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SFG Battery Young Researcher Award; Deadline Application: 01.07.2025

The fifth edition of the Battery Young Researcher Award will take place during the Battery Innovation Days.

The Battery Innovation Days is a unique 2-day hybrid experience designed to spark conversations on the latest developments in the European R&I Battery domain. Today's key European Research & Innovation initiatives, Battery 2030+ and the Batteries European Partnership Association in partnership with the Batteries 1st and 2nd IPCEIs, will co-organise a unique hybrid experience, designed to bring together numerous key players and experts from the battery field. Hosted by the Styrian Business Promotion Agency (SFG), this year's Battery Innovation Days will take place in Graz, Austria, and Online, on 2-3 December 2025.

This award honours academic excellence in battery research and recognises PhD graduates' scientific advancements in the field.

Candidates applying for the Battery Young Researcher Award must:

- Have successfully delivered their thesis between July 2023 and June 2025;
- Have successfully delivered their thesis to a European Research Institute/University; OR be a European student who delivered their thesis to a University outside the EU.

The winning candidate will be entitled to:

- A prize with his/her name, name of the entities delivering the prize, name and logo of the event;
- Travel and accommodation expenses;
- A free ticket to the full event
- A dedicated session and speaking slot to present their thesis during the event;
- A voucher worth 1000€.

All candidates must submit:

- The full doctorate thesis in English, including a two-page abstract or summary in English presenting the most important aims and conclusions of the dissertation;
- A 1 minute and 30 seconds video that best explains your doctorate work in English; and
- A letter of recommendation (2 pages max) from the supervisor.

All PhD candidates must submit their application by 1 July 2025, 11:59 pm CET.

Please address any questions related to the Battery Young Researcher Award to info@batteryinnovationdays.eu

Further information:

<https://www.accelevents.com/e/battery-innovation-days-2025#about>

DFG Copernicus Award 2026; Deadline Application: 15.07.2025

The Copernicus Award is a joint initiative of the Fundacja na rzecz Nauki Polskiej (FNP, Foundation for Polish Science) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation). The award is conferred every two years to two researchers, one in Germany and one in Poland, for outstanding achievements in Polish-German research cooperation in all fields of science and the humanities. The DFG and the FNP now invite nominations for the award, which will be presented for the eleventh time.

The purpose of the Copernicus Award is to recognise researchers active in Polish-German research cooperation who have reached exceptional achievements in their field as a result of that cooperation. In particular, researchers are expected to have

rendered outstanding services to Polish-German research cooperation by bringing together complementary skills, expertise and resources in order to jointly address research problems. The results of such cooperation should be of significant relevance for the respective research community and have future potential to open up new perspectives in the respective research field and beyond.

The award is granted on the basis of an open competition that invites nominations from all fields of science and the humanities. The prize money of €200,000 is donated in equal shares by the DFG and the FNP, and the award is divided equally between the two recipients. The funds should be used to intensify Polish-German research cooperation.

Members of the Polish and German academic communities are invited to nominate candidates. Only researchers who have at least a doctoral degree and are currently working at universities and/or research institutions in Germany and Poland are eligible to nominate candidates. Self-nominations will also be considered. To be eligible, candidates must also have at least a doctoral degree, work at a public university and/or research institution in Germany or any entity belonging to the higher education and science system in Poland, and be engaged in ongoing research projects. Nominations of female researchers are encouraged.

Nominations must contain the following documents in English:

- Acknowledgement of the clearly defined, joint academic achievement of the two candidates
- Curricula vitae of each candidate in tabular form (max. two pages each)
- A list of up to ten publications based on verifiable joint research in support of the achievement
- One additional independent letter of reference for each couple of researchers when the nomination is submitted by a third party, two independent letters of reference for self-nominations (acknowledgement and independent letter(s) of reference have to come from different persons).

The jury evaluates the merit of nominations based on the academic excellence of joint achievements and the success of the cooperation, both with special relevance to the respective research field. The jury consists of eight jury members – renowned researchers from the German and Polish academic communities. In order to cover all fields of science and the humanities represented by the candidates, up to two associate jury members may additionally be appointed.

The deadline for submitting nominations is 15 July 2025. Nominations must be submitted electronically using the DFG's submission portal [elan](#).

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Further information:

<https://www.dfg.de/en/news/news-topics/announcements-proposals/2025/ifr-25-40>

DFG British-German Basic Research Projects in the Engineering & Physical Sciences; Deadline Proposal: None

The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is pleased to announce the launch of a new Lead Agency opportunity for joint research proposals together with the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) as part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI).

