

The Walter Benjamin-Programme

Starting Your Research Career

Objective

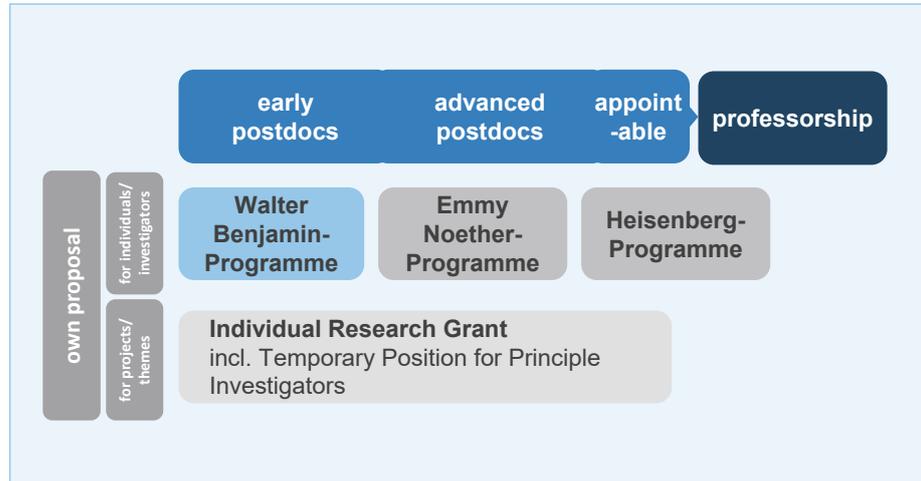
To allow researchers in the early postdoctoral phase to pursue their own project at a host institute of their choice in order to prepare for the next stages of their (research) careers. Mobility and career support are key elements of this programme.

Formal eligibility requirements

PhD

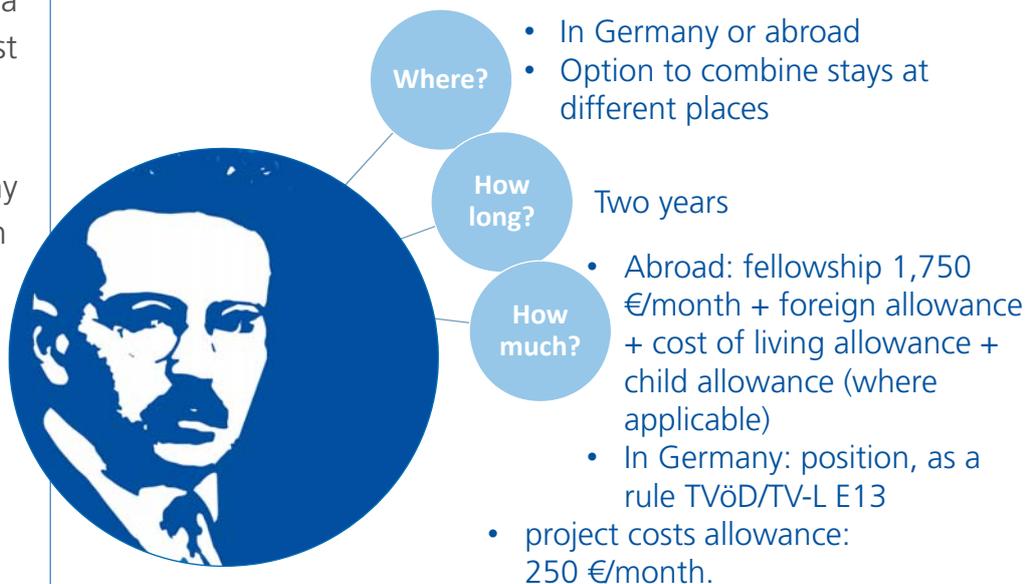
The host institution

It is important that applicants select a host institution that presents the best setting for their research idea. The host institute needs to provide the grantees with working space and any additionally required project costs. In Germany, a statement from a researcher from the future host institution is needed outlining the way in which support for career advancement is provided.



Applicant requirements

The Walter Benjamin Programme is geared explicitly to postdoctoral researchers right or shortly after completing their PhD who aim at developing their research profile. There is no formal age limit for submitting proposals. Periods of family responsibilities are taken into account in the review process.

