



Rundgespräch

Priority Programme

“Theory Hub for FCC-ee Physics”

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- ▶ **Strategic** research funding scheme
with the aim to give a clear impetus to the advancement of science
through **coordinated multi-location** funding
- ▶ Promotes work on topics that are expected to have
a **formative impact** on the field
→ e.g. “emerging fields”, rethinking known areas, ...
- ▶ **Interdisciplinary** proposals offer particular potential
- ▶ Creating **added value** by **collaboration** → **networking**
- ▶ Usual policy goals:
equal opportunity, support for **early-career researchers**



- ▶ Projects in **different locations** → subprojects comparable to individual DFG research grants
- ▶ **30 to 35** projects per call can be funded
- ▶ **Coordination project:**
networking, workshops, summer schools, equal opportunity measures, ...
- ▶ **Duration:** 2 x 3 years
- ▶ **Separate DFG budget** dedicated to Priority Programmes
→ additional funds for the field
- ▶ “Special features”:
 - **No duty to cooperate** for researchers from non-university institutions (MPG, Helmholtz etc.)
 - Possibilities to include **PIs from abroad**



Initiative Phase:

Preparation of the initiative
with a **round table discussion** (“Rundgespräch”)

Now

Deadline of the open call for new Priority Programmes
→ submission of the establishment proposal by the coordinator

15 October 2026

Review by ad-hoc Review Boards: “Fachkollegium” members + Member of Senate
(with a **presentation** of the initiative by the coordinator: **5 min talk + 15 min discussion**)

January/February
2027

Final **decision** on establishing new Priority Programmes by the DFG Senate
(success rate approx. 20 %) + **budget determination**

18 March 2027

If Priority Programme is established → **Funding Phase:**

Call for the **first funding period** for individual proposals

Summer/Fall
2027

Optional **round table discussion** (“Rundgespräch”) on proposal submission

Deadline for proposal submission

Fall 2027

Review panel for the individual proposals:
in person, with poster session

Spring 2028

Decision by the DFG Joint Committee
and start of funding

Summer 2028

- ▶ Max. **25 pages**, template **53.11**
- ▶ To be submitted in **English** via the “elan” portal by **15th October 2026**
- ▶ Should elaborate the **merits** of the suggested Priority Programme with respect to the **programme objectives**
- ▶ Defines one **coordinator** and up to four further **programme committee members**
- ▶ **Publication list** → up to 20 publications of the programme committee may be highlighted
- ▶ **Requested budget** → guideline: between 5 and 8 Mio. € for three years in total
- ▶ **List of potential applicants** → non-binding, no closed shop!
- ▶ **Appendix:** CVs of programme committee members (as one combined file)
- ▶ **Target group:** Members of the DFG Review Boards, Members of the DFG Senate

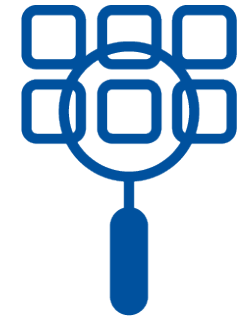


- ▶ Max. five researchers, one acts as the coordinator
- ▶ Composition should reflect the **relevant research directions** of the Priority Programme
- ▶ Role of the **coordinator**:
 - guiding role for the programme as a whole, fosters collaborations within the Priority Programme
 - qualified to manage a major interdisciplinary and multi-location research group
 - submits and administrates coordination budget proposal
 - organizes Priority Programme meetings
 - organizes the review colloquia (with respect to the applicants), but has no influence on the proposals the Review Panel selects
 - compiles the final report



- ▶ **Quality** of the project → **originality, formative effect** on the field of science
- ▶ **Coherent** and **achievable** research objectives
- ▶ **Interdisciplinary** and **multi-location collaboration / networking**
- ▶ Qualification of the **coordinator**
- ▶ Support for **early-career researchers** and **equal opportunity**
- ▶ Handling of **research data**
- ▶ Integration into the **international** research system
- ▶ **Distinction** from other funding programmes (DFG and other organizations)

→ See also DFG guidelines **10.212**





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