



Conditions of funding Wissenschaftskolleg of Paderborn University

I. General information

The Wissenschaftskolleg is aimed at highly qualified scientists of the Paderborn University from all disciplines starting from the postdoc phase (at least 2 years), who want to develop an interdisciplinary research project together with up to two internationally renowned colleagues. The thematic orientation of the Wissenschaftskolleg is open.

The programme provides researchers with the time and resources required to concentrate on developing an interdisciplinary research project with an international team for a duration of six months.

Goal of the Wissenschaftskolleg is to provide start-up funding to pave the way for long-term interdisciplinary research and international cooperation, to set new research impulses at Paderborn University. For example: applications from the coordinated programmes of the German Research Foundation (collaborative research centres, transregios, research training groups, research units, priority programmes, clusters of excellence etc.) or comparable programmes funded by the EU or other funding providers.

II. Application requirements

- a) Scientists who can prove that they are contractually employed by Paderborn University are eligible to apply. Funding of their own position is not possible.
- b) From the postdoc phase (at least 2 years) onwards researchers from any field can apply to the Wissenschaftskolleg together with an interdisciplinary and international team.
- c) The working group is to include up to two researchers from the Paderborn University and up to two other established guest researchers (max. Duration of stay at the UPB 4 months) from Germany or abroad. To this end, a letter of intent/Lol (formless by e-mail) must be obtained from the prospective guest researchers. Before the start of a possible admission to the Wissenschaftskolleg, this should make clear the mutual seriousness and duration of the cooperation as well as the willingness to carry out a joint research project within the Wissenschaftskolleg.
- d) The guest researchers must be present in Paderborn for the duration of their stay during the Wissenschaftskolleg.
- e) If the research proposal requires access to laboratories or the specialist facilities of Paderborn University, it is necessary to submit a confirmation from a faculty that the necessary infrastructure can be used.
- f) The duration of funding is six months.
- g) It is possible to apply for funding to cover the expenses of up to two guest researchers to participate in the Kolleg as well as the personnel costs for the continuation of the Paderborn applicant's chair (e.g. visiting researchers) during the funding period. If necessary consumables up to a value of €20,000 may be covered. Please indicate the purpose of the required consumables. The programme cannot fund a limited-term employment contract. The funding volume depends on the individual requirements and is limited to a W3 salary (maximum).

III. Application process

The application process consists of two phases.

Phase 1: Draft proposal ([see also draft proposal form](#)):

The written application must include the application form and a four-page exposé of the research proposal. The exposé should include details of the project's research goals and long-term prospects at Paderborn University. The applications should be addressed to the head office of the Committee for Research and Junior Academics and be submitted via the Managing Directors of the deaneries. On the basis of the first

round of written applications the Committee for Research and Junior Academics will decide which applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

Phase 2: Full application

The full application should be no more than 10 pages. Up to four complete applications may undergo an external review process. Each applicant should thus propose four external reviewers who are not biased and can evaluate the applications independently and objectively according to the stipulations of the German Research Foundation (https://www.dfg.de/formulare/10_201/).

The Vice-President for Research and Junior Academics will then choose two external reviewers. The final decision on which proposals will be accepted to the Wissenschaftskolleg will be made by the University Executive Board based on the recommendation of the Committee for Research and Junior Academics. Application resubmissions are possible.

A precise content orientation of the research concept is expected for both the draft proposal and the full application. The proposals should clearly indicate the project-specific significance for a profile-building future perspective at Paderborn University. In addition, it should be described how the participation of the involved scientists is specifically planned.

IV. Deadlines and responsibilities

a) Application deadlines:

The application deadlines are published annually by the Committee for Research and Junior Academics.

b) Submitting the application:

The application should be submitted to the head office of the Committee for Research and Junior Academics (Department 2/ Div. 2.2 Ms Patz) via the Managing Directors of the deaneries.

c) Start date and duration of the programme:

The programme commences at the beginning of each semester (1st October/ 1st April) and lasts up to six months.

d) Place of implementation:

In principle, the premises rented by the Paderborn University on the AStA city campus should be used to implement the research project. If it is also planned to use the faculty's own premises and laboratories, this must be explained and justified in the course of the application.

Photos and a floor plan of the premises of the AStA city campus can be requested from the Committees head office.

V. Presentation Results

After the end of the funding measure, a public presentation of the results (30 minutes) is to take place at the opening event of the subsequent Wissenschaftskolleg.