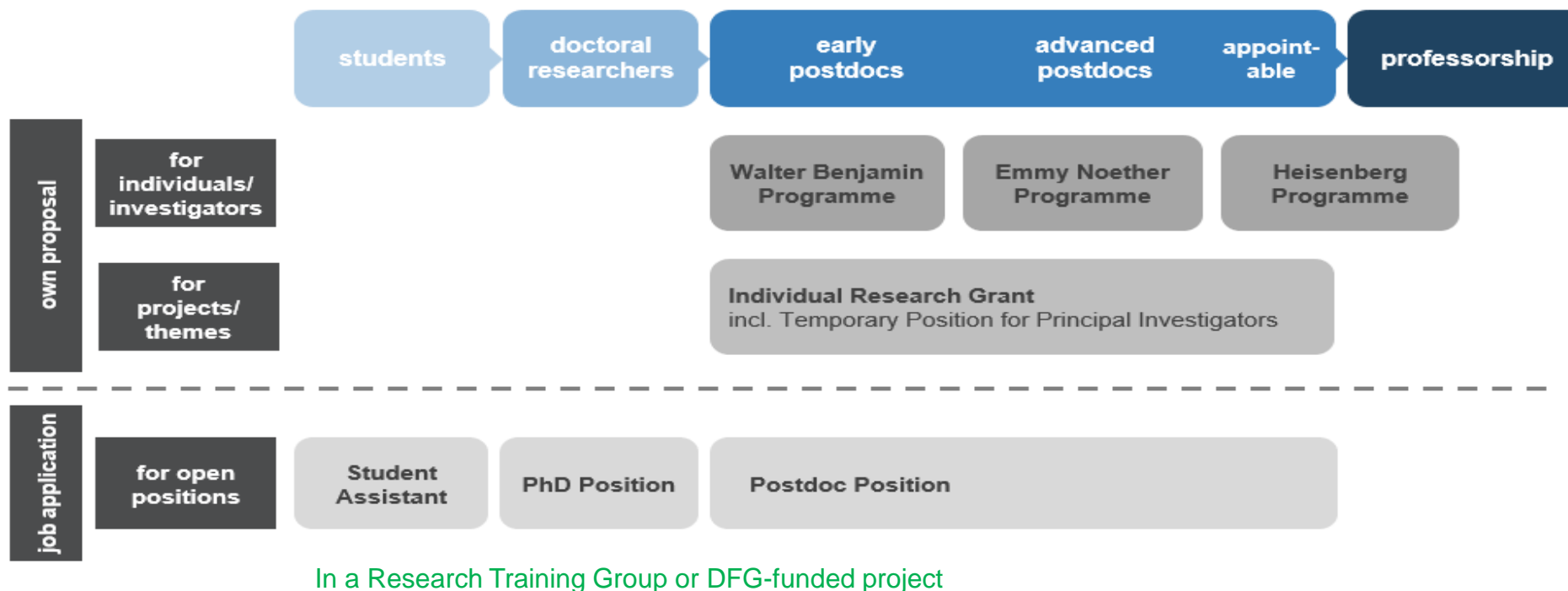
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# DFG Funding Programmes

## Opportunities for the entire Research Careers



DFG Website: [DFG, German Research Foundation - Research Careers](https://www.dfg.de/en/research-careers)

Open Positions DFG-Funded Projects: [DFG, German Research Foundation - Positions in DFG-Funded Projects](https://www.dfg.de/en/positions-in-dfg-funded-projects)

# Individual Research Grant

- ▶ opportunity to pursue an individual research project in Germany
- ▶ funding generally for up to 36 months
- ▶ no deadlines
- ▶ flexible funding modules:
  - staff
  - equipment, consumables
  - travel
  - instrumentation
  - publication funding, public relations
  - »Temporary Position for Principal Investigators«
- ▶ German host institution becomes employer



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# Integration of International Researchers in an existing Project



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## Individual Research Grant

- ▶ a research grant can also be used to apply for
  - travel expenses
  - funding for visiting researchers
  - Mercator Fellows (associated with the project over the long term)
- ▶ information on formalities: DFG-Form 52.01 (sections 2.2 and 2.3)

## Mercator Fellow

- ▶ guest fellowships enable intensive, long-term collaboration with visiting researchers from Germany and abroad

# Initiation of International Collaboration

- ▶ mobility funding to get to know each other, to establish mutual trust and understanding and to prepare a joint project proposal
- ▶ different modules
  - short individual visits in Germany or abroad
  - guest visits for up to three 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 German partner



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# Walter Benjamin Programme

- ▶ promoting autonomy and mobility in an early postdoc 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 two years
  - fellowship (abroad), temporary position (in Germany)
  - further allowances
  - expected that further requirements are covered by the host institution



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# GEPRIS

## German Project Information System

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GEPRIS Geförderte Projekte der DFG

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GEPRIS - Projects funded by the DFG

GEPRIS is a bilingual (German/English) database of funding measures administered by the DFG. You can search the database for research projects, participating researchers and their institutions.

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Your search keyword Find

Search using single or multiple keywords. The → Advanced Search allows you to further narrow down your search, for example by subject area or location.

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- ▶ overview of all DFG-funded projects
- ▶ search for collaboration partner in Germany
- ▶ catalogue:
  - projects
  - people
  - institutions
- ▶ URL: <http://gepris.dfg.de>

# GERiT

## German Research Institutions



- ▶ overview of 25,000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions
- ▶ search:
  - subject areas
  - geographical criteria
  - structural criteria
- ▶ information in English and German about: disciplines represented at a particular institution, contact details, location maps and links to each institute's own website
- ▶ URL: [www.gerit.org](http://www.gerit.org)





Thank you for your attention

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