



German Research Foundation

Funding Opportunities
and Activities with
Central Asia

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DFG Deutsche
Forschungsgemeinschaft

Structures and aims of DFG

Germany's largest research funding organisation

annual budget
€3.9 billion

Promotes knowledge-driven research

of the highest quality in all scientific disciplines. Funding of over 30,000 projects per year

Association under private law



Members:

99 leading universities, non-university research institutions, scientific associations and academies

Researchers have majority in decision-making

Research organisations worldwide

participate in DFG-funded projects



**Funding
Investigator-
Driven
Research**

Any discipline, any topic, any time

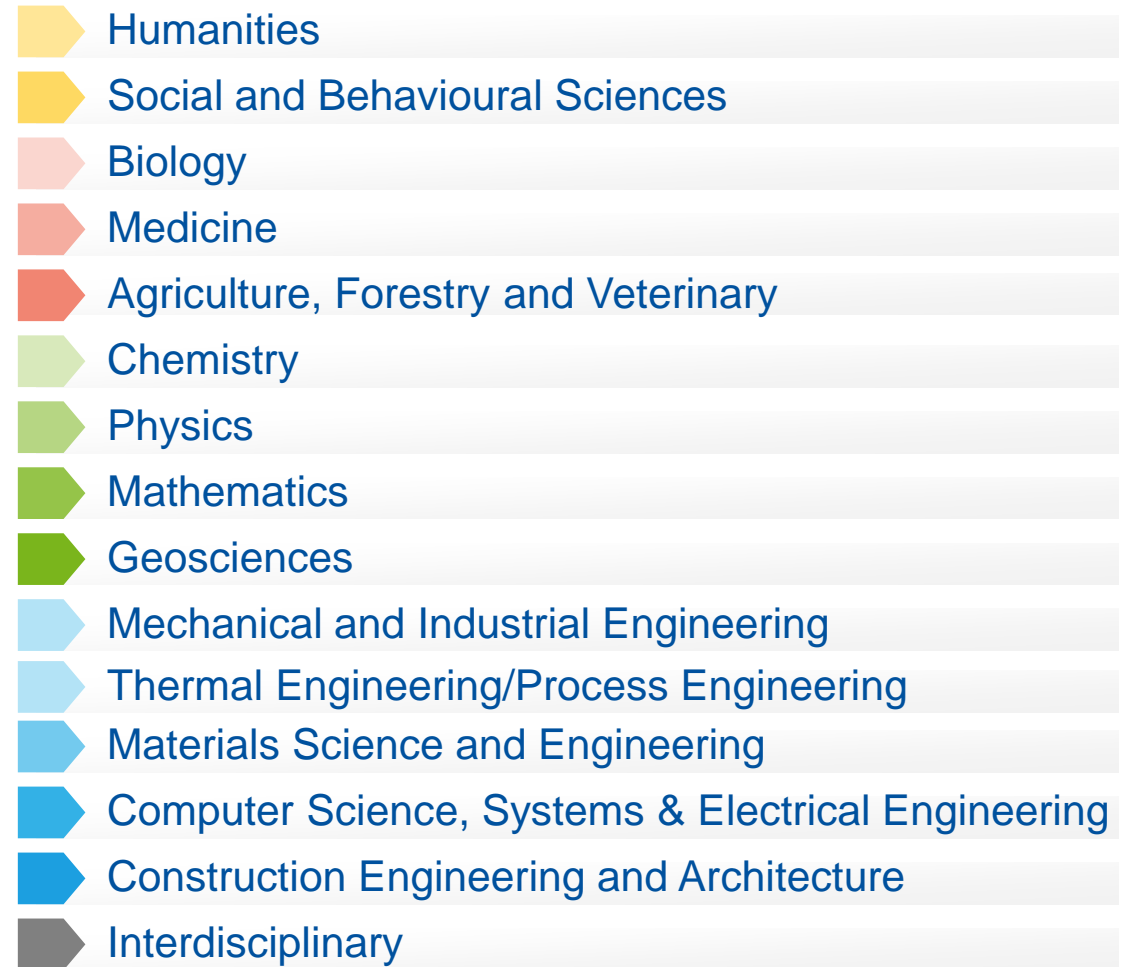
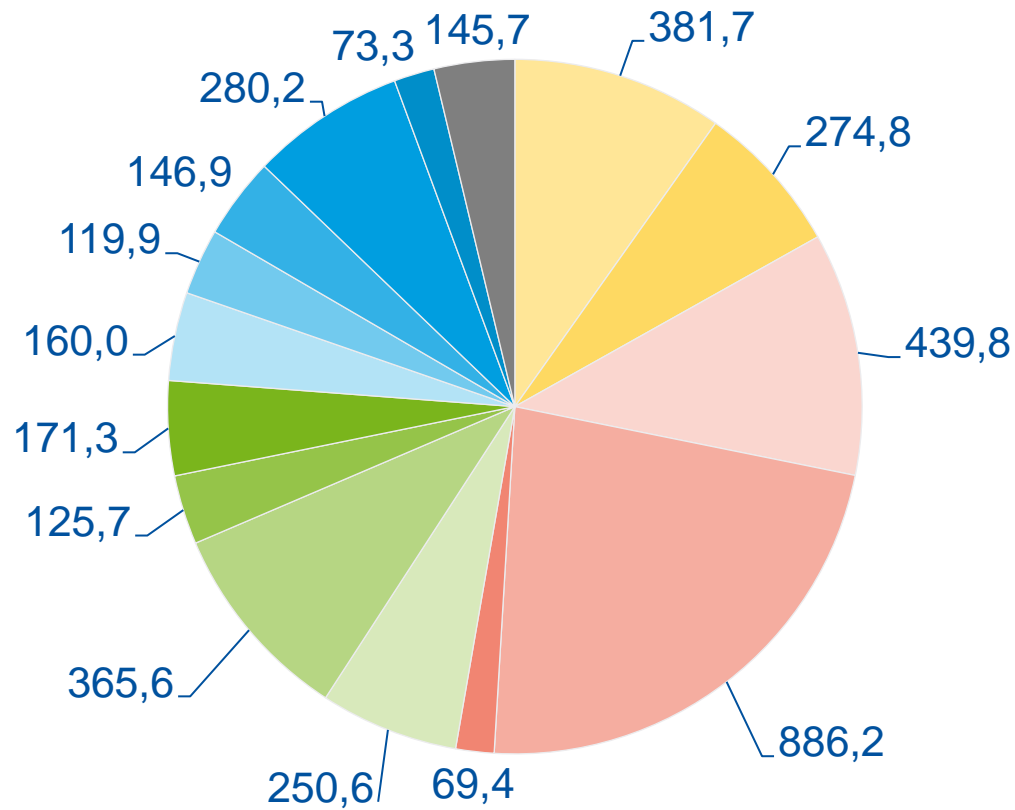
Wide **variety** of project and cooperation formats

All career stages after the PhD, promoting early career researchers

Transparent, anti-bias review process

