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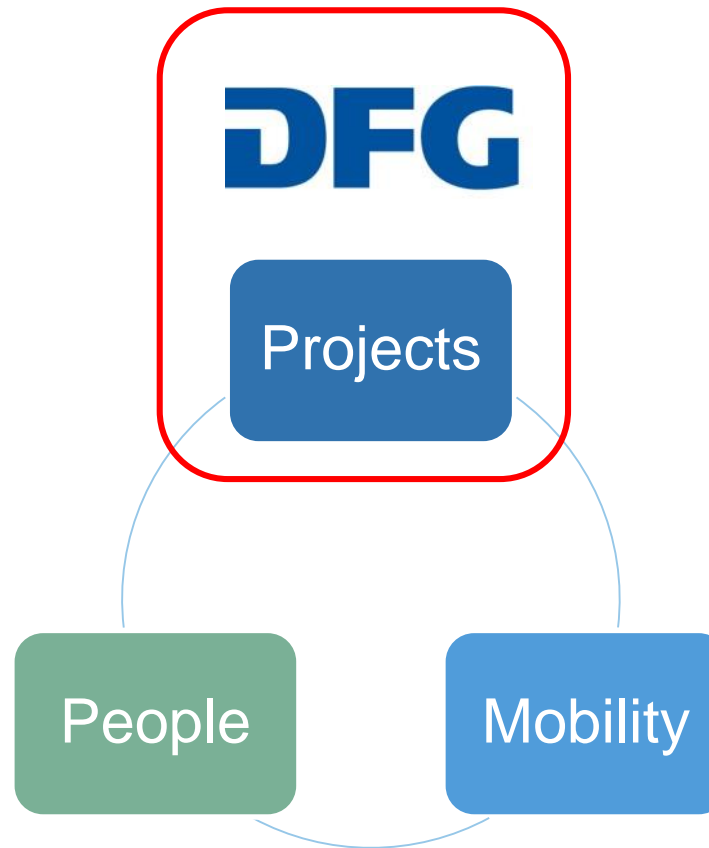
**The German Research Foundation**  
**Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG**

**Funding programmes for international collaboration**

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# Introducing the DFG

Funding focus vis a vis DAAD and AvH



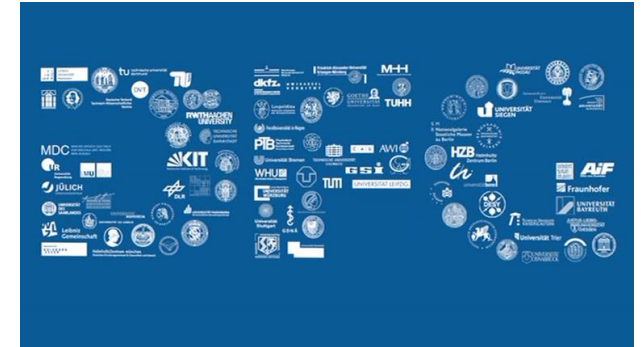
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## Legal status and organization

- ▶ The DFG is the largest **independent** and self-governing research **funding organization** in Germany.
- ▶ It is an **association** under German private law and its member organisations include German universities, non-university research institutions, academies of sciences and humanities, and scientific associations.
- ▶ It serves **all branches** of science and the humanities by **funding research projects**.
- ▶ Head office in Bonn



