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With this JTC, EP PerMed will fund research projects in human health on innovative PM strategies for patients with cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases. Research projects may focus on a single disease or explore these conditions in combination. Proposals should address one or more of the following aspects:

- Development and validation of innovative personalised therapeutic approaches for cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases through testing in relevant pre-clinical models (e.g., human cell cultures, organoids, organs-on-chips, disease-specific animal models, or in silico models).
- Identification and validation of molecular markers/signatures or cutting-edge technologies (see also point 2 below) to monitor treatment response in patients with cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases in order to tailor treatment pathways. This may include the analysis of the treatment effectiveness or treatment-related (including multi-medication) adverse effects as well as dose optimisation.
- Identification and validation of stratifying molecular markers/signatures or stratifying diagnostic technologies for early disease risk prediction and prevention of disease worsening or comorbidities in patients with cardiovascular, metabolic or kidney diseases, thereby delaying the progression to cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic syndrome.

Research projects that combine a personalised medicine approach with care strategies targeting shared biological pathways or common underlying mechanisms of cardiovascular, metabolic and kidney diseases are welcome.

Applicants are encouraged to combine the following aspects in their research proposal:

1. Multi-omics data such as genomics, epigenomics, metagenomics, transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics data in relation to treatment outcomes. These data may be obtained from health data platforms or infrastructures, including population-level health databases.
2. Cutting-edge technologies such as AI/ML algorithms, next-generation imaging technologies, digital health tools, etc. to enhance early diagnosis, monitor treatment response, optimise therapy effectiveness or dosage, and detect or prevent comorbidities and treatment-related side effects in patients.
3. Information regarding patient medication, dose or compliance, medication efficacy, adverse effects, patient reported outcomes (PRO) or patient preferences.
4. Additional factors such as sex/gender dimension, age, environmental and social background, lifestyle, or nutritional status.

The adequate inclusion of the aspects above in proposals submitted to this call is part of the evaluation and should be appropriate to the proposed research and the expected research results.

It is strongly recommended that projects use already existing cohorts and -omics data and integrated digital health data platforms that ensure appropriate governance models for real-world data access, particularly in settings where population-level data infrastructures already exist (see also point 1 above). If necessary, existing datasets may be complemented to allow the combination and harmonisation of multi-omics data and to increase statistical power. This includes the prospective collection of bio-samples to expand and to complete an existing cohort.

Preproposals must be received by the JCS in electronic format no later than 10 February, 2026 at 14:00 CET.

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<https://www.eppermed.eu/funding-projects/calls/jtc2026/>

EP BrainHealth Call 1: Neurological Mental and Sensory Disorders; Deadline Pre-Proposal: 10.03.2026

The EP BrainHealth invites applications to combine a holistic approach to brain health with in-depth biological understanding. The aim of the call is to facilitate multinational, collaborative and interdisciplinary research that addresses critical translational questions. Applications for this call, should address how biological, social and environmental factors affect the trajectory of neurological, mental and sensory disorders across the lifespan.

Applications addressing predominantly neurodegenerative disorders should be submitted to the EP BrainHealth call 2, dedicated to these diseases. Applications addressing risk factors that are shared between mental health, neurological, mental and sensory disorders on the one hand, and neurodegenerative disorders on the other are encouraged and should be submitted to the call that best suits their project. Please note that applying with the same proposal to both EP BrainHealth calls is not allowed.

Applications must be interdisciplinary and address at least two of the three factors impacting brain health trajectories in the field of neurological, mental and sensory disorders:

1. Biological factors, e.g. genetics, epigenetics, -omics, neuroplasticity, inflammation, infection, synaptogenesis, circuits, vascular factors, sensory impairment, co-morbidities;
2. Lifestyle and social factors, e.g. exercise/activity, nutrition, sleep, smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, work (income, employment), socio-economic background/status, race/ethnicity, sex and gender, education, safety, social interactions (family/friends), access to healthcare, stress, trauma, migration.
3. Environmental factors, e.g. pollution/contaminants, urbanicity, disasters, pandemics, war/conflicts, climate change, microbiota, nature.

In addition, applications must investigate at least two of the following aspects:

1. Mechanisms of action of the identified factors;
2. Early recognition, diagnosis and prognosis linked to the identified factors;
3. Prevention/treatments/interventions/technological development/care and support linked to the identified factors.

Furthermore, the following aspects are important in the context of this call:

1. Applications should investigate how factors impact brain health trajectories along the life course.
2. Outcomes benefiting the quality of life of patients and their carers are of special importance and should be explicitly defined and stated.
3. Applications focusing on disability, gender, ethical, cultural and socio-economic aspects are encouraged.
4. Approaches such as integration of multimodal data, use of accessible wearable technologies (e.g. mobile devices), artificial intelligence/digital twins and drug repurposing are particularly welcome.

Excluded are the following topics/aspects:

1. Applications focusing on cancers;
2. Applications addressing predominantly research questions in the field of the EP BrainHealth call 2.

Pre-proposals must be submitted by the coordinator in electronic format no later than 14:00:00h C.E.T. on 10.03.2026, via the electronic submission system. Please note that some funding organisations might request an additional mandatory submission on their own national/regional platform (see national Annexes).

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<https://www.brainhealth-partnership.eu/calls/jtc2026-neurological-mental-sensory-disorders/>

EP BrainHealth Call 2: Neurodegenerative Disorders; Deadline Pre-Proposal: 10.03.2026

The EP BrainHealth invites applications to combine a holistic approach to brain health with in-depth biological understanding. The aim of the call is to facilitate multinational, collaborative and interdisciplinary research that addresses critical translational questions. Applications for this call, should address how biological, social and environmental factors affect the trajectory of neurodegenerative disorders across the lifespan.

