

Funding line Audacity Funds

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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. The ScienceCampus aims to strengthen and extend interdisciplinary and collaborative research and to support method development at the Göttingen Campus. Supporting early career researchers is a special focus, in particular in the light of the challenges early career researchers faced during the Covid-19 pandemic.

1. Key characteristics

- Flexible run-time within a time window until February 2025
- Up to 12.000 € per grant
- Available for all members of the ScienceCampus
- Career stage and Covid-19 related set-backs will be considered
- Application deadlines:

April 30th, 2022

Sept. 30th, 2022

January 15th, 2023

April 30th, 2023

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
- studies in preparation of larger grant applications
- 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; a preference is given for collaborative applications by teams of ScienceCampus members

4. Requirements

Applications require the submission of a short proposal including

- names and affiliations of the applicant(s)
- information about career stage
- in case of applications by teams, the identification of a project leader; this person is 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 or potential for 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
- The career stage of the applicant and covid-related set-backs will be taken into account
- 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

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

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.

- 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.
- 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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