

## Call for proposals „UR Fellows“ 2024

The "UR Fellows" program aims to promote interdisciplinary research cooperation and multidisciplinary networking within the Universität Regensburg and supports the initiation of third-party funding applications with an interdisciplinary focus.

### Who is eligible to apply?

- a) **Early Career Researchers**<sup>1</sup>, who have completed their doctorates and who make up a project team of a maximum of four researchers from at least two different disciplines,  
and
- b) **Professors** of the Universität Regensburg, who make up a project team of a maximum of four researchers (including at least one early career researcher) from at least two different disciplines,

and who aim to submit a joint, interdisciplinary research funding proposal to DFG/EU/BMBF or an equivalent funding organization with peer review process within the 12-month funding period.

### Scope of funding

Projects are funded for a period of 12 months from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

- Each successful project will receive €10,000 to a maximum of €15,000.
- Each group member can receive a reduction of teaching load of three semester hours.
- To compensate for teaching, funds will be provided for teaching assignments.

Funding can be awarded to two or three projects based on a competitive internal selection process.

Allocated funds must be spent until September 30, 2025. In justified cases, a further extension of three months may be requested. Three months after the end of the project, a final report or a proof of a submitted, corresponding third-party funding application must be sent to the University Executive Board via Referat IV/5.

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<sup>1</sup>Researchers in early career phases who have obtained their doctorates no later than six years prior to the start of the funding period, including individuals who hold a temporary qualifying professorship (W1/W2/tenure track) and who have not completed an interim evaluation. Periods of childcare may be taken into account (the period can be extended by two years per child). In addition, individuals, who are considered early career researchers according to the guidelines of the respective third-party funding program, are eligible to apply.

## Selection process and funding criteria

Projects are selected for funding by the President and the Vice President for Research and Support for Emerging Academics on the basis of recommendations made by the Research Council.

Funding criteria:

- Interdisciplinarity: How interdisciplinary is the planned research project?
- Quality: Is the current state of research described precisely, is it an up-to-date topic with high scientific relevance, does the preliminary work meet subject-specific quality criteria, have the objectives been clearly defined, and has a feasible and targeted work program been developed? Have the roles and responsibilities of the participating researchers been defined?
- Feasibility: Can the work program be implemented within the 12-month time frame?
- Internationality and cooperation: How is the proposal positioned regarding internationality and cooperation with non-university research institutions?
- Eligibility for third-party funding: What are the chances of getting funded?

## Documents and deadline

Applications may be submitted by the spokesperson of the project group until **15 May 2024** (for the funding period 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025). The funding decision will be announced by **30 August 2024**. Please enclose the following documents:

- Project description of a **maximum** of four pages, including work program and intended funding body.
- Budget justification; please also state for each applicant whether and, if so, to what extent a reduction of teaching load is being requested.
- Statement from the Deans and Deans of Research of the participating faculties
- Roles and responsibilities agreement signed by each person involved in the project.

Please send your application documents to the Vice President for Research and Support for Emerging Academics via Referat IV/5 ([Webadmin.Forschungsfoerderung@verwaltung.uni-regensburg.de](mailto:Webadmin.Forschungsfoerderung@verwaltung.uni-regensburg.de)) by e-mail only.