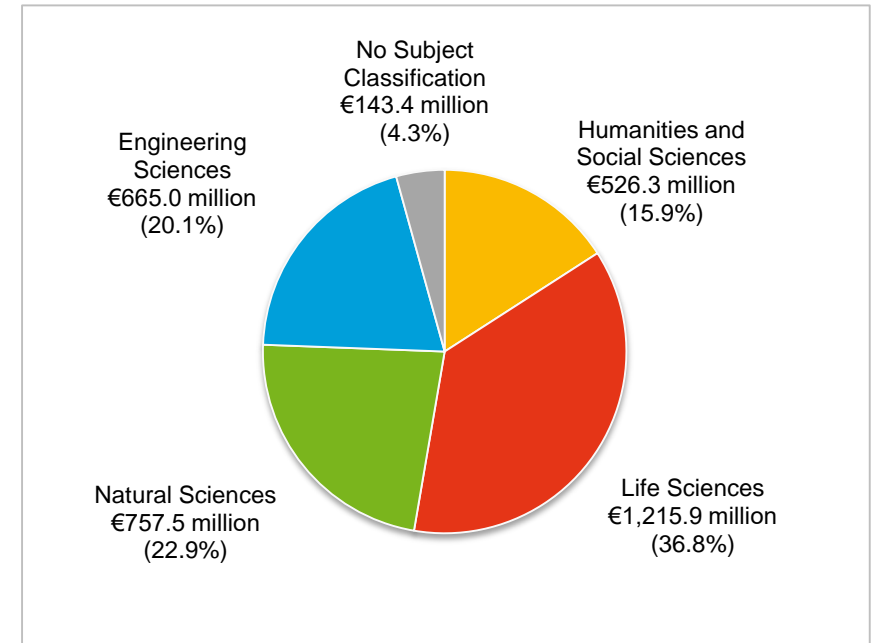
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## Mission and distribution of funding

### The DFG

- ▶ fosters **scientific excellence** through competition
- ▶ supports **international cooperation in research**
- ▶ **advises** political and social decision-makers
- ▶ supports the **transfer of knowledge** between science and industry

### Funding in 2020, by scientific discipline



# Introducing the DFG

## The Division of International Affairs

- International strategy
- Improvement of framework conditions for international cooperation
- Representation of the DFG internationally



The Sino-German Center



DFG Office India



DFG Office Japan



DFG Office in Latin America



DFG Office North America



DFG Office in Russia/CIS

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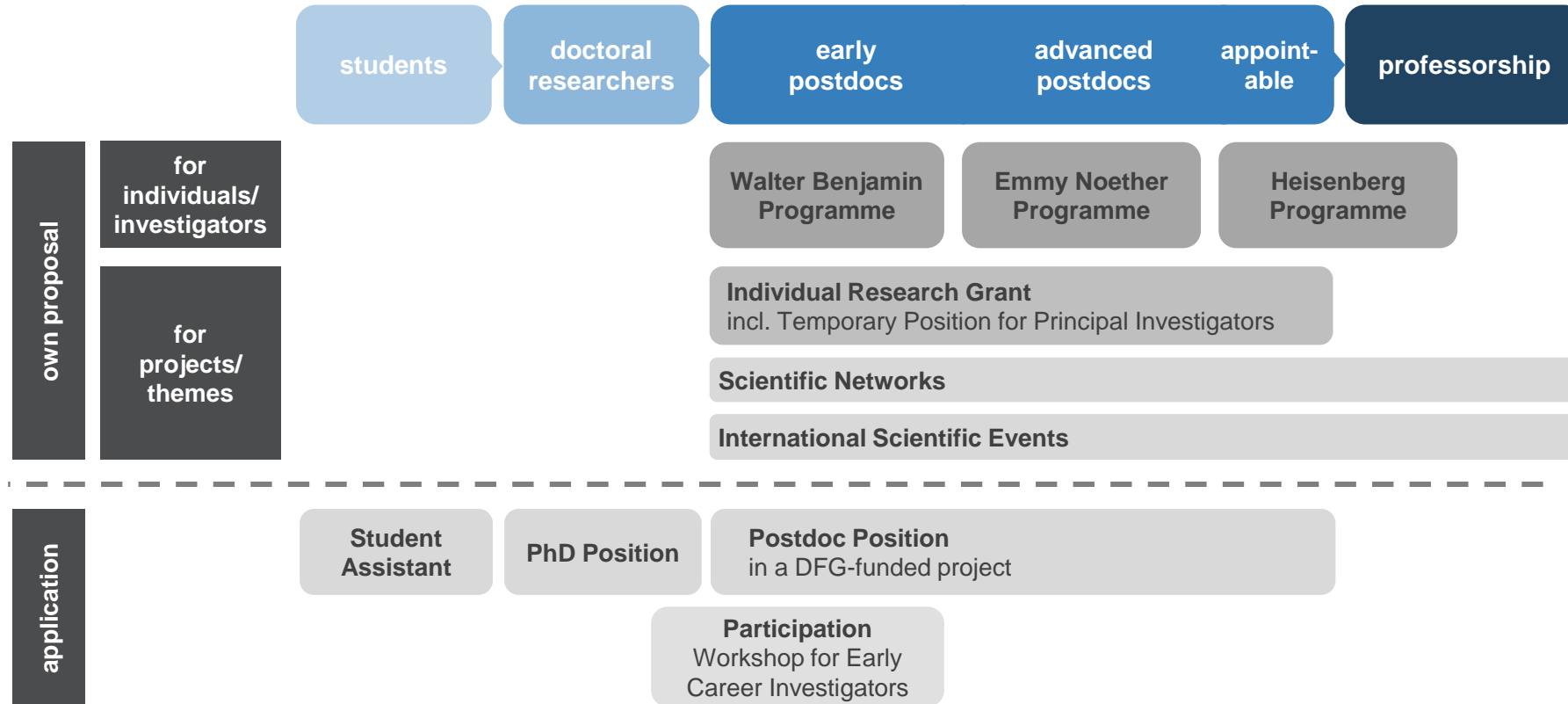
## Funding principles

