Call for Applications: Flexible Fund 2021-2025

Preamble

This program is funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG-German Research Foundation) under the Excellence Strategy of the German federal and state governments – EXC-2035/1 – 390681379 and is in accordance with the Bylaws for the Cluster of Excellence “The Politics of Inequality: Perceptions, Participation and Policies” of the University of Konstanz.

Available funding

Funding is available for the following funding lines:

A) Hardship support for researchers who experience financial hardship e.g. due to health-related or family reasons.

Which type of funding is granted?

- An extension (or a top-up) of the researcher’s current position for a maximum of three months
- Funds for student assistants to support the applicant’s research

Who is eligible?

All members and affiliated members of the Cluster “The Politics of Inequality” are eligible to apply if their application for the funding has a direct connection with the work they are doing in the Cluster. Supporting documents to verify the hardship situation need to be submitted with the application. Also, the application needs to clarify that no other funding opportunities are available.

B) Other possible small Cluster project-related costs not covered by the approved Cluster project, for example, language editing costs or costs related to open access publication.

Which type of funding is granted?

- Funding for proof-reading and language editing services for publications in international, high-ranked journals or university presses. Researchers can make use of personal contacts to professional language editors (in this case, the pricing needs to be checked with the Managing Office before the work order is awarded). Alternatively, the Management Office provides a list of “pre-approved” language editors/translators who can be hired. Proof-reading costs for articles are generally covered in full; proof-reading costs for book manuscripts are covered until an upper limit of 2,000 Euro per book (exceptions to this rule need to be separately approved by the Executive Board). In all cases, the applying researcher needs to demonstrate that these costs cannot be covered by other means, in particular project budgets.
- Funding for open access publication in exceptional cases, but only to the extent that costs are not covered by the general university fund on open access.

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Application Process

To apply, please submit the following documents:
To apply please fill out the application form [here](#). Applications are accepted from the 1st of January 2021 until the 31st of October 2025 (rolling deadline).

**Selection Procedure**

The Executive Board will review applications on a continuous basis. Funding decisions are made on a continuous basis, so that funds can be made available quickly.

**Additional information**

All questions can be directed to the Cluster's Managing Office E-Mail address:

application.inequality@uni-konstanz.de.

A Frequently Asked Questions page will be maintained (and updated as necessary) throughout the duration of application eligibility.

Please regularly consult the FAQ document on the application website.