



Project funding

Funding Initiative for Interdisciplinary Research at TU Darmstadt

TU Darmstadt considers interdisciplinary research as part of its university culture and recognises the synergies arising from different professional disciplines as very valuable. According to its guiding principle, it supports interdisciplinary cooperation in research and teaching. Contributions to scientific-technical peace and conflict research (IANUS) are also part of this endeavour.

Within the framework of the funding initiative for interdisciplinary research, TU Darmstadt invites applications for project funding on a regular basis. In order to stimulate new research and to form research cores, priority is given to projects that generate new research networks and projects. The funding initiative is primarily intended as start-up funding for joint interdisciplinary research projects in order to create a basis for subsequent successful applications for third-party funding.

It is also possible to submit projects on IANUS topics. They should contribute in an interdisciplinary way to the reduction of social or global conflicts, to the promotion or assurance of peaceful coexistence. For further information, please see our websites (fif.tu-darmstadt.de/themen_fif/ianus).

Attention:

As only state funds are applied for, the relevant rules for their expenditure are applicable.

Call for proposals 2023 for FiF projects (including IANUS themes)

Please also see our notes and checklist on the FiF websites!

Application

Applications may be submitted by staff members from all departments of the university who have the status of a Post-Doc or Professor. External researchers and visiting professors at TU Darmstadt are not entitled to submit applications. However, they can be cooperation partners of the project. The application itself has to be submitted in any case by at least two TU-internal researchers from different disciplines. No funds can be granted to external institutions or cooperation partners.

Submission of project draft

Please use the [template](#) on the FiF pages (max. 6 pages plus appendix) and send the outline to fif@fif.tu-darmstadt.de in due time. Applications received after the closing date cannot be considered. Instructions on structure, content, font size, etc. can be found in the above-mentioned template.

Deadlines

The deadline for the submission of project outlines is **1 April 2023**.

In case you are invited for a project presentation, we will inform you of date and time.



Applications FiF projects (including IANUS topics).

Funding period

Projects can be funded for a limited period of up to 12 months. A cost-neutral prolongation is possible with the submission of a written justification before the expiry of the funding period.

Funds for research projects

According to the DFG regulations ("Hinweise zur Bezahlung von Promovierenden", see DFG form 55.02-05/20), funding of up to 100,000 euros may be applied for. The funding is based on the possibility of financing two PhD students with a 65% position for one year or one postdoc working in both (or several participating) research groups with a 100% position for one year. In any case, the depiction of interdisciplinary communication between the disciplines in the work process is essential. The cost unit (project number) is automatically closed at the end of the granted period and remaining funds are collected.

Funding criteria for FiF projects including IANUS themes

- Scientific quality, originality and innovativeness
- Participation of different disciplines appropriate to the research subject and appropriate consideration of the relevant expert discussion
- Importance for the priority setting at TU Darmstadt, in particular visibility within and outside the university
- Necessity of funding and adequacy of need as well as prospects for subsequent funding through third-party funds
- Presentation of the content-related qualification goals
- Feedback and connection to teaching

1. Submission of project draft	Draft application for FiF & IANUS topics Consultation & if necessary invitation to lecture <i>Total 100,000 euros & 12 months term</i>
2. Presentation	Presentation with discussion
3. Project start	Project start after positive commission vote
4. Report	Final report & proof of use Final presentation & project evaluation