University of Tübingen  
Program for the Promotion of Junior Researchers  
Funds are available for research projects carried out at the University of Tübingen as part of the Promotion of Junior Researchers Program.

1.) What are the funds available for?  
Start-up financing of innovative projects with good prospects of attaining external third-party funding, particularly those which involve assisting qualified junior researchers to start up independent research projects. This program is aimed at the development of a bigger third-party funding application. It cannot be used as bridging finance to extend the applicant’s job.

2.) What may you apply for?  
- Direct project funding  
- Investment funding  
- Funding for assistants  
- The financing of a part-time (50%) E 13 position (only in special cases, please specify)

Total funding per application: max. €35,000

3.) Duration  
The funding is available for a period of 18 months.  
Funding to start on: 01 July, 2017

4.) Who may apply?  
Junior researchers with a doctorate at the University of Tübingen,  
- who are not members of the Faculty of Medicine*,  
- who have an employment contract with the University of Tübingen, at least until the end of the funding period  
- whose PhD was not attained more than five years ago.  
- Junior researchers who have already received funding under this program can only apply for a second lot of funding if they can show that their first successful application has led to a project fully supported by third-party funding.

5.) Assessment of the Application  
The University of Tübingen’s Research Commission will assess applications on the following criteria:  
- Quality of the project (innovation and originality)  
- Concept and content  
- Prospects for continued research  
- Qualification and independence of the applicant (e.g. on the basis of lead authorship of publications)  
- Project’s place within the academic field/ collaboration  
- Feasibility

* The Faculty of Medicine has its own funding programs (see http://www.medizin.uni-tuebingen.de/Forschung)
6.) General
Applications are made via an electronic system. In addition, applicants must provide four signed printouts (1 original, 3 copies, stapled and hole-punched) of the entire application (data sheet, project description, appendices), to go via the relevant Dean’s Office to the central administration, Division I, Section 1. (Applications must be signed at the bottom of the data sheet by the relevant Institute director and the Dean).

Deadline: 3 April 2017
The application may be in German or English.

7.) Electronic Application System
Will be available from 1 March, 2017 at
Link: http://www.antraege-zv.uni-tuebingen.de/login.php

After you have registered, there are two steps in the application process:
1. fill out the data sheet(s) online,
2. upload your project description and appendices as an additional document

8.) Project Description (see 7.2)
Your project description must be no longer than five pages. The project’s innovative and relevant aspects must be made clear. The description must be structured as follows:

- Academic/ scientific aims
- Current state of research
- Your own preliminary work
- Detailed, concrete plan (including timetable)
- Outline of project’s future prospects (which third-party sponsor or funding program will be interested in your project, and when? What is yet to be done before third-party funding may be sought)?
- Explain why you are seeking various elements of funding (e.g. personnel costs: timetable, type and extent of work to be done)

The application must be formulated so that even a layman can understand it easily.

The following must accompany your project description:

- List of publications in the last four years with titles of publications and details of their impact factors (based on current Journal Citation Reports)
- Your academic career to date
- A brief statement by the relevant Institute director or supervising professor
- Applications for an extension of funding must include a research report on the initial funding period

Your project description must be filed electronically as a document along with the appendices to your application.

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