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How to use **DFG** Fund for **Iranian** Researchers

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DFG Funding Programs at a Glance

Applicant	Individuals				Institutions			Prizes		
Funding Focus	Investigators	Themes	Forum	Infrastructure	Themes	Forum	Infrastructure	Individuals		
Funding Instruments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Walter Benjamin Programme › Research Fellowships › Emmy Noether Programme › Heisenberg Programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Individual Research Grants › Reinhart Koselleck Projects › Package Proposals › Research Units › Clinical Research Units › Clinical Trials › Projects in Priority Programmes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Centres for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences › Scientific Networks › Workshops for Early Career Investigators › Project Academies › International Scientific Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › New Instrumentation for Research › Specialised Information Services › Infrastructure for Electronic Publications and Digital Scholarly Communication › Information Infrastructures for Research Data › e-Research Technologies › Indexing and Digitisation › Licences for Digital Content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Collaborative Research Centres/ Transregios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › (International) Research Training Groups › DFG Research Centres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Core Facilities › Major Instrumentation Initiatives › Major Research Instrumentation › Open Access Publishing › Acquisition of Complete Collections and Literary Remains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Clusters of Excellence › Excellence Initiative (2005 – 2019) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › National Research Data Infrastructure › State Major Instrumentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize › Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Prize › Communicator Award › Copernicus Award › Eugen and Ilse Seibold Prize › Albert Maucher Prize in Geoscience › Bernd Rendel Prize in Geoscience › Ursula M. Händel Animal Welfare Prize › von Kaven Award

Initiation of Scientific Cooperation Between Iran and Germany



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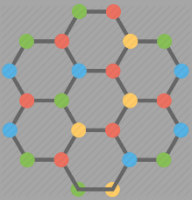


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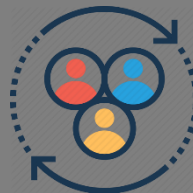
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Walter Benjamin Programme



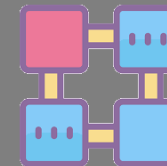
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Collaborative Research Center



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Research Training Group



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Research Unit



Long-term Successful Scientific Cooperation Between Iran and Germany

Grant Title: [Initiation of International Collaboration](#)

Purpose Establish collaborative relationships between international partners. Three different modules are available: “Exploratory Workshops”, “Trips Abroad” and “Guest Visits”.

Eligibility Requirements Researchers who have already achieved their doctorates and who are working in the German scientific system may apply

Type and Extent of Funding Funding for a maximum of 12 months after the approval date:

- Trips abroad (max. three months)
- Guest visits in Germany (max. three months);
- Exploratory workshops.

Proposal Deadlines Proposals may be submitted at **any time**.

Notes: Easy to receive (AUT has The highest number of successful grant in Iran). If the total requested budget is less than 20,000 Euros, the proposal is evaluated in 3 weeks

Grant Title: [Individual research grant \(basic module\)](#)

Purpose	To enable scientists and academics to carry out a research project on a specifically defined topic within a limited time period.
Eligibility Requirements	Qualified researchers (holding a doctorate) except those who are working at institutions which serve purely commercial purposes or those who are not permitted to publish findings in a generally accessible form
Proposal Requirements	A research project of high scientific quality and originality, carried out at an international level
Type and Extent of Funding	Guidelines Research Grants Program
Funding Duration	The duration of funding is based on the individual project needs
Proposal Deadlines	At least 6 months before the approved funds have been exhausted

Grants Title: [Individual Research Grant \(Cooperation with Developing Countries\) Joint Proposal with INSF](#)

Purpose	To promote cooperation between researchers in Germany and in developing countries. In a research project on a specifically defined topic within a limited time period.
Eligibility Requirements	Researchers/scientists from all subjects and disciplines at German research institutions who have completed their academic education (typically by having completed a doctorate).
Type and Extent of Funding	Funding for personnel, scientific instrumentation and apparatus, consumables, travel, miscellaneous expenses and publications for both the partner institute in Germany and the cooperation partner/institute in the developing country.
Proposal Deadlines	No submission deadline
Supported Costs	Joint research project and joint workshop

Notes: Iran may not be included in the developing countries group. Joint Proposal with INSF is the best deal for the individual research grant since DFG can complement the limited supports provided by the INSF for Iranian researchers.

