



Klaus Tschira BOOST FUND

A joint program by GSO and Klaus Tschira
Stiftung to promote researchers in the Natural
Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science.

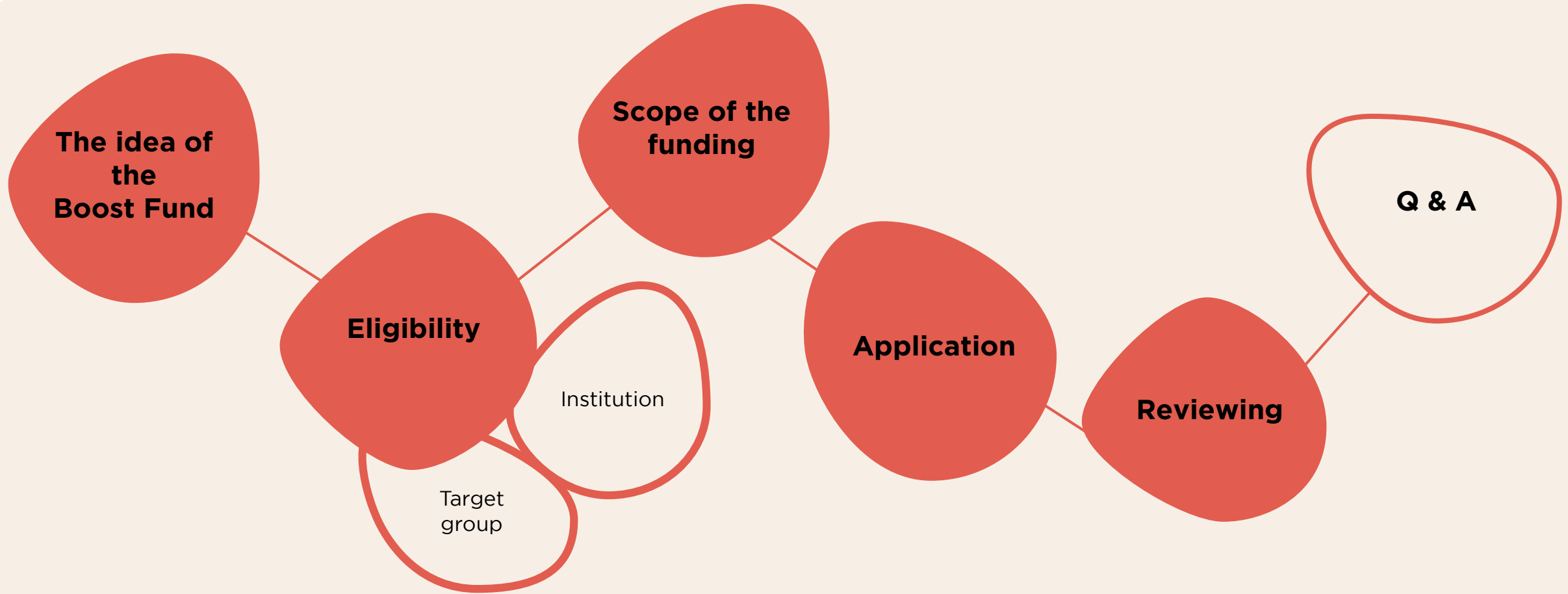


Infowebinar 2024

September 10, 2024

4:00-5:00 PM (CEST)

