

# BOOST YOUR RESEARCH

## Young Investigator Fund for Innovative Research Ideas

The Schering Stiftung and the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung offer start-up grants to fund promising research ideas by young scientists. Support is provided for projects in the fields of biochemical, neuroscience or immunological basic research with biomedical implications.

The program is explicitly aimed at highly motivated young investigators who want to start an independent career and pursue their own research ideas that differentiate from the research topic of the supervisor. The Schering Stiftung and the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung make possible research projects that cannot be realized with existing funds and resources and for which application for other funding is not possible because of a lack of preliminary research. The start-up grant thus lays the foundations for a subsequent multiannual third-party funding.

The Schering Stiftung and the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung have earmarked a total of EUR 120,000 for this grant program. Applicants can apply for up to EUR 60,000 per project.

### INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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- Grant Details**
- Maximum grant amount: EUR 60,000 per project
  - Funding period: max. 12 months, earliest start date: October 1, 2018
  - The grant covers the costs of staff and equipment that are necessary to conduct the preliminary research for the research idea. Salary support for the applicant is not part of the grant.
  - Partial funding to complement other outside funding is not possible. Applicants can contribute their own funds.
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- Grant Requirements**
- Applicants use new and innovative research approaches and their research ideas differentiate from the research topic of the supervisor (in order to start an independent career).
  - The project is in the field of biochemical, neuroscience or immunological basic research with biomedical implications.
  - The project is new and has not yet been started. The grant will not be awarded to fund running projects or the continuation of projects.
  - Applicants must
    - have a PhD (PhD must have been completed no longer than 6 years ago, parental leave and similar gaps are deducted) or a MD with a PhD-equivalent career track.
    - have at least one year of research experience at the post-doc level.
  - The working environment of the applicant needs to fulfill the basic staff, spatial and logistical requirements to realize the research project. The direct supervisor has to approve and support the project.
  - The project duration is no longer than 12 months.
  - The grant recipient needs to be a German nonprofit or public science-promoting institution.
  - Applicants have a secure salary, and their contract extends at least to the end of the applied-for project.
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**Deadline** May 31, 2018

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- Application Materials** Please submit the following documents in the order listed:
- Application form (PDF on the website of the Schering Stiftung)
  - CV of applicant including list of publications, awards, etc.
  - Project sketch (max. 5 pages - please use the following outline)
    - Introduction to the topic
    - The innovative aspect of the project and the differentiation from the research topic of the supervisor
    - Goals of the project // plans for subsequent fundings
    - My plans for the next 5 years
    - Methodology
    - Project schedule and work plan
    - Participating employees at the project
    - Budget (tabular overview with costs for personnel, technical equipment, materials, travel expenses, etc.; Please list the financial and in-kind resources that your institution will provide, like rooms, lab equipment, staff members, etc.)
    - Short list of references
  - Two letters of recommendation, including a letter from the direct supervisor (the letters should not be send seperatly, but included into the application file)

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- Formal Requirements**
- All documents must be submitted in English.
  - Please submit your application by e-mail only and make sure to combine all requested documents in a single PDF file (max. 10 MB).

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**Selection** Applications will be reviewed in a two-step process. After obtaining reviews from independent experts, personal interviews with selected applicants will be held on September 11, 2018, in Berlin.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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