British-German research teams are invited to submit their joint research proposals within the scope of all themes within EPSRC, through the responsive mode standard grant funding route, and all corresponding subject areas of the DFG. Through a single main proposal and single external review process, the funding organisations aim to simplify the submission and selection procedures for joint UK-German research proposals. Decisions are taken separately by both funding organisations and funding will be granted to the projects which are successful on both sides.

The agreement will enable collaboration between UK and German researchers in a key area of common interest and will be structured so that successful researchers in each country are supported by their respective funding organisation.

Applicants should demonstrate how bringing together researchers based in Germany and the UK will add value and advance research. It is expected that each partner substantially contributes to the joint project. The division of responsibilities should be reflected in the amount of funds requested by each partner. Projects should be integrated but do not have to be symmetrical in the sense that neither the sums requested nor the items requested have to be identical on the German and UK sides. Teams should ensure that there is a plan for the effective delivery and coordination of research across the partners.

Note: joint proposals submitted under this opportunity should have a maximum duration of 3 years.

Proposals can be submitted at any time under this Lead Agency Agreement. This arrangement between the EPSRC and the DFG is intended to be open-ended, however, it will be periodically reviewed to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.

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Further information:

<https://www.dfg.de/en/research-funding/funding-opportunities/countries-regions/uk-epsrc>

European IP Helpdesk Webinar: Road to Impact; Deadline Registration: 22.06.2025

23.06.2025, 09:30 – 11:00 (CEST): Online

In order to lay the basis for the activities IP management in the project lifecycle the webinar will tackle the following topics:

- What is the specific terminology used by the European Commission in HEU and what is meant by impact?
- What are specific rules on exploitation, dissemination and protection within Horizon HEU and what requirements have to be met?
- How do I define relevant background for my project?
- How are results to be treated during and after the project lifecycle, what is foreground and what is side ground?
- How to setup exploitation strategies and prepare exploitation activities for during and after the project lifecycle?

The event is free of charge, but prior registration is mandatory.

Further information:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2900803491173250904>

Other PROSPER Workshop and Open Discussion at OVGU, 14.06.2025

Since January 2025, the Chair of Multilevel Governance in Europe, held by Professor Eva G. Heidbreder, has been one of twelve partners in the EU-funded Jean Monnet Network PROSPER. As part of this network, you are warmly invited to the first workshop, which will take place on June 14 at OVGU. In the evening, a discussion will be held in conjunction with the Long Night of the Sciences.

The PROSPER Workshop "EU Fiscal & Economic Governance: Demands & Dynamics" will be conducted in English with experts and is primarily aimed at stakeholders and those interested in EU affairs in the region.

Date and Time: June 14, 2025, 1:15 PM – 4:45 PM

Location: Zschokkestraße 32, 39104 Magdeburg

You can register using the following link: <https://cloud.ovgu.de/apps/polls/s/TzldCSIK>

The evening event, "PROSPER Panel: How Are We Supposed to Pay for This? Global Challenges for the EU," is more general in scope and designed for a broader public audience.

Date and Time: June 14, 2025, from 6:30 PM

Location: Zschokkestraße 32, 39104 Magdeburg; Building 44, Lecture Hall 6

The PROSPER Panel will be held in German. No registration is required to attend in person in the lecture hall. However, those who would like to follow the discussion via livestream are kindly asked to register by June 13, 2025, by emailing: eus-hilfskraefte@ovgu.de

Other EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt (nEUTzwerk)

The universities in the state of Saxony-Anhalt founded the "EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt" at the beginning of 2011 in order to support researchers at all universities in the acquisition and use of EU funding for research and innovation by providing information, application advice and project management. By strengthening and networking the administrative and advisory skills of the universities, the aim is to increase the acquisition of EU funding for research and innovation and technology transfer.

You may contact the EU Academic Network of Saxony-Anhalt via the information provided online: https://www.euhoerschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/eu_hsnetz/en/

Other Contact Research Funding Advisory Service at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

If you have any questions about funding opportunities, specific calls for proposals, help with submitting applications and project support, please contact the Research Funding Advisory Service/EU University Network at Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Information about current event, funding structures and contact details online at:

<https://www.ovgu.de/en/ContactResearchFundingAdvice.html>

<https://www.euhoerschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>