

Scientific research

General

The Foundation awards grants for high-quality research that aims at significant international breakthroughs.

Key considerations for assessing research projects include the project goals, the researchers' professional skills and credentials, the project implementation plans and the significance of the results.

The goals of the research plan must be clearly defined, and the implementation plan must be realistic. The size of the material must be sufficient, and the data collection methods must be functional. High-quality scientific productivity is expected of researchers.

Funding is granted on a case-by-case basis, and the cost estimate must be itemised and justified. Further funding may be granted if the research results show significant scientific value that leads to new research initiatives.

When making decisions, the Foundation uses external advisers at its discretion. The Foundation does not justify its decisions or disclose the names of the advisers.

Examples of funded projects

Research visits by postdoctoral researchers to research institutes of an internationally high quality are required to last from one to two years. Funding may be granted for a third year based on the research results, the applicant's motivation and a statement from their supervisor.

Applications must be accompanied by a resume and a list of publications, in addition to a statement from the dissertation supervisor and a letter of invitation from the host institute. The letter of invitation must include a brief description of the research topic and a description of the research environment.

The requirements for establishing independent research teams include meritorious postdoctoral experience at a high-quality research institute and an ambitious, independent research plan. The research team must have access to appropriate infrastructure, as well as partnerships or the necessary expertise. The team may choose to integrate into a team that provides these resources.

Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the postdoctoral supervisor with regard to the applicant's ability to carry out significant research. In addition, the application must include statements from two senior researchers working in the same research environment, with regard to the research plan and the research environment.

Research plans presented by experienced senior researchers are required to include an ambitious yet realistic goal to shed light on or resolve a significant scientific issue. Applicants are required to have an independent career in education or research, as well as an impressive resume and high-quality publications. They are also expected to have served as doctoral advisers, hold an adjunct professorship or a similar position, and have previously been granted significant, competed funding.

The application must include statements from two senior researchers who know the applicant. Their statements must include an assessment of the applicant's plan and the required resources.