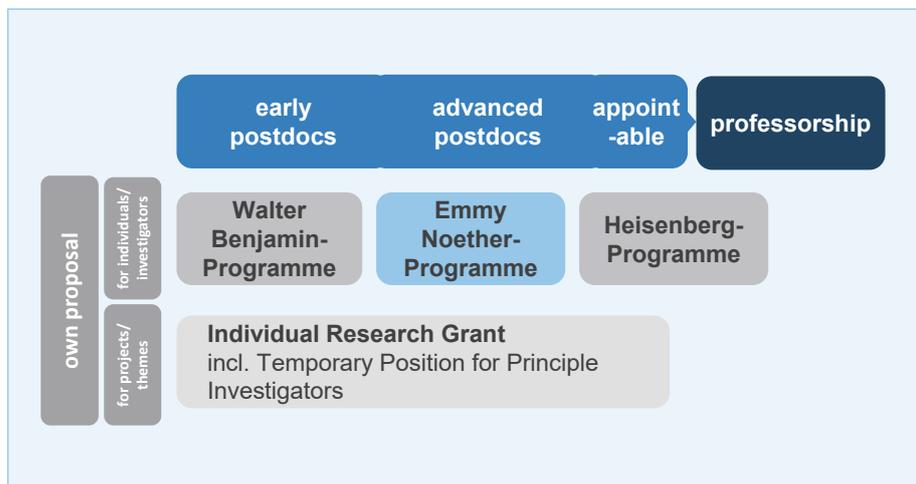


The Emmy Noether-Programme

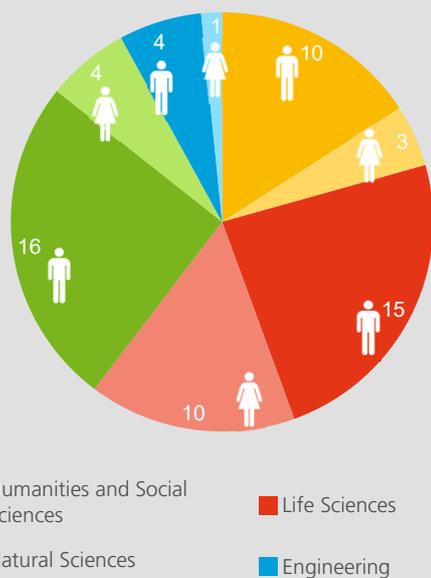
Leading a Junior Research Group

Objective

To provide early-career researchers with the opportunity to rapidly qualify for a professorial appointment or other scientific management position by leading an independent junior research group.



Proposals approved in 2018



Applicant requirements

Previous scientific track record, outstanding publications in high-ranking international journals or comparable.

- At a German university or research institute
- Host research institute becomes the employer



Where?

How long?

How much?

Six years

Position (TVöD/TV-L E15) and funding for
+ consumables
+ personnel
+ travel costs

Formal eligibility requirements

Substantial international research experience, min. 2 and max. 4 years (Medicine: 6 years) of postdoctoral experience (+2 years per child).

Proposal requirements

Excellent research project.

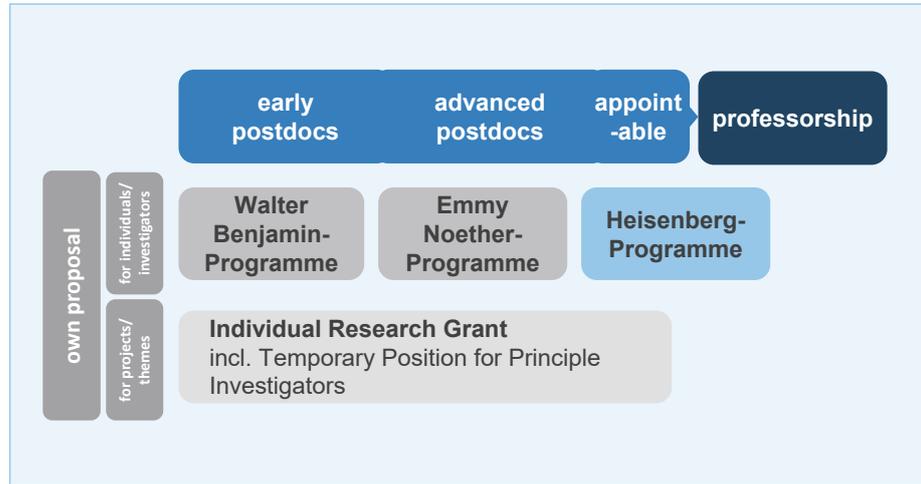


The Heisenberg-Programme

Preparing for a Professorship

Objective

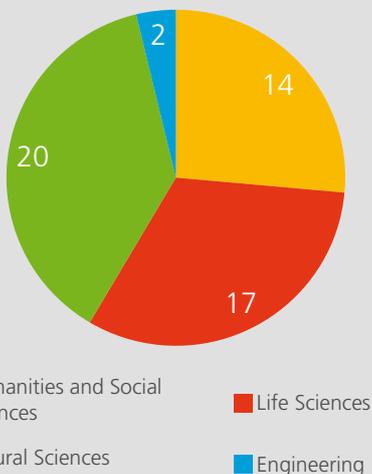
To provide outstanding researchers who fulfil the requirements for appointment to a long-term professorship with the opportunity to prepare for that position and to use the time to boost their scientific reputation by working on an advanced research topic at an institute of their choice.



