



Research Seed Capital (RiSC)

Call for Applications 2017

The Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts (MWK) is supporting “high-risk projects” by outstanding junior researchers at the beginning of their career. The program is intended to support unconventional but promising projects outside the mainstream. The Research Seed Capital shall lay the groundwork for larger innovative third-party funded projects (e.g. DFG Emmy Noether-program, DFG Heisenberg program, Volkswagen Foundation Freigeist-Fellowship, ERC Starting Grants).

The University of Freiburg will submit up to four proposal with a maximum duration of two years to the MWK. Usually the decision by the MWK takes six weeks after the selection meeting of the rectorate.

Candidates should contact the Science Support Centre (see below for contact details).

1. Eligibility

Eligible are junior researchers with a maximum of eight years of independent postdoctoral research experience (periods of parental commitment will be taken into account with one year per child) and junior professors. The applicant must be employed at the University of Freiburg for the duration of the funding period.

Proposals from the Faculty of Medicine are accepted; the matching funds have to be provided by the faculty (see below).

2. Type, extent and amount of funding

The MWK will provide up to € 50,000 per project for up to two years under the condition that the University will contribute with a complementary financing of the same amount. Up to € 25,000 per project of this complementary financing will be provided by the rectorate of the University of Freiburg. The Faculties are free to increase the University's share with uncommitted funds and by doing so raise the amount of funding by the MWK.

The funding may be used for research personnel, assistants, consumables, traveling expenses, workshops, and investments. Please note that you cannot apply for funding to finance your own position.

3. Submission

Please follow the guidelines described in the Guide for Applicants. Please send your application by email in PDF and MS-Word compatible format by

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