

## First ERA-PG Call - National Annex – DFG

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation) is the central, self-governing research organisation that promotes research at universities and other publicly financed research institutions in Germany. The DFG serves all branches of science and the humanities by funding research projects and facilitating cooperation among researchers. Scientific and academic excellence, interdisciplinarity, internationality and the advancement of young researchers are key elements in the work of the DFG.

Apart from the rules and procedures defined in the ERA-PG call announcement “Structuring Plant Genomic Research in Europe” scientists seeking DFG funding for project parts within ERA-PG collaborative research projects need to consider the following points:

General DFG rules and conditions apply as defined in the document “General Information and Guidelines for Proposals” for DFG Research Grants. This document can be downloaded from [http://www.dfg.de/forschungsfoerderung/formulare/download/1\\_02e.pdf](http://www.dfg.de/forschungsfoerderung/formulare/download/1_02e.pdf). Please refer to this document especially with regard to eligible costs and with regard to obligations.

As an exception from the conditions stated there, eligibility requirements for applicants are the same as for DFG coordinated research programmes.

As obvious from the above mentioned guidelines, DFG funding can only be granted for funding periods of max. three years. Any extension would require a continuation proposal within the third year. Also, there are some restrictions as to the funding of training activities (section 4 of the call announcement). Researchers intending to propose activities such as summer schools should contact the DFG Call Coordinator (see below) for details prior to submission of the proposal.

Project parts of invited full proposals by researchers based in Germany applying to the DFG can be funded to the extent they are proven to be competitive within the pool of DFG Individual Grant proposals of the plant science field by the ERA-PG review panel.

Researchers submitting invited full proposals must ensure that for project parts to be funded by the DFG all relevant points of the “Proposal Guidelines for Research Grants” have been fully covered in their proposal; where necessary this has to be done by an annex. For details, please refer to the following DFG webpage:

[http://www.dfg.de/info\\_wissenschaftler/lw/aktuelles/archiv/2006/era\\_plant\\_genomics\\_en.html](http://www.dfg.de/info_wissenschaftler/lw/aktuelles/archiv/2006/era_plant_genomics_en.html)

Research topics and themes, application and evaluation of research proposals will follow the procedure that is defined in ERA-PG call “Structuring Plant Genomic Research in Europe”. Once all evaluation steps have been completed, the final funding decisions rest with the DFG Joint Committee.

Applicants must guarantee that information, resources and results obtained in DFG projects are made publicly available within a reasonable period of time and that this is not in conflict with obligations of the PI in other projects. Other sources for research support to the PI for studies related to the topic of the proposal must be clearly identified, especially if not provided by the DFG. The DFG cannot fund research of private industry partners.

For further information, please contact the ERA-PG call coordinator for the DFG:

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