### DFG funding is based upon an academically driven decision-making process

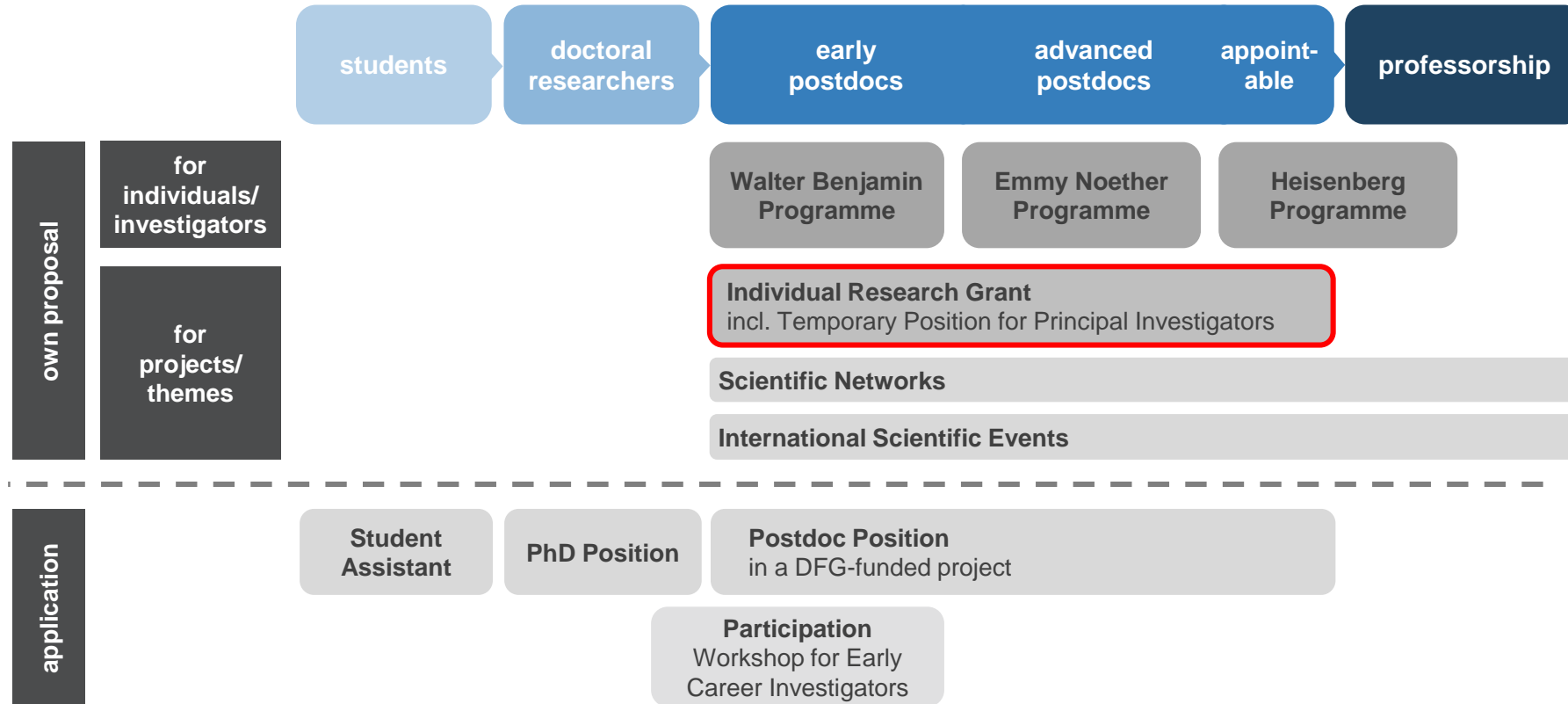
- ▶ DFG acts in the response mode
- ▶ no thematic priorities (rare exceptions)
- ▶ no regional priorities
- ▶ scientists have the majority in the decision-making bodies
- ▶ everything in competition
- ▶ everything in peer review
- ▶ funding only if institution agrees on ethical standards and the principles of good scientific practice



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The DFG fosters international cooperation in **all funding programmes**.

Additionally, the following programs specifically aim at supporting international cooperation:

- ▶ initial funding for bilateral cooperation
- ▶ International Research Training Groups
- ▶ joint calls for proposals with partner organisations
- ▶ fellowships abroad for postdoctoral researchers
- ▶ international scientific events
- ▶ Mercator Fellows

**International modules**, such as additional travel expenses, personnel exchanges, etc., may be applied in all DFG funding programmes.

# DFG Funding Opportunities

## Initiation of International Collaboration

- ▶ **initiating contacts and enhancing cooperation** with foreign partners
- ▶ **flexible framework for cooperation, combination of elements possible** (preparatory and cooperative visits, bilateral events such as workshops, etc.)
- ▶ DFG covers all costs of German side including hospitality cost in Germany for visitors



# DFG Funding Opportunities

## Research grants

- ▶ For scientists to carry out a thematically defined research project within a specific time frame (up to 3 years)
- ▶ Eligible are researchers from **all disciplines** at German research institutions who have completed their scientific training
- ▶ No quota for cooperation with certain countries



### Mercator Fellow Module:

Funding for international cooperation partner to pursue an intensive and long-term exchange with researchers in Germany and abroad (applied through the German host)

# DFG Funding Opportunities

## Joint Calls with funding agencies abroad

Examples:

- ▶ **Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR - France)**
- ▶ **National Science Foundation (NSF - USA)**
- ▶ **National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC - China)**
- ▶ **Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR - Russia)**
- ▶ **Department of Science and Technology (DST - India)**
- ▶ **National Science and Technology Development Agency and Programme Management Unit B (NSTDA and PMU-B – Thailand)**
- ▶ **Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES - Brasil)**

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# DFG Funding Opportunities

## Early Career Researchers – the Walter Benjamin Programme

- ▶ For early postdocs → independent research project
- ▶ Supporting **mobility**: either in Germany or abroad – or combining stays at different places
- ▶ Funding for **two years**
- ▶ Allowance for **direct project costs**: 250 €/month
  - Your **host institution** needs to provide additional **project costs**



# DFG Funding Opportunities

## Academic independence – the Emmy Noether Programme

- ▶ Eligibility for professorial appointment by leading one's own **independent junior research group**
- ▶ Requirements:
  - For **outstanding postdoctoral researchers** with 2-4 years of postdoctoral experience (medicine: up to 6 years; extensions for parents are possible)
  - Substantial international research experience**
  - Excellent research project**



# DFG Funding Opportunities

## Funding for bigger research consortia

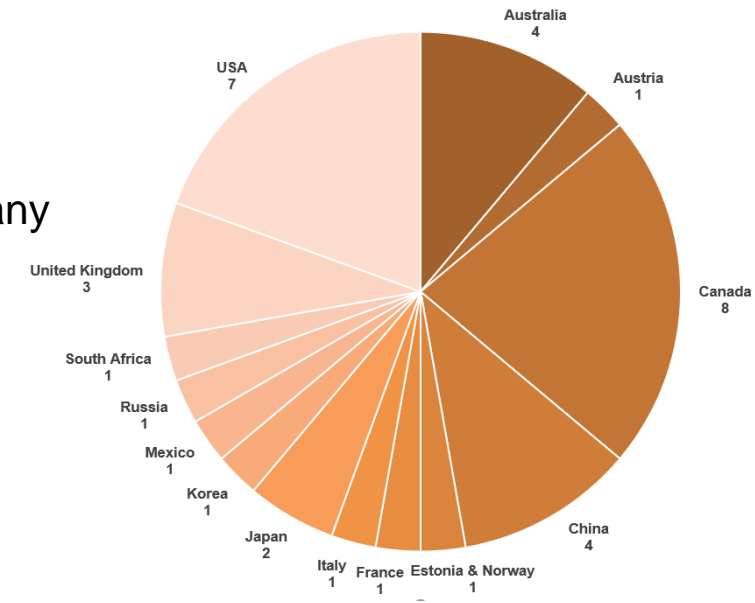
### ▶ International Research Training Groups (IRTG)

- Joint research and training programme with a partner institution outside of Germany
- International co-supervision
- Generally six months research stay abroad

### ▶ Collaborative Research Centres (CRC)

- create a priority area of excellent research at a university through the long-term support for interdisciplinary cooperation
- Funding for up to 12 years: Three funding period of four years

IRTGs by partner country



# DFG Funding Opportunities

## Agreements for co-funding with Vietnam and Thailand

- ▶ Agreement between NAFOSTED and DFG since 2010
  - Allowing the co-funding of joint research projects, joint visits and other collaborative efforts of researchers from Germany and Vietnam
  
- ▶ Agreement between NRCT and DFG since 2008
  - Allowing the co-funding of joint research projects, joint visits and other collaborative efforts of researchers from Germany and Thailand
  
- ▶ Agreement between NSTDA and DFG and PMU/B and DFG since 2021
  - Joint Call for research projects in 2021

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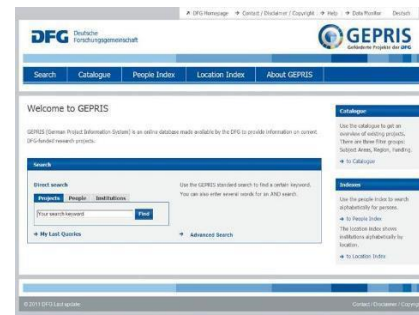
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  - Information platform and contact point Germany's research landscape
  - overview of the research and funding opportunities in Germany.
- + practical information supports foreign scientists and researchers



- [www.gepris.de/](http://www.gepris.de/)
- Comprehensive overview of DFG- funded projects
- A broad range of search functions ensures efficient access to the required information



- [www.gerit.org/](http://www.gerit.org/)
- Online directory of the German science landscape
- Searchable by geographical location, subject and other structural criteria
- Job vacancies in DFG funded projects





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# From where in the world are you joining us today?



# Which position describes your current occupation best?



PhD student



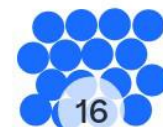
Post-Doc



Junior Group leader



Senior-researcher



Research Administration



Other

