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Third-party funding for your postdoctoral career

German Research Foundation (DFG) and German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

In this lecture, the German Research Foundation (DFG) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) present various funding opportunities for postdocs. Your questions can be clarified after the presentations.

The DFG is the largest German research-funding organization. The DFG’s funding portfolio includes a wide range of different funding instruments for research projects and research infrastructures. The DFG strengthens young researchers through various programs, such as the Walter Benjamin Program (WBP) or the Emmy Noether Program. The WBP is a funding instrument that enables stays abroad for research projects. The Emmy Noether Program offers outstanding young researchers the opportunity to qualify for a university professorship by independently leading a junior research group over a period of six years. In addition, it is also possible to apply for an individual research grant for a specific, time-limited research project.

The DAAD is the world’s largest funding organization for the international exchange of students and researchers. The DAAD promotes international mobility at all career levels with a broad range of funding opportunities, including both individual and project funding. Research stays in the postdoc phase are useful for further academic career and offer many opportunities for further qualification. The most important programs of the DAAD for postdocs who want to do research abroad is the short fellowship program and the PRIME program. PRIME works on the principle of "position instead of fellowship". Funding is provided for employment at a German university for 18 months, during which time a one-year stay abroad can be realized, followed by a six-month reintegration phase.

In this lecture, you will receive information on the funding opportunities, application requirements as well as tips on how to apply.

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