Proposal requirements

A research project of internationally competitive scientific quality and originality and applicant's potential for qualifying for university teaching.

Proposals approved in 2018



i Fellowship – Position – Professorship

Flexible transfer within the programme possible

- Where?
 - Fellowship: in Germany and/or abroad
 - Position and Professorship*: in Germany
- How long? Five Years
- How much?
 - Fellowship: 4450 € (+ allowances)
 - Position: TVöD/TV-L E15 + flexible research funding
 - Professorship: W2/W3

Formal eligibility requirements

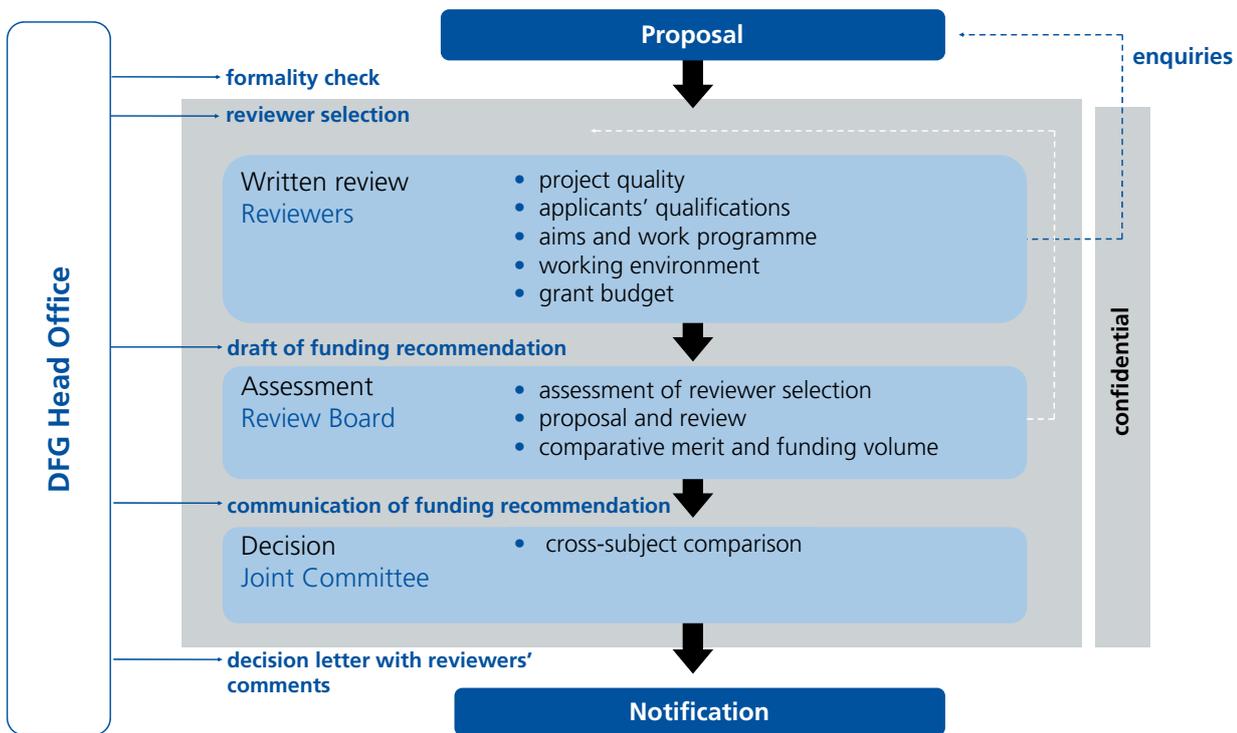
Researchers of all disciplines who qualify for a professorship by holding a habilitation or equivalent qualification and have demonstrated excellence in their research achievements.

* Host institute must establish permanent professorship



The German Research Foundation (DFG)

Proposal and Review Process in the Individual Grants Programme



Links and Resources



- ▶ Early career funding programmes at a glance: www.dfg.de/research_careers



- ▶ DFG contacts: www.dfg.de/en/dfg_profile/head_office



- ▶ Database of current DFG-funded research projects: gepris.dfg.de/en



- ▶ Information on over 25,000 German research Institutes: www.gerit.org/en/