Supporting International Research Cooperation:

International Programmes

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The DFG is the largest **independent** research funding organisation in Germany.

It is an **association** under German private law.

Its **member organisations** include German universities, non-university research institutions, academies of sciences and humanities, and scientific associations.

It serves **all branches** of science and the humanities by **funding research projects** and facilitating cooperation among researchers.

Over **32,500** projects funded in 2017 with a budget of **approx. € 3.2 billion**

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The DFG facilitates national and international **cooperation** among researchers.

It encourages the advancement and training of **early-career researchers.**

It promotes **gender equality** in the German scientific and academic communities.

It provides scientific **policy advice** and fosters relations with the **private sector** and with **public.**
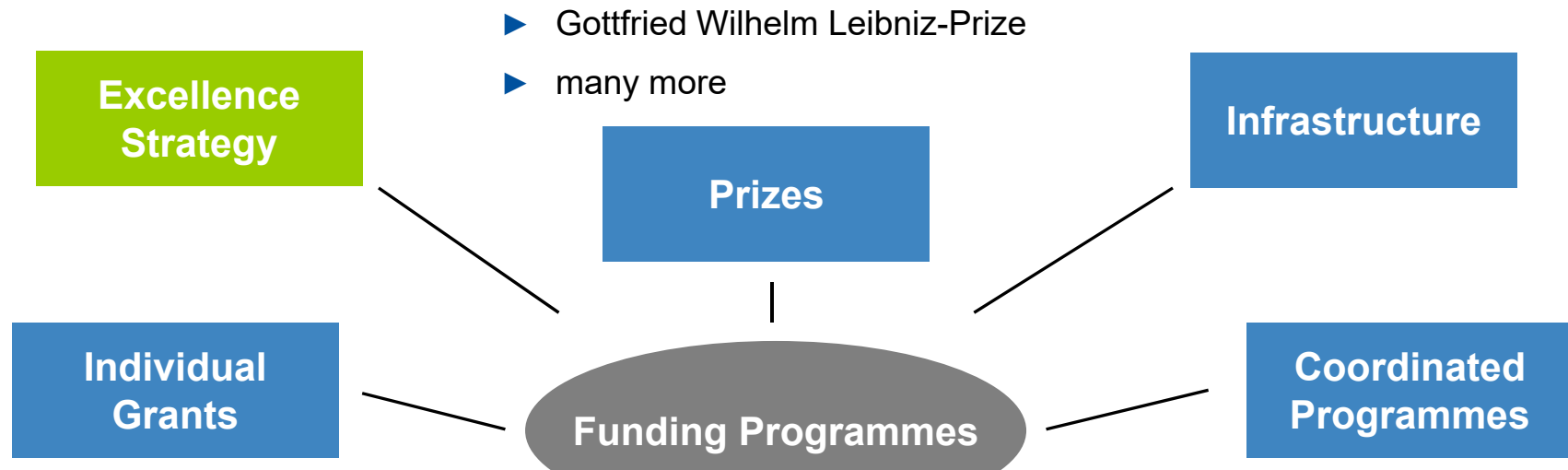

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DFG is driven by scientific demand

- DFG acts and funds bottom up

- no thematic priorities (rare exceptions)

- no regional priorities

- no political influence

- no calls, no deadlines (rare exceptions)

- everything in peer review

- everything in competition

- everything decided by scientists

  => funding only if institution agrees on ethical standards

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Funding Instruments

Excellence Strategy

► Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz-Prize

► many more

Infrastructure

Prizes

Individual Grants

Funding Programmes

Coordinated Programmes

➢ All open to international cooperation

➢ And to researchers working in Germany regardless of one's nationality

DFG´s Funding Programmes for International Cooperation

The DFG fosters international cooperation in **all funding programmes**

especially through:

- initial funding for bilateral cooperation

- fellowships abroad for postdoctoral researchers

- joint calls for proposals with partner organisations

- International Research Training Groups

- international scientific events

- Mercator Fellows

International modules, such as additional travel expenses,
personnel exchanges, etc., may be applied in all DFG funding programmes.

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DFG´s Funding Programmes for International Cooperation
Funding for the Initiation of International Collaboration

This program

▸ **enables initial contacts and enhances cooperation** with foreign partners

▸ **offers a flexible framework for cooperation, allowing different elements to be combined** (preparatory and cooperative visits, bilateral events such as workshops, etc.)

DFG covers all costs of German side including hospitality cost in Germany for visitors.

In connection with Japan

This program is used as a counterpart funding to JSPS bilateral joint seminar program.

Application needs to be submitted by a researcher in Germany to DFG

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JSPS Joint Seminars:

• Joint funding of up to 5 workshops between Japanese and German scientists.

• DFG covers expenses for German part, JSPS covers expenses for Japanese part.

• JSPS announces a call every summer with a deadline in September. DFG processes these collaborations within the Programme "Initiation of International Cooperation"

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DFG´s Japanese Partners

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS)

- Annual call for **bilateral joint seminar**

- **Joint research project** call
    - Geosciences (2018)

- DFG funded project can be part of the JSPS Core-to-Core Programme
  (Japanese Scientist + 2 other partners abroad)
  – no call announcement on DFG side

- via Open Research Area for the Social Sciences (ORA)

- Matching of Japanese-German Graduate Externship (JGGE) and International
  Research Training Groups (IRTG)

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Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST)

- **Joint international Workshops** under CREST (Core Research for Evolutional Science and Technology) program and PRESTO (Precursory Research for Embryonic Science and Technology) program
  - Molecular Technology (2016)

- **Joint research** by associating with CREST/PRESTO program
  - Exascale Computing (2015-2018)

- German-French-Japanese **research projects** funding in AI
  - Call details to be made available soon (2019)

- Joint Calls for Project funding have been done in the following fields of science:
  - Nano electronics (3 Calls, 2007, 2008, 2009)
  - Computational Neuroscience (3 Calls 2011, 2012, 2013)

No new calls planned

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DFG´s Japanese Partners

Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED)

- **Joint Workshops**
  - Metabolic Imaging (2016)
  - Neurosciences (2019)

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- to pursue an intensive and long-term exchange with researchers in Germany and abroad.

- a way of bringing additional expertise to the project or into the network and increasing its visibility

- an allowance to cover travel expenses, fellows may receive a salary for their work.

Mercator Fellows available as a module in most DFG programmes
Must to be applied through the German host (institution)

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DFG´s Funding Programmes for International Cooperation
Leibniz Lecture Series

- The Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize is the most important research award in Germany.

- inviting Leibniz Price Awardee (and possibly next generation researchers in his/her lab.) to Japan to present and discuss the excellent research.

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► https://www.dfg.de/en/funded_projects/prizewinners/leibniz_prize/index.html

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