BEGEGNUNGSZONEN
Promoting Interdisciplinary Events in the Natural Sciences

— INFORMATION ON THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS —

The Joachim Herz Stiftung supports graduate and postdoc students with interdisciplinary and international cooperations in the area of natural sciences. In summer 2019, the Foundation will award funding to support interdisciplinary networking events within the natural sciences by means of a nationwide request for proposals.

1 OBJECTIVE
The aim of the request for proposals is to promote networking events and event formats for interdisciplinary cooperation that actively engage up-and-coming scientists and facilitate dialog with seasoned scientists. The events should allow young scientists to get to know other areas of natural science and learn new ways of working and work methodologies. The event format is also to serve as a platform for embarking on partnerships for interdisciplinary research and for networking at the national and international levels.

2 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND PREREQUISITES
In terms of subject matter, the request for proposals will focus on interdisciplinary events within the natural sciences. The event format could be a conference together with a networking platform, a workshop, a symposium, or a summer school for graduate and/or postdoc students. The funding will also support the trialling of new event formats. The supported formats should focus in particular on interdisciplinary communication and interaction between up-and-coming and seasoned scientists. Support will therefore only be given to events that last at least three days and which are designed to cater for between 30 and 150 participants (including the speakers).

The following costs can be covered:

- Subsidization of the participants’ , speakers’, and organizers’ catering, overnight accommodation, and travel expenses
- Rental costs for premises and technology
- Funds to cover childcare during the event
- Costs relating to preparation and execution of the event, including the cost of producing the materials

Partial funding is also possible, for example in partnership with research associations, expert associations, or other institutes (including abroad), or alongside the German Research Foundation (DFG).

The earliest starting date for the events is December 1, 2019, and the latest date is November 30, 2020.

No costs incurred prior to approval of the funding will be reimbursed.

3 APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

Scientists who work at a research institute in the Federal Republic of Germany and who have completed their academic training – in general, with a PhD – are eligible to apply. Scientists who work at an establishment which is not nonprofit are not eligible for the funding.

4 APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The funding is advertised on the Joachim Herz Stiftung Web pages, by means of publication on appropriate platforms, and with fliers being sent to suitable institutes by e-mail and mail. Applications are to be submitted directly to the Joachim Herz Stiftung. All applications must include the following documents:

- Completed application form
- Project outline including a detailed cost projection and a (provisional) event program
- Academic careers of the main applicants (max. two pages each)

The application documents are to be submitted in full and on time. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

5 ASSESSMENT

The applicants are selected by means of a written process: the applications are given preliminary consideration by representatives of the Joachim Herz Stiftung and are subsequently passed on to external experts if necessary. The criteria for selection of the events to be funded are:

- A clear presentation of the interdisciplinary topic of the event
- Feasibility and suitable planning regarding use of the funds
- Event format: boosting communication, dialog, and networking – in particular with up-and-coming scientists
The applicants have no claim to justification of the reasons for an application being either approved or rejected.

6 INFORMATION REGARDING APPROVALS

By accepting the funding, the applicant undertakes to notify the Foundation without undue delay of any changes in their circumstances which are relevant to the awarding of the funding. The applicant is additionally obligated to submit a final report upon expiration of the funding. For the purposes of approval of the funding, the Joachim Herz Stiftung concludes a funding agreement with the applicant’s institute governing use of the funds, their obligation to provide supporting documents, and the submission deadlines.

The Joachim Herz Stiftung reserves the right to revoke funding approval and assert a reimbursement claim if incorrect or incomplete information was given in the application, if the approval conditions were not observed, or if there are other important reasons for such a revocation. There is no entitlement on the part of the applicants to being funded by the Joachim Herz Stiftung.