



DFG Knowledge transfer

Discover potential,
promote application

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DFG

- promotes research of the highest quality
- maintains a dialogue with civil society, the political sphere and the business community
- supports the transfer of knowledge
- acts in accordance with scientific principles in all its procedures



Aim is to bring about more innovation for society and provide fresh impetus for basic research

Researchers whose findings have been funded by the DFG

Application partners addressing relevant issues of the society or exploring new markets

Equal partnership in jointly run projects

A prototype, an exemplary application or practical concepts as a tangible project outcome



Applicable to all academic disciplines

Based on evaluated results from DFG projects

Knowledge transfer projects are pre-competitive

Funding available only to academic partners

Joint project work by all partners

Substantial involvement of the application partner

Cooperation agreement governs IP and publications

Project funding as the basis for knowledge transfer projects

- Research Grants
- Research Groups
- **Priority Programmes**
- Collaborative Research Centres (SFB)

→ The focus must be on carrying out research

Other funding schemes that do not form the basis for a transfer

- Funding for equipment, e.g. New Instrumentation for Research
- Funding of Literature and Information Systems
- International Scientific Events

→ The focus must not be on preparing for or facilitating research



Typical project structure

Usually, one application partner and one academic partner

Multiple academic partners are possible

Generally, the same people as in the previous project, though changes are possible

Multiple application partners are possible

The more partners (i.e. more interests), the more time-consuming the preparation, particularly of the cooperation agreement

Potential application partners

- In general, commercial enterprises, but also clubs, schools and many others
- plan to make further use of the results, for example by developing them into products
- Contribute to the transfer project in terms of content and personnel
- Are clearly and convincingly integrated into the work programme

Exclusion criteria

- Partners eligible to apply to the DFG, e.g. university hospitals or non-profit limited companies
 - Integration for the sole purpose of validating the results
 - Provision of material resources only
- **These partnerships are already possible under the other funding schemes**
- Cf. forms [4.02](#) and [4.03](#)

Review by the DFG Head Office
(confidential; i.e. not shared with reviewers)

Submission of the signed contract when
submitting the proposal

Forms [41.026](#) (companies) and [41.026a](#)
(charitable/public sector partners)

Strong recommendation:
ONE contract between all partners!



Date of submission of the application for the knowledge transfer project

Usually shortly after the completion of the previous project

Applications may be submitted whilst the previous project is still ongoing

Findings intended for transfer must be ready for peer review



Quality of the
preliminary project's
results, degree of
innovation

Objectives and
criteria for success

Joint Work
Programme



Suitability of the
application partner

Impact on the
scientific community

Pre-competitive
nature of the project



The DFG Heas Office is open to all suggestions. Open communication makes everything easier.

Coordinated proposal submission

Simpler and quicker decision-making; cross-project networking still possible; only worthwhile four or more proposals

Individual proposal submission

More flexible in terms of timing and coordination between proposals

No special funding!

The projects are funded through individual grants!



Formal submission as a research grant

DFG forms [50.01](#) and [54.01](#)

Description of the project

DFG forms [53.01](#) (always the latest version!)

Refer to the supplementary guide!

DFG forms [54.014](#)

Submission only via ELAN

Consultation via erkenntnistransfer@dfg.de

A few final remarks

- Transfer projects are self-contained (i.e. no applications for continuation are permitted)
- Several transfer projects may be based on one predecessor project
- Approval rates are currently difficult to predict (due to competition with other funding schemes)



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