Guidelines

Centre for the Advanced Study of Collective Behaviour (CASCB) Funding Line:

MEDIUM PROJECT

1. Objectives

The CASCB funding line “Medium Project” is designed to initiate short term (approx. 1 year) projects with potential for independent continuation. Medium projects should enable researchers to elaborate new questions and approaches within the overall framework of the main research areas and goals of the CASCB. Applicants are encouraged to consider the medium project fund as “seed money” for new project lines to be continued with funding from other sources.

2. Funding Scope

Medium project grants will be awarded for up to 80,000 euros. Requested funds could support:

- One 1-year post-doc salary with planned continuation from other sources
- Research costs depending on project needs

3. Eligibility

Any member of the University of Konstanz or Max Planck Institute of Animal Behavior is eligible to submit Medium Project proposals. Proposals will not be considered if they can be funded from existing money already allocated to currently funded projects. Salaries without a reasonable perspective for additional funding over a total period of at least 2 years cannot be considered. Project proposals will be pre-screened by the cluster office for eligibility with formal funding conditions before further review.

4. Proposal and Decision-Making Process

The proposal process for the Medium Project funding line consists of a 2-3-page proposal. Proposals must be submitted via the Medium Project TEMPLATE. The following general funding criteria apply:

- interdisciplinarity (how will different scientific disciplines interact in addressing the project’s research questions)
- innovation (what is new about the project)
- contribution to cluster (how does the project fit into and enrich the overall research concept of the CASCB)

Please also view our FAQs for further information. Decisions on Medium Project proposals will be made by the CASCB via its 10-member Board. Proposals will be reviewed by two internal reviewers, and their recommendation will form the basis of the final decision made by the Board. Medium Project proposals can be submitted throughout the year.

Please submit Project proposals to: Alexandra Wild alexandra.wild@uni-konstanz.de