



EXIST Transfer of Research (EFT)



EXIST Transfer of Research: Your idea. Our support.

Do you have an innovative research idea?
Get started now – **with EXIST Transfer of Research!**

What is EXIST Transfer of Research?

The funding programme EXIST Transfer of Research is run by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy to support particularly demanding and development-intensive ideas for business that arise from higher education and research institutions.

The aim is to offer you support along the path to founding your own company – from initial idea to market-ready product.

Who is eligible for funding?

Funding phase I:

- Teams of founders from higher education or research institutions with up to four full-time equivalents, including at least one position with business administration skills and knowledge.

Funding phase II:

- Companies that were founded during funding phase I
- As part of a model project, companies that arose out of an EXIST Business Startup Grant and use AI as a core element of their business model may also submit an application.

What projects receive funding?

Phase I – From an idea to a company

Development work in preparation for company launch (from lab demos to prototypes)

Further development of the business idea into a business plan

Personnel costs

Material expenses of up to €250,000 (e.g. for equipment, materials, proprietary rights and coaching)

Phase II – From a prototype to a product

Further development work

Measures to build the company

Funding of up to €180,000 (max. 75% of costs)

How long is funding provided?

Phase I: 18 months (regular term)

Phase II: Another 18 months (maximum term)

What else do I need to know?

- The funding in Phase I is applied for by the higher education or research institution
- The funding in Phase II is applied for by the company founded in Phase I
- You need a mentor from your higher education/research institution
- You will be supported by a founders' network

When can I apply?

Applications can be sent to Project Management Jülich (PtJ) at any time. Application review and assessment begins on the following key dates:

31 March

31 August

30 November

Where can I find more information?



www.exist.de

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