



IDEAS AND VENTURE FUND 2024 - Information Sheet for Applications

1. OBJECTIVE

The aim of the Ideas and Venture Fund (IVF), which was set up with funds from the Excellence Strategy, is to provide quick and uncomplicated support for researchers in the early stages of their careers in order to prepare an application for a third-party funded project.

Measures eligible for funding include, for example, preliminary studies, project preparation workshops, research stays abroad and networking activities. The measures should preferably be aimed at preparing an application for a junior research group leadership position, such as ERC Starting Grants, Emmy Noether or BMBF junior research groups; DFG individual projects (research grant, own position, Walter Benjamin Program) or comparable projects are also possible as target formats.

2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Doctoral researchers at Universität Hamburg (**excluding UKE**) in the early phase of their academic career, i.e. **whose doctorate was awarded no more than 5 years ago at the time of the application deadline**, are eligible to apply (parental leave etc. is considered accordingly). The employment relationship at UHH must be secured for the planned duration of the IVF funding and allow sufficient time to prepare the subsequent third-party funding application. **The formal requirements for eligibility to apply for the desired third-party funding format must also be observed.**

The following framework conditions must also be observed when submitting an application:

- Only one application can be submitted per person and call.
- The Ideas and Venture Fund serves to initiate concrete third-party funding projects.
- The planned third-party funded project must be thematically assigned to a [Emerging Field or a Profile Initiative](#). The reference should be explained accordingly in the application.
- Measures aimed at revising applications for third-party funding that have already been rejected can only be funded in justified exceptional cases (e.g. if there are indications to this effect in the reports of the funding providers).

3. SCOPE AND USE OF FUNDING

Funding of up to 50,000 euros is possible per application. The funds can be applied for, for example, to finance additional staff (e.g. student assistants), equipment, travel or the organization of scientific meetings or workshops. Funds can be made available for catering at conferences



within the framework of the provisions of the state budget regulations and by considering the guidelines of the university and faculty.

If there is a justified need, up to 3,000 euros can be requested for the funded project during its implementation, provided that the maximum approval limit of 50,000 euros has not already been exhausted.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

The criteria for the review are

- the quality and coherence of the application;
- the plausibility and relevance of the proposed measure for the planned third-party funding application;
- the qualifications and scientific excellence of the applicant (in relation to the respective career stage and the planned application for third-party funding);
- contribution to the further development of the research profile of the UHH in a Emerging Field or a Profile Initiative;
- the appropriateness of the requested funds.

If the suitability and quality of the applications are the same, female researchers will receive preferential support. However, priority will be given during selection to the criterion of scientific excellence.

5. APPLICATION

Please submit the following parts for your application:

- completed application form (incl. description of measures, max. four pages)
- curriculum vitae with details of research experience (max. one to two pages)
- list of publications (additional pages as needed)
- budget.

Please save application form, CV and publications in one PDF file and name it and the budget (XLS file) with the name of the first applicant person.

The submission is possible until the **29th March 2024** to the Department of Research Management and Funding: forschungsfoerderung.uhh@uni-hamburg.de

6. FUNDING ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

After a formal review, the applications are evaluated by a selection committee of the university as part of a comparative assessment. The Executive Board makes its funding decisions on the basis of this assessment. The decision letters are expected to be sent out at the beginning of June 2024. The funds are expected to be available from mid-

June 2024 until 31st October 2025 at the latest. After funding, a brief report on the use of the funds and the planned application for third-party funding must be submitted.

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