

DFG-RSF Cooperation: Possibility for Joint German-Russian Project Proposals in Physics and Mathematics

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To facilitate the support of collaborative work between German and Russian research groups, the Physics and Mathematics Division of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) and the Russian Science Foundation (RSF) have opened the possibility for joint German-Russian project proposals in the field of physics and mathematics (themes falling in the responsibility of the elected grant committees (Fachkollegien) 307–312). Collaborations of research teams from both countries are invited to submit joint proposals.

At the DFG these proposals are submitted in the funding scheme „Sachbeihilfe/Research Grants“ and will be reviewed in competition with all other proposals in this scheme. It is important to note that there are no separate funds available for these efforts, proposals must succeed on the strengths of their intellectual merit and teams. At the RSF the proposals will be part of an open public competition for the activity “Basic Scientific Research and Exploratory Scientific Research, Conducted by International Research Teams”.

All proposals will be reviewed by both organisations separately. The results of the review process will be shared between the agencies. Support will be granted for those proposals where both DFG and RSF recommend funding.

Proposal preparation and submission:

- The eligibility to submit a proposal follows the regulations for the programmes for “Basic Scientific Research and Exploratory Scientific Research, Conducted by International Research Teams” at RSF side and for the funding scheme „Sachbeihilfe/Research Grants“ at DFG side (DFG form 50.01). This includes the duty to cooperate “Kooperationspflicht” within Germany for members of non-university institutions with permanent positions.
- Proposals must be submitted to both organisations in parallel in accordance with the proposal preparation requirements of each side, respectively. For German groups this means submission via DFG’s elan-System according to the guidelines for the Research Grants Programme (form 50.01). For the RSF, the competition documentation for an open public competition to receive grants from the RSF should be consulted.
- The proposal should preface the title with “DFG-RSF”; the language of the project description must be English.
- The proposal must include a description of the full proposed research programme and research team and describe the total resources for the joint project (that is, the funds requested for both the Russian and German groups). However, the budget forms submitted to the DFG should only indicate the amount requested from the DFG. To ensure that the review on both sides will be based on the same fundament the project description given in accordance with the points “Scope of Project”, point 4.1 to 4.8 of the project documentation for the RSF should be equivalent to the project description given in the proposal to the DFG, following the Project Proposal Preparation Instructions (form 54.01) under point 1 to 3.
- German applicants should notice, that the RSF expects a letter signed by the Russian and German institutions (preferably by the dean of the faculty or the director of the institute) where the project will be conducted, that the institutions agree with the realisation of the project in case of funding, that the project will be supported with the necessary infrastructure and that the partners agree on the property rights. The German groups will receive the template for the letter from their Russian partners.

In accordance with the full proposal target date of the RSF proposals to the DFG should be submitted not later than **15 September 2015**.

Further information

Guidelines DFG Research Grants Programme (DFG form 50.01):

- www.dfg.de/foerderung/formulare

DFG's Electronic Proposal Processing System for Applicants – elan:

- <https://elan.dfg.de>

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