Grant Title: [Scientific Network](#)

Purpose	To promote multi-year scientific exchange and cooperation on a topic area of choice across locations
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Qualified researchers (with a doctorate) in Germany or at a German research institution abroad</p> <p>Not: Employees of institutions with purely commercial aims; employees of institutions that are not permitted to publish findings in a generally accessible form</p> <p>A scientific network consists of a set group of 10 to 20 people</p>
Project Requirements	The network must aim for a specific outcome, e.g. the preparation of joint research papers, a joint publication, impetus for the further development of research methods.
Type and Extend of Funding	Travel and maintenance costs for work meetings of network members (full group or individual members) and for thematically relevant guests, other costs (to support coordination) and publication costs
Funding Duration	Up to 3 Years
Proposal Deadlines	No deadline

Grant Title: [Mecator Fellow](#)**Purpose**

The Mercator Fellowship can now be applied for as part of project funding by researchers in Germany

Can be applied for within the following programs:

1. Research grants
2. The Emmy Noether Program
3. Research Units
4. Priority Programs
5. Research Training Groups
6. Collaborative Research Centers

Fellowships enable intensive, long-term project-based collaboration between researchers from both domestic and foreign institutions.

To be eligible, the Mercator Fellow must contribute to attaining the project's objective. This means that projects in which the Mercator Fellow plays a central role are also eligible.

Supported Costs

Short stay of faculty member in Germany

More Details

[Module Mercator Fellows](#)

Grant Title: [Walter Benjamin Program](#)

Purpose	<p>Enables researchers in the postdoctoral training phase to independently conduct their own research project at a location of their choice.</p> <p>The project can be carried out at a research institution in Germany or abroad, with the host institution providing support for the project</p>
Eligibility Requirements	<p>Only postdoctoral researchers at an early career phase are eligible to apply to this program.</p> <p>Applicants should have experience staying in Germany before</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Funding can be provided abroad if they have completed the majority of their schooling and higher education in Germany and, as of proposal time, have not spent more than three years abroad for research purposes after completing their doctorate in Germany or abroad. ii. Must not have worked longer than one year at the host institution selected for the Walter Benjamin fellowship as of proposal time. <p>Findings are not permitted to be published in a generally accessible form or For-Profit Use.</p>
Time and Extent of Funding	Up to two years
Supported Costs	<p>A general allowance for direct project costs (including travel and publication costs) and, additional funding associated with high production costs (book format), or benefits such as a foreign allowance, cost of living allowance and benefits for parents may granted</p>
Proposal Deadlines	Proposals may be submitted at any time

Grant Title: [Collaborative research center – Transegios](#)

Purpose	<p>long-term university-based research institutions, established for up to 12 years, in which researchers work together within a multidisciplinary research program</p> <p>The realization of excellent research within the group; the development of priority areas and structural development at the applicant university/universities; interdisciplinary cooperation; support of early career researchers and equal opportunity for women and men in research.</p>
Eligibility Requirements	Universities in Germany; other research institutions can be integrated
Proposal Requirement	High scientific quality and originality at an internationally competitive level; a complex, long-term research program; coherent interlinking of projects; researchers with very good track records; appropriate staffing, funding and infrastructure; convincing contributions to development of priority areas and structural development at the applicant universities; support of early career researchers and equality for women and men in research; professional management
Type and Extent of Funding	Funding for staff (including the replacement and rotation posts modules), funding for scientific instrumentation, funds for consumables, travel, colloquia, guests, visiting professorships (Mercator Fellow module), international cooperation, early career support including Integrated Research Training Groups, equality measures, public relations, information infrastructure, transfer projects and group coordination.
Funding Duration	Funding for Up to 12 years; one funding period lasts four years