What to expect in the next hour



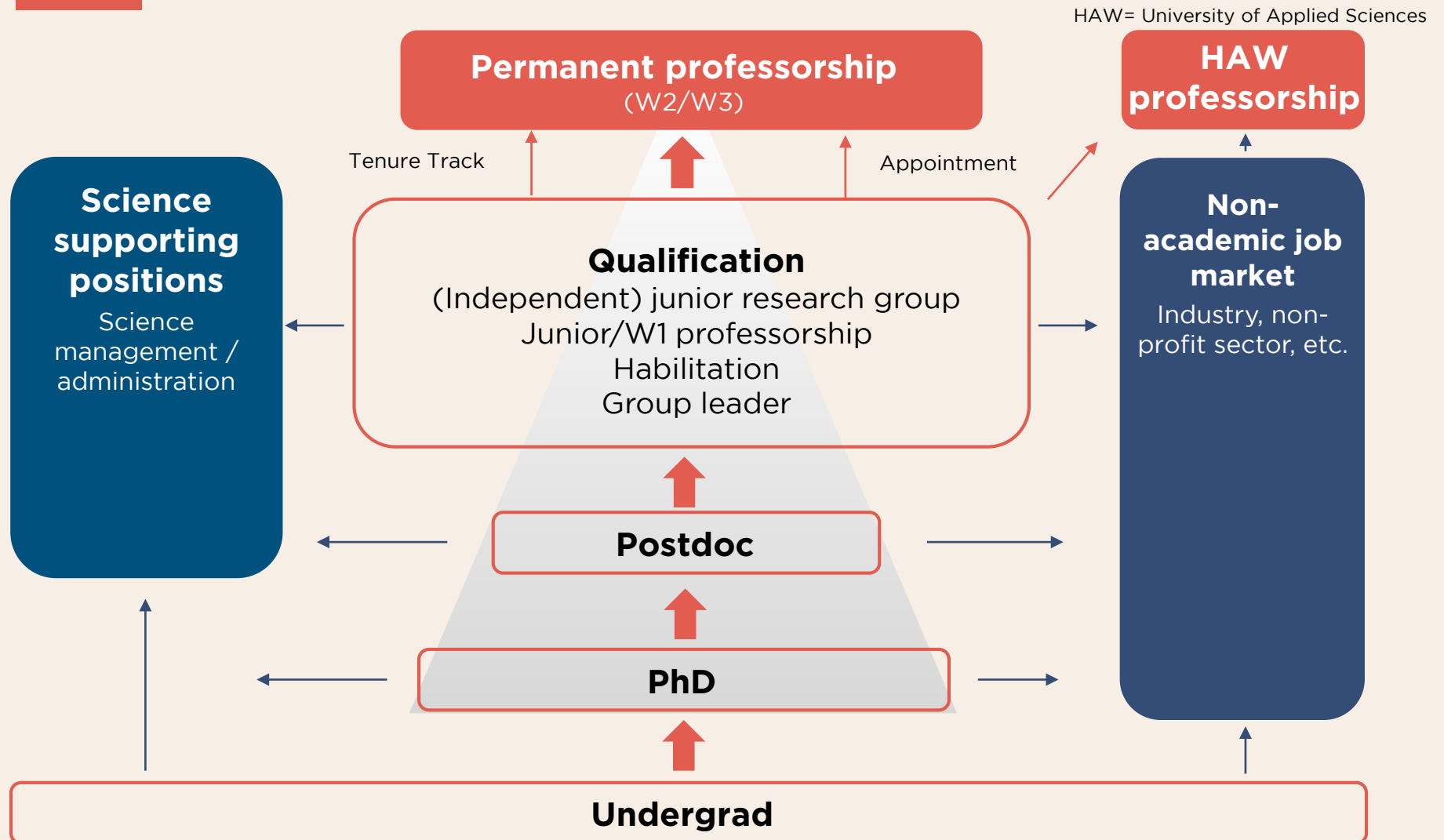
The idea of the Klaus Tschira Boost Fund

The objective is to give postdoctoral researchers **greater flexibility** in shaping their career paths, accelerating their careers, and promoting early **independence**.

The Boost Fund offers:

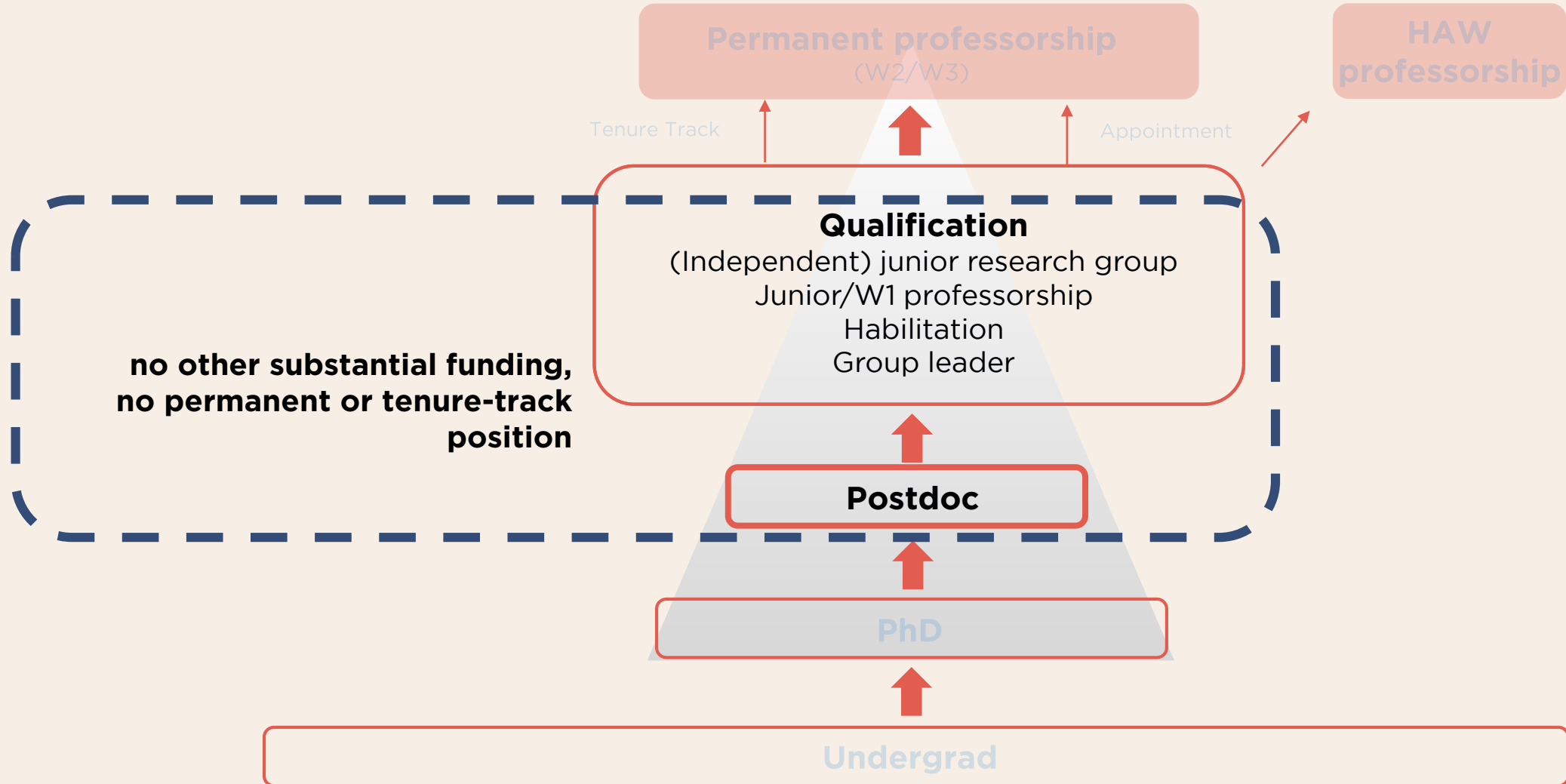
- **flexible funding** for independent, explorative, risky, and interdisciplinary projects,
- **support** in building (international) collaborations and networks,
- targeted **mentoring and advice** on professional and personal development.

Career paths for researchers in Germany



Eligibility: KT Boost Fund target group

HAW= University of Applied Sciences



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Postdoctoral researchers

... who

- are employed at a **state-funded (public) university, university of applied science or non-university research institute in Germany** – at the latest at the start of the Boost-funded project,
 - conduct research in one or more of the following areas
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geosciences, Neurosciences, Computer Science, Mathematics
 - do **not yet have funding from a junior research group program** listed in the program info
 - do **not have a tenure option (→ W2 or W3) or a permanent research position**
- As a group leader or junior professor, you are eligible to apply **only if** your position is funded **and** the above eligibility criteria are met

Scope of the funding

Up to **120,000€ max.**
for a period of
up to **24 months**

- Funding can be used **for all types of costs (staff, material, other)**
- No more than **65,000€** to cover the fellow's **salary (or parts of it)**
- **Calculation of funding for staff** = including all employer expenses



Deniz Kumral • 1st

Postdoctoral Researcher at The University of Freiburg

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It is an amazing opportunity to become an independent researcher/leader! Great people, mentoring, networking, and coaching opportunities via KTBoost Funding! And + they increased the funding from 80k to 120k!



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Klaus Tschira Boost Fund: Call for Applications Out Now

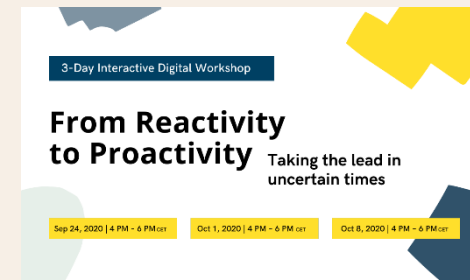
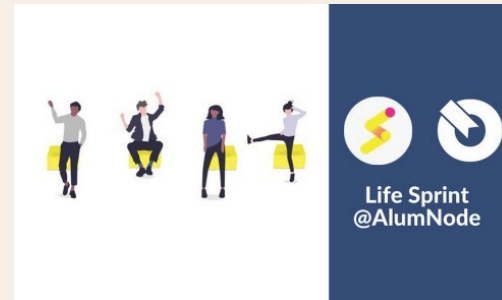
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Welcome event & 1st workshop
in Berlin, Fri/Sat in May 2025
+ **Career workshop series** (online)
+ **AlumNode** membership
+ individual **coaching**

