Online Infowebinar 2023
27 January 4pm (CET)
Idea of the KT Boost Fund

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

The Klaus Tschira 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.
Requirements: Target Group

Science supporting positions
Science management / Administration

Permanent Professorship (W2/W3)
Tenure Track
Appoint-ment

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

Postdoc

PhD

Undergrad

FH= University of Applied Sciences

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

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FH-professorship
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...with no substantial funding

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... who

• are employed at a public higher education institution (university, Fachhochschule) or a non-university research institution in Germany - at the latest at the start of their Boost project,

• 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/and do not have a tenure option (W2/W3) or have a permanent position

→ As a group leader you are eligible to apply only if your own position is funded and you do not have a tenure option or further substantial funding.
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**Welcome Event & Workshop** in Berlin Oct 6 & 7

**+ Career Workshop Series**
+ Individual **Coaching**
+ Membership in the interdisciplinary alumni network **AlumNode**

- **Career Workshops**: Linking Purpose & Career, Practicing Self-Care, Being an Effective Manager, Leading Projects & Teams

- **Connect. Engage. Empower.**

**AlumNode** offers access to intensive knowledge transfer and sharing, project funding, peer mentoring as well as various professional development opportunities and innovative workshops

**package worth >2,000 euros per Fellow**
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Application documents

- **Project Plan** including a cover page, **budget plan and a time frame**
  What goals will be realized? What potential remains untapped without the funding?
  Describe the “Boost”!

- **CV of the applicant** including your current position and how your current position is funded, publications etc.

- **Motivation letter** including personal and professional development and career goals

- **Supporting statement** of your institution

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Please read the application guidelines and FAQ on our website carefully

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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!
Thank you –
and now it’s time for questions from the Q&A
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Additional Slides
Junior Research Group Programs

**DFG**
German Research Foundation

**BMBF**
Nachwuchsgruppen

**NRW-Rückkehrprogramm**

**Nachwuchsguppe FIS (BMAS)**

**States/Federal**

**Emmy Noether Programm**

**DFG**

**Perspektiven-Programm „Plus 3“ BL Stiftung**

**Max Eden NWG-Programm**

**NEXUS Carl Zeiss Stiftung**

**Robert Bosch Stiftung Juniorprofessur**

**Foundations**

**HFSP**

**ERC Consolidator Grant**

**ERC Starting Grant**

**European Research Funding**

**Fraunhofer Attract**

**Max Planck Research Groups**

**Lise Meitner Exzellenzprogramm**

**Helmholtz Nachwuchsgruppen**

**Leibniz Junior Research Groups**

**Non-university Research Institutions**

**Examples**

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