

Funding line Audacity Funds

The Leibniz ScienceCampus Primate Cognition aims to further our understanding of how human and nonhuman primates navigate in complex social environments. Our premise is that an interdisciplinary approach is needed to unravel the mechanisms and functions of social behaviour, communication, and decision making. Structurally, the ScienceCampus aims to strengthen and extend interdisciplinary and collaborative research and to support method development at the Göttingen Campus.

The main instrument to pursue these goals is the „Audacity Funds“ programme, which replaces the „Seed Funds“ from the first funding period.

1. Key characteristics

- Run-time of up to two years within the funding period of the ScienceCampus (Apr. 2020-Mar 2024)
- Up to 12.000 € per grant
- Available for teams of at least two members of the ScienceCampus representing different research groups/departments
- Application deadlines:

September 1st, 2020

January 15th, 2021

June 30th, 2021

January 15th, 2022

April 30th, 2022

2. Scope of potential projects

This is an open call for projects related to primate social behaviour and cognition, including, but not restricted to, perception, processing and evaluation of social information, communication, action prediction and execution, decision-making, partner choice and learning.

Applications are invited for

- studies with human and nonhuman primates, healthy and clinical populations
- pilot and main studies
- experimental, theoretical and computational approaches
- investigations of individual behaviour related to social interactions as well as dyadic or group behaviour and the underlying cognitive, physiological and neural mechanisms
- the development of methods, diagnostic or analytical tools
- high risk-high gain ideas

3. Eligibility

All members of the ScienceCampus are eligible to apply, but each application must be submitted by at least two members from different research groups/departments

4. Requirements

Applications require the submission of a short proposal including

- names and affiliations of the applicants
- the identification of a project leader, responsible for the use of funding, compliance with funding and reporting guidelines and communication with the ScienceCampus
- project description (not more than two pages)
- budget plan and anticipated timeline

5. Submission

Applications must be submitted as a single pdf by email to the ScienceCampus Managing Director (cschloegl@dpz.eu) until 10 p.m. on the day of the application deadline.

6. Application evaluation and selection criteria

All submitted applications undergo the following evaluation process:

- Initial check for adherence to application guidelines through the Managing Director
- Evaluation and ranking of all submitted applications by the Steering Committee
- Funding decision by the Board of Directors, based on the evaluation report of the Steering Committee
- Announcement of the decision through the Managing Director
- Rejected applications can be re-submitted once, earliest at the next deadline

7. Evaluation criteria

The evaluators are asked to consider the following aspects (as applicable) when evaluating the submitted applications:

- Scientific quality of the proposal
- Relevance for the goals and contribution to the development of the ScienceCampus
- Potential of the project to result in a publication, grant application or transfer activity
- Interdisciplinary character and/or establishment of novel collaborations within the ScienceCampus and at the Göttingen Campus
- Applicants' contributions to and roles within the project
- Relevance of the project for the further career development of the applicants
- Number of current or previous audacity funds awarded to the applicants
- Plausibility and appropriateness of requested funding

8. Budget regulations

- Funding can be used throughout the run-time of the grant
- Funding can be used for all project-related direct costs, including salaries, consumables, contracts with third parties, travel and investment costs¹; indirect costs cannot be covered. Publication costs can only be covered if no other sources are available and if the free deposition of the manuscript in an openly accessible repository is not possible within twelve months after publication.

¹ costs for acquiring non-consumable goods with a longer term use

- Staff is to be employed at the institution of the project leader. Salaries must be in accordance with the public service collective agreement (TV-L); salaries for student assistants must be in accordance with the regulations of the employing institution. Stipends cannot be funded.
- The submitted budget plan is binding with respect to the three cost categories: personnel, consumables, investment costs. The ScienceCampus Managing Director must be informed in advance about deviations from the original budget plan
- A list of the annual expenditures must be sent to the ScienceCampus Managing Director by 31 January of the following year. A reporting template will be provided.

9. Reporting regulations

- The ScienceCampus Managing Director must be informed immediately about any obstacles, risks or changes that could jeopardise achieving the project goals.
- All projects must submit a progress and status report by November 30th, 2021, to be incorporated in the ScienceCampus mid-term report to the Leibniz Association
- A final report must be submitted within three months after the end of funding.
- All publications resulting from this programme must be made openly available, either as Open Access publication or through depositing the manuscript in a freely accessible repository (embargo periods may apply).
- All publications and presentations resulting from the project must acknowledge support by the Leibniz Association through an audacity fund awarded by the Leibniz ScienceCampus Primate Cognition Göttingen; applicants shall include the „Leibniz ScienceCampus Primate Cognition Göttingen“ as additional affiliation
- A non-compliance with the reporting guidelines can lead to the exclusion of further applications or may result in reclaims of the grant

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