Note: Can be the next step after successful Individual Research Grants

Grant Title: [Research Training Group](#)

Purpose	Key emphasis is on the qualification of doctoral researchers within the framework of a focused research program (interdisciplinary approach desired) and a structured training strategy and simultaneously to encourage early scientific independence.
Eligibility Requirements	Universities or Equivalent Higher Education Institutions
Proposal Requirements	<p>Research program - high scientific quality and originality (interdisciplinary approach desired) at an international level</p> <p>Qualification program - of direct relevance to the research program, including innovative teaching and supervision elements, which should clearly extend beyond the courses (doctoral colloquia) usually offered in doctorate programs</p> <p>Visiting researcher program - integrated into the qualification program, adding internationalization to the training provided</p>
Type and Extent of Funding	<p>Posts for doctoral researchers and postdocs.</p> <p>Grants and fellowships for doctoral researchers, postdocs, applicants holding a degree from a university of applied science or a Bachelor's degree.</p> <p>Per funding period: 4.5 years; maximum funding duration: 9 years with a progress check after 4.5 years</p> <p>Funds for visiting researchers, research students, travel, workshops, small equipment, consumables, coordination, miscellaneous</p>
Proposal Deadlines	<p>Draft proposals: no deadline</p> <p>Establishment proposals – following consultation with the DFG's Head Office – are accepted at any time.</p>

Notes: Group of 12 faculty members and PhD students are required
 PhD students should spend half of a year at the host university

Grant Title: [Research Units](#)

Purpose	To fund research groups in which those involved collaborate closely on specific medium-term research projects whose anticipated findings would not be able to be achieved within the scope of the individual grants program	
Eligibility Requirements	Outstanding researchers	
Proposal Requirements	Scientific quality and originality of a research project at an international level	
Type and Extent of Funding	Guidelines Research Units Program duration and finances, extends beyond the funding options available under the Individual Grants Program or Priority Program.	
More Details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Module Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators Replacements Networks Temporary Substitutes for Clinicians Professorships Start-Up Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project-Specific Workshops Mercator Fellows Gender Equality Measures in Research Coordination Public Relations Network Funds

Note: Can be the next step after successful Individual Research Grants

Grant Title: [International Scientific Event](#)

Purpose	Support the organization of scientific events in Germany
Eligibility Requirements	Researchers responsible for organizing the event.
Proposal Requirements	<p>International specialist conferences: Integrative lecture event with a specific topic and focus on a European audience; a variant of the Gordon Conference</p> <p>International congress, symposium, colloquia, workshop: International scientific event of particular significance for a specific subject area with a large number of participants from both Germany and abroad; held in a different country each year</p> <p>Annual meeting: A regularly recurring meeting of a German specialist society, working group or specialist group; event of national significance with a clearly defined topic and international participation</p>
Time and Extent of Funding	<p>International specialist conferences: Funding can be provided to cover expenses remaining after all other financing opportunities have been exhausted.</p> <p>International congress, symposium, colloquia, workshop: Lump sum, varies according to the number of researchers participating</p> <p>Annual meeting: Allowances for travel expenses (travel and maintenance costs) for active participants from abroad</p>
Cost Elements	<p>Staff costs, room rental (including utilities), instrumentation and equipment, printed materials, office supplies, postage costs, travel allowance (travel and accommodation costs)</p> <p>For annual meetings: funding is provided only for travel expenses (rail or air) for roundtrip travel to the meeting, as well as maintenance costs for each day of the event</p>
Proposal Deadlines	<p>Generally 6 months before the event begins.</p> <p>Special regulation for annual meetings: proposals can only be supported every second year.</p>