

SPP1926 Young Investigators Call for Proposals

The steering committee of the DFG priority program SPP1926 - Next Generation Optogenetics - solicits competitive applications from young scientists for independent research grants. These grants are made available by the SPP1926 central funds and are specifically meant to enable early-stage researchers to develop and refine their own research agendas within the framework of SPP1926. The applicants will have sole responsibility for the proposed project, and research should be conducted largely independently (i.e. it should not simply 'top-up' the existing funding of the lab head). Ideally, the grant provides seed money to help prepare full-fledged, independent grant applications within the second funding period of SPP1926. Research grants of up to 30 k€ can be applied for and can be spent on consumables, small equipment or staff (esp. student assistants). Proposals must be submitted in full to the speaker of the SPP1926, Alexander Gottschalk (a.gottschalk@em.uni-frankfurt.de), by no later than May 31st 2017.

Eligibility Criteria

- Early-stage researchers on a non-permanent position i.e. postdoctoral researchers and junior principal investigators, or (very) experienced Ph.D. students (thesis to be completed by mid 2017, and with prospective own position during the 2nd funding period of SPP1926).
- Applicants should be affiliated with one of the groups within SPP1926

Application Documents

- Research proposal: length between 5-10 pages (Arial 11 pt, 1.15 line spacing)
- Budget table: itemized list of consumables, instruments and staff (student assistant, 'HiWi'); max. ~ 20-30 k€ per proposal
- *Curriculum vitae* in tabular form
- Letter of recommendation / statement of independence by the respective P.I. / mentor

Selection Criteria

- Originality, feasibility and impact of research
 - Relationship of proposed research to that of current mentor (in case of Ph.D. and postdoc applicants) or previous mentor (in case of junior PI applicants)
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