Applications addressing predominantly neurological, mental and sensory disorders should be submitted to the EP BrainHealth call 1, dedicated to these diseases. Applications addressing risk factors that are shared between mental health, neurological, mental and sensory disorders on the one hand, and neurodegenerative disorders on the other are encouraged and should be submitted to the call that best suits their project. Please note that applying with the same proposal to both EP BrainHealth calls is not allowed.

Applications must be interdisciplinary and address at least two of the three factors impacting brain health trajectories in the field of neurodegenerative disorders:

1. Biological factors, e.g. genetics, epigenetics, -omics, neuroplasticity, inflammation, infection, synaptogenesis, circuits, vascular factors, sensory impairment, co-morbidities;
2. Lifestyle and social factors, e.g. exercise/activity, nutrition, sleep, smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, work (income, employment), socio-economic background/status, race/ethnicity, sex and gender, education, safety, social interactions (family/friends), access to healthcare, stress, trauma, migration.
3. Environmental factors, e.g. pollution/contaminants, urbanicity, disasters, pandemics, war/conflicts, climate change, microbiota, nature.

In addition, applications must investigate at least two of the following aspects:

1. Mechanisms of action of the identified factors;
2. Early recognition, diagnosis and prognosis linked to the identified factors;
3. Prevention/treatments/interventions/technological development/care and support linked to the identified factors.

Furthermore, the following aspects are important in the context of this call:

1. Applications should investigate how factors impact brain health trajectories along the life course.
2. Outcomes benefiting the quality of life of patients and their carers are of special importance and should be explicitly defined and stated.
3. Applications focusing on disability, gender, ethical, cultural and socio-economic aspects are encouraged.
4. Approaches such as integration of multimodal data, use of accessible wearable technologies (e.g. mobile devices), artificial intelligence/digital twins and drug repurposing are particularly welcome.

Excluded are the following topics/aspects:

1. Applications focusing on cancers;
2. Applications addressing predominantly research questions in the field of the EP BrainHealth call 1 (neurological, mental disorders and sensory disorders).

Pre-proposals must be submitted by the coordinator in electronic format no later than 14:00:00h C.E.T. on 10.03.2026, via the electronic submission system. Please note that some funding organisations might request an additional mandatory submission on their own national/regional platform (see national Annexes).

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DFG-NRF Joint Korean-German Research Projects 2026 in the Engineering Sciences; Deadline Proposal: 11.03.2026

As an expression of the fruitful scientific collaboration between their two countries, the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) are pleased to announce the launch of a new call for joint Korean-German research proposals in the engineering sciences.

This call provides funding for joint research projects carried out between highly qualified researchers in the Republic of Korea and their German counterparts. The joint proposals have to be based on a close interaction and exchange between the Korean and German research teams, and should present joint project goals and a joint work plan with balanced contributions from all project partners.

The collaborative projects selected to take part in this joint initiative will receive research funding for a period of three years. The NRF will fund the Korean project components, whilst the DFG will fund the components to be carried out in Germany. Based on written reviews, a joint Korean-German panel will select approximately 20 projects for funding.

Each research project must be jointly conducted by applicants from Korea and Germany. The principal investigators on each side must be eligible to apply to their respective funding organisation.

Applicants should demonstrate how bringing together researchers based in Korea and Germany will add value and advance their research. It is expected that each partner contributes substantially to the common project. Projects should be integrated but do not have to be symmetrical in terms of funds applied for. However, work packages are expected to be delivered with a reasonably equal distribution between the partners and schedules should be well-coordinated.

Funding will be provided according to the funding rules (including reporting requirements) of the respective funding organisation. Applicants to be funded by the DFG are required to fulfil the eligibility requirements of DFG research grants. This includes the duty to cooperate ("Kooperationspflicht") within Germany for members of non-university institutions with permanent positions. Any duty to cooperate for DFG applicants at non-university research institutions can only be fulfilled through cooperation with a partner at a German university (DFG form 55.01) and not with a university in Korea.

The proposal must include a description of the full proposed research programme, the research team and the total resources for the joint project (meaning the funds requested for the Korean and the German side). The resources and cost justification section should include a clear summary and justification of the costs for both sides (NRF and DFG). All budget items must conform to the rules of the respective funding organisation applicable to each applicant.

All proposals must be submitted to the DFG by 11 March 2026, 12:00 noon CET, and to the NRF by 11 March 2026, 18:00 Korean time. Proposals submitted to only one organisation (NRF or DFG) will not be considered.

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Other International Week 2026 "Cooperating to Build a Better World"; Deadline Application: 15.02.2026

The Institute of Technology Angers-Cholet of the University of Angers is delighted to invite you to participate in their 12th International Week, which will be held from 18th to 22nd May 2026. For this year, they have chosen the theme "Cooperating to Build a Better World", to explore how cooperation, sustainability, inclusion, and innovation can contribute to shaping a more resilient, equitable, and responsible future.

Possible formats include interactive workshops and lectures. Interdisciplinary or cross-department activities are welcome. Sessions may be delivered in English, Spanish or German (French for Social work students).

Guest teachers should use the Erasmus STA program to cover the costs of their mobility. Registration fees: 100 euros to be paid online once your application has been approved.

Please fill in the application form linked below and send it no later than February 15th to dir-ri-iut@univ-angers.fr

Further information: <https://cloud.ovgu.de/s/D8oW7bFKkJGHZx5>

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.euhochschulnetz-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.euhochschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>