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worth > 2,000 €
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Documents

- **Research proposal** incl. cover page, **budget plan, time frame with milestones, references, and contribution of the Boost Fund**
Describe the "**Boost**" to your research project and your career:
What difference does the funding make? What are your goals?
What potential remains untapped without the funding?
- **CV**, incl. current position, how the position is funded, list of max. 10 publications
- **Letter of motivation** describing **your personal and professional development and career goals**
- **Letter of support** by applying institution to which you/your project are/will be affiliated to

one
single
pdf-file
(max. 4
MB)

Review process

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–
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Please note:

We do not give individual feedback on applications or forward reviews.



Thank you –
let us know your questions

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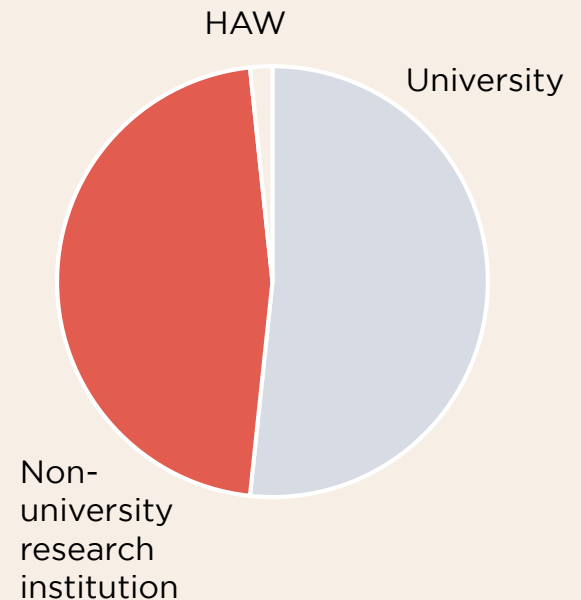
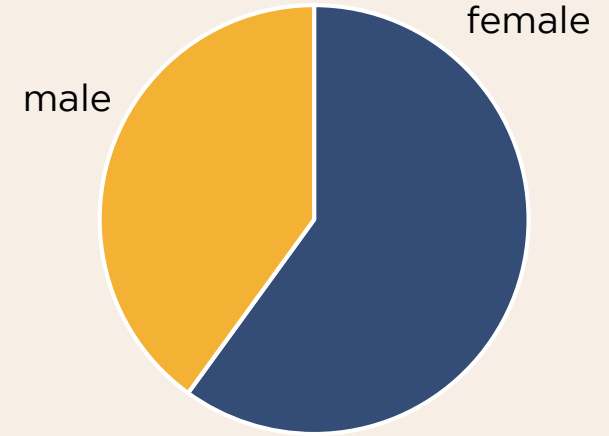
Web: <https://gsonet.org/funding-programs/klaus-tschira-boost-fund>



Klaus Tschira Boost Fund Fellows

60 Fellows & Alumni since 2019

- learn more about them on [our website](#) and in our ongoing social media series »Keeping up with ... «



Postdoc

Alexander von Humboldt
Research Fellow

Group leader

Junior Scientist



Youssef El Mouali

Helmholtz Centre for Infection
Research (HZI) Braunschweig /
Microbiome

Svetlana Klementyeva

University of Tübingen /
Inorganic Chemistry

Jingyuan Xu

Karlsruhe Institute of
Technology / Sustainable Energy
Technology

Florian Loebbert

University of Bonn/ Theoretical
Particle Physics

Junior research group programs

Emmy
Noether

DFG
**German Research
Foundation**

Perspektiven-
Programm
„Plus 3“
BI Stiftung

**Private
Foundations**

NEXUS
Carl Zeiss
Stiftung

Max Eder

Robert
Bosch
Stiftung
Junior-
professur

Liebig
Stipendium

Human
Frontier
Science
Program

European research funding

ERC
Starting
Grant

ERC Consoli-
dator Grant

BMBF
Nachwuchs-
gruppen

**Fraunhofer
Attract**

**Max
Planck
Research
Groups**

**Max
Planck
Minerva
Fast Track**

**Lise
Meitner**

Nach-
wuchs-
gruppe FIS
(BMAS)

NRW-
Rückkehrpro-
gramm

**Helmholtz
Nachwuchs-
gruppen**

**Non-university
research institutions**

**Leibniz
Junior
Research
Groups**

State/Federal