Internal Research Funding
CAU Attract: Attracting and promoting outstanding junior research groups

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Within the framework of internal research funding, Kiel University (CAU) offers various opportunities to enable postdoctoral researchers to embark on an independent career. The aim of this funding line is to provide incentives for junior research group leaders to establish an independent young investigator group at Kiel University (CAU) for which funding is to be acquired or has already been successfully acquired from an external funding organization.

Eligible projects
- This funding line supports researchers who have obtained funding for their own position and/or other positions for junior researchers, or who are planning to apply for such funding. For example, support can be provided for the (planned) establishment of an independent young investigator group at Kiel University that is funded by the German Research Foundation DFG (Heisenberg, Emmy Noether Programme), the European Commission (ERC Starting Grant) or the Federal Ministry of Education and Research BMBF, etc.
- The application for funding of a young investigator group should be supported by a mentor of the applicant's own choice, who is an active university professor at Kiel University, to provide advice on the content.

Eligibility to apply
- Postdoctoral researchers up to seven years after the doctorate (for periods of childcare, regulations analogous to those of the German Research Foundation (DFG) apply). As a rule, proposals may only be submitted within seven years after obtaining your doctorate. The submission deadline for female researchers providing childcare within the eligibility period will be extended by two years per child, while the deadline for their male counter-parts will be extended by one year per child, no documentation is necessary. Male researchers who provide childcare beyond the one-year period can also be eligible for a max. two-year extension per child provided appropriate documentation is given. The eligibility period may be extended for a maximum of six years in total. Children under the age of 12 when the period begins who live permanently in the same household as the applicant are included.
- Applicants who are already working at Kiel University (employees, scholarship holders, as well as researchers with grant agreements; employees of the UKSH can only participate in the funding program of the Medical Faculty), as well as those who would like to relocate their activities to Kiel University in the future.

Type of funding
- Kiel University will provide funds of up to €30,000 upon application, which can be included as the university contribution in the application to the external funding organization. If no university contribution is required, Kiel University will provide the junior research group leader with funds up to this amount (€30,000) directly if the grant application is approved by the
funding organization. This only applies to projects that do not generate any overhead or a programme allowance.

- If a programme allowance is available for the acquired junior research group or project, Kiel University will provide the junior research group leader with supplementary funding in the amount of the respective programme allowance, which can be used flexibly during the course of the project to support the project. The supplementary funding can not be granted in full if the project funding period has already exceeded the half way point, e.g. in the case of a relocation to Kiel University.
- The funds can be used flexibly. If the funds are not spent within the project period at Kiel University, they expire.

**Application period**

- Applications in this funding line can be submitted at any time.

**Contact:**

- Please complete our short [online form](#) for inquiries about funding under this funding line so that we can refer you to the right contact person straight away.

If you have any questions in advance, please do not hesitate to contact

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**Effective date**

- This Guideline shall enter into force on the day of its publication and shall apply to all applications submitted after its entry into force.