



More space for your research ideas

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.

Within the framework of the funding initiative for interdisciplinary research, TU Darmstadt offers project funding (state funding) for **interdisciplinary research** projects on a regular basis. In order to stimulate new research, preference is given to projects that generate new, forward-looking research collaborations and projects with the potential to acquire 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 and to the promotion or assurance of peaceful coexistence, respectively. For further information, please see our [websites](https://www.fif.tu-darmstadt.de/themen_fif/ianus) (fif.tu-darmstadt.de/themen_fif/ianus).

Little effort - high chances of success!

Submit a short outline of your project. A funding rate of 47% in the last four funding rounds offers you good prospects of success.

Call for proposals 2024 for FiF projects

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. The application has to be submitted by at least **two internal TU researchers from different disciplines**. External researchers and visiting professors at TU Darmstadt are not entitled to submit applications; however, they can be cooperation partners of the project.

Note: No funds can be granted to external institutions or cooperation partners.

Submission of project proposal

Please use the [template](#) on the FiF pages (max. 6 pages plus appendix) and send the proposal to fif@fif.tu-darmstadt.de in due time. Applications received after the deadline are not 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 2024**.

We will inform you of the date and time of the project presentation if your project is considered for a hearing.



Funding period

Projects can be funded for a limited period of **up to 12 months**. A cost-neutral extension is possible with the submission of a written justification before the expiration 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 sum is based on 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. The project number (Kostenstelle) is automatically closed at the end of the grant period. Residual funds will be withdrawn.

Funding criteria for FiF projects including IANUS topics

- Scientific quality, originality and innovativeness.
- Participation of different disciplines appropriate to the research subject and appropriate consideration of the relevant expert discussion.
- Description of the interdisciplinary communication and cooperation between the disciplines and the project partners.
- Importance for the research priority set 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.
- 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. Lecture	Lecture with discussion
3. Project start	Project start after positive commission vote
4. Report	Final report & proof of use Final presentation & project evaluation

Funds distributed

As only **state funds** can be applied for, they are subject to the relevant rules for their disbursement. This is particularly important when recruiting staff and must be agreed upon with the HR department.

If you have any questions, please contact the members of the FiF Commission or the FiF office (06151-1622132).