Klaus Tschira Boost Fund

Info Event 23 September 2021 | 4-5 pm
Agenda

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- Requirements
  - Target Group & Eligibility
  - Institutional Requirements
- Application Process
- Funding
- Reviewing Process
- Questions

We empower researchers to build careers in Germany.
The KT Boost Fund offers:

- **flexible funding** to create scope for independent, higher risk, interdisciplinary projects,
- **support** in building (international) collaborations and networks,
- targeted **mentoring and advice** on professional and personal development.

The objective is to give (young) researchers greater **flexibility** in shaping their career paths, accelerate their careers, and promote early **independence**.
Funding

Up to **80,000 euros** for a period of up to **2 years**

- Funding can be used **for all types of costs**
- No more than **75 percent of the funds** can be used to cover (parts of) the fellow’s **own salary**

- **Career Workshop Modules:** Linking Purpose & Career, Practicing Self-Care, Being an Effective Manager, Leading Remote or Hybrid Teams

- **Career Workshop Series**
- Membership of the interdisciplinary alumni network **AlumNode**

**From Reactivity to Proactivity**
Taking the lead in uncertain times

**GSO** German Scholars Organization

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Target Group

Permanent Professorship (W2/W3)
- Tenure Track
- Appointment

Qualification
- (independent) Junior Research Group
- Junior/W1 Professorship
- Habilitation
- Group Leader

Postdoc

PhD

Undergrad

Science supporting positions
- Science management / Administration

FH-professorship

Non-academic job market
- Industry, non-profit sector, etc.

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Tenure Track
Appointment

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Requirements

Postdoctoral Researchers or Group Leaders/Researchers

... who

• are employed at a higher education institution (university, Fachhochschule) or a non-university research institution in Germany,

• conduct research in one or more of the following areas: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Computer Science, Mathematics, Neurosciences or Physics,

• are not already funded by a junior research group program or similar (e.g. Emmy Noether, ERC Starting Grant or others) or/ and do not have a tenure option (W2/W3)

⇒ As a group leader you are eligible to apply if only your own position is funded and you do not have a tenure option or further substantial funding.
Application Documents

- **Project Proposal** including a budget plan and a time frame. What goals will be realized? What potential remains untapped without the funding? Describe the “Boost”!
- **CV of applicant** including your current position, publications etc.
- **Motivation letter** including personal and professional development and career goals.
- **Statement/Support** from applicant institution.

Please read the application guidelines carefully.
Reviewing Process

1. Formal review (Please read the guidelines)

2. First round: Selecting an initial pool of candidates in line with criteria such as: relevance, feasibility, innovation level, motivation & boost effect, potential impact, etc.
   *Who?* 2 Reviewers (independent from each other, expert from your field or close)

3. Second round: Deciding on the final fellows
   *Who?* Selection committee (4-6 members from different disciplines)

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We cannot give any personal feedback for applications or provide you with the reasons for our decision. The evaluation of the reviewers will not be forwarded!
KT Boost Fellows

The Klaus Tschira Boost Fund has already supported **34 fellows since 2019**.

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow
Pauline N. Fleischmann
University of Würzburg/Neuroethology

Penelope R. Whitehorn
Karlsruhe Institute of Technology/Pollinator Ecology

Georgios Gkatzeles
Forschungszentrum Jülich/Atmospheric Chemistry
Research Scientist

Fianian Loebbert
Humboldt University Berlin/Theoretical Particle Physics
Junior Scientist

Please visit our website to learn more about our fellows and their projects.

https://gsonet.org/funding-programs/klaus-tschira-boost-fund/?lang=en#fellows
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Thank you!