

## Request for Applications New Research Projects, 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> call)

With this **Request for Applications (RfA)** the **ParkinsonFonds Deutschland (PFD)** is looking for new high-quality research projects that aim to a better understanding of the causes and mechanisms underlying the development of Parkinson's disease.

Applicants (Principal Investigators) must hold a tenure position of at least post-Doc or Assistant Professor level, at an University, Medical Center, or non-profit research institution, in Germany.

The Applicant is expected to hold her/his position for at least the entire duration of the project for which funding is asked.

Applicants may submit no more than one grant application as Principal Investigator or co-PI in the same grant call. However the same person might participate as collaborator in another application.

Co-PI or Collaborators from other European countries might be included.

There is not a fixed nor a maximum **budget** value, however, applications usually supported by the PFD have a budget of about 200-300K EUR, distributed over 3-4 years.

Support for salary of research personnel (PhD students, post-Docs, technicians), consumables, small instrumentation, other (e.g.: travel, publication costs) might be requested. However, the salary of the Principal Investigator cannot be included. A detailed budget must be provided in the application. Overheads might not be included.

All applications are first screened for completeness and compliance with the given guidelines.

Applications that fully comply and are considered as submitted in good order are then sent for evaluation to at least three members of the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) of the PFD, who might also request additional input from external anonymous ad-hoc reviewers.

Criteria for scoring include:

- Relevance for understanding the causes or mechanisms of Parkinson's disease
- Quality of the project (clarity, originality, methodological rigor, feasibility, ethics, value for money)
- Quality of the CV of the Principal Investigator and other participants (including their publication and previous grants track-records in the field of PD research)

If a member of the SAB submits an application (as PI, co-PI or collaborator), she/he cannot take part in the evaluation of that application.

The SAB prepares a shortlist of high-ranking applications. In a joint meeting of the SAB and the Board of the PFD, the shortlisted applications are discussed again, and the best projects are awarded funding, compatibly with the available budget for that call.

Occasionally, applications might be considered as possibly eligible for funding but with a reduced budget. In these cases, the PIs will be contacted for negotiation about possible modifications of the project and budget.

All PIs will be informed by email about the final outcome of the selection procedure. For unsuccessful applicants, short comments from the SAB will be provided. The decisions of the Governing Board regarding funding are final; appeals will not be considered.

**Form with instructions** for the preparation of Applications are available on the website of the PFD. Applications and CVs should be written in English language.

Grantees are requested to acknowledge the support from the PFD (including grant number) in all the resulting publications (also in abstract form), and in all presentations related to the research supported by PFD.

For the year 2022 there will be one or possibly two calls, depending on availability of budget.

All applications should be submitted via the PFD website, by the 5PM of the deadline dates. Late submissions after these dates/times will not be allowed.

## **Timeline – 1<sup>st</sup> Call 2022**

**Deadline – submission of Applications: April 30, 2022**

**Final decisions: before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Timeline – 2<sup>st</sup> Call 2022** (if budget available)

Deadline – submission of Applications: **October 31, 2022** \*

Final decisions: before December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

\**timeline might be subjected to modifications, please check on the PFD website*