



Call No. 3 of the research funds for the German Sport University Cologne

Call for proposals for initial funding (POSTDOCS and DOCTORAL STUDENTS in the final phase)

Aim of the grant

The acquisition of competitive funding from a third-party funding organization such as the DFG, EU, BMBF, BiSP, foundations, etc. is intended to increase the third-party funding competence of the researchers and to give them the opportunity to prepare such an application within the framework of the funding provided by the university's internal research funding. The aim of the funding line is to submit a proposal for third-party funding to a competitive funding organization. Due to the current efforts of the GSU to acquire more third-party funding from the DFG, this funding line is intended to encourage researchers in particular to submit proposals to the DFG. The various funding programs of the DFG must be taken into account. When choosing a funding organization, the suitability of the research project to the call/program must be determined in advance and explained in the proposal. For example, in the case of the DFG, the criterion of basic research in particular must be described in the application.

Within the framework of this funding line, a funding proposal should be written and submitted. In this context, a funding proposal should be developed for innovative research projects that are of basic and/or application-oriented importance for sports science and submitted to a competitive third-party funding body (see required output). In case of approval by the funding body, the research project must be carried out at the German Sport University Cologne.

Funding modalities

Up to € 40,000 or a maximum of one WMA position for 12 months with a maximum of 50% (TV-L 13) can be applied for, the project duration can extend over a period of up to 18 months. The funds can be used for personnel, material and travel expenses (no congress fees). The personnel funds can also be used for an own position or the increase of the own position.¹ In addition, funding can be applied for the modules *internationalisation* (3,000 euros) and *open access* (2,000 euros) and. An award will be made if the university budget allows its implementation and if the university has enough resources in the award year.

Application process

Postdocs and doctoral students of the German Sport University Cologne are eligible to apply. For applicants in the final phase of their doctoral studies, the following additional requirements apply: At the latest nine months after submission of the application for internal university research funding, the

¹ When applying, please note that the employment is within the framework of academic qualifications according to the Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz (German Act on Academic Temporary Contracts) and that your individual creditable employment periods still have sufficient capacity. Please also note that employment positions are automatically associated with teaching obligations.



application for the initiation of the doctoral examination procedure (= submission of the dissertation) must also have been submitted. Only when the application for the initiation of the doctoral examination procedure has been submitted can the project period begin and, if applicable, an applied-for position be taken up.

Each person can only hand in one proposal. Persons who, at the time of grant acceptance, are managing another HIFF project that has not yet been completed, are not eligible to apply. **The application form must be used to submit the proposal.**

The application should emphasize how the planned externally funded project is important for the applicant's own scientific career and independence. If review periods by the intended funding body are included in the time planning, work should be carried out during this period to flank or support the project.

The application form for funding line 3 must be used for the application submission.

Proposals can be written in German or English.

Please note: If the formal requirements of the application form (page numbers, missing signatures, missing documents, budget overruns etc.) are not met, the application will not be accepted.

Complete application documents should be handed in electronically (via e-mail, max. 8 MB) as one pdf document to the Department of Research and Young Academics (forschung-dshs@dshs-koeln.de). Please state in the email subject line the call number (Call 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) for which you apply (e.g. Call 3 for this funding line).

For questions, please contact Dr. Birte Ahrens (b.ahrens@dshs-koeln.de, - 8737).

Review process and approval

All applications are reviewed as part of a review process. The University Commission for Research makes the final decision on funding on the basis of the written reviews and the funding priorities of the call. The following criteria are taken into account in the review process:

- Relevance of the topic
- Quality and feasibility of the work programme
- Fit of the research topic to the targeted funding program/the selected funding organization
- Consideration of gender and diversity dimensions in the application
- Realistic time schedule
- Individual-related aspects (e.g. previous research achievements).

Approvals are estimated to be given by December 2024.

Required output

- Up to the end of the project period, an **application for third-party funding must be submitted** to a funding organization within the framework of a competitive procedure.



- In the course of the proof of submission you will receive a link to a questionnaire on the general conditions of funding and project implementation. Participation in this survey (approx. 10 minutes) is mandatory.

Obligations

If the funds are used in the sense of an own position or an increase, the position includes a teaching obligation of 2 SWS (for a 50% WMA position). The applicant is expected to seek advice from the Department of Research and Young Academics regarding the application to be submitted, and to submit the application to the Department of Research and Young Academics after submission to the selected funding agency. In case of approval by the funding agency, the application should be made available to other young researchers as a "best practice" via the Department of Research and Young Scientists. Rejected applications and, if possible, expert opinions should also be submitted to the department.

Deadline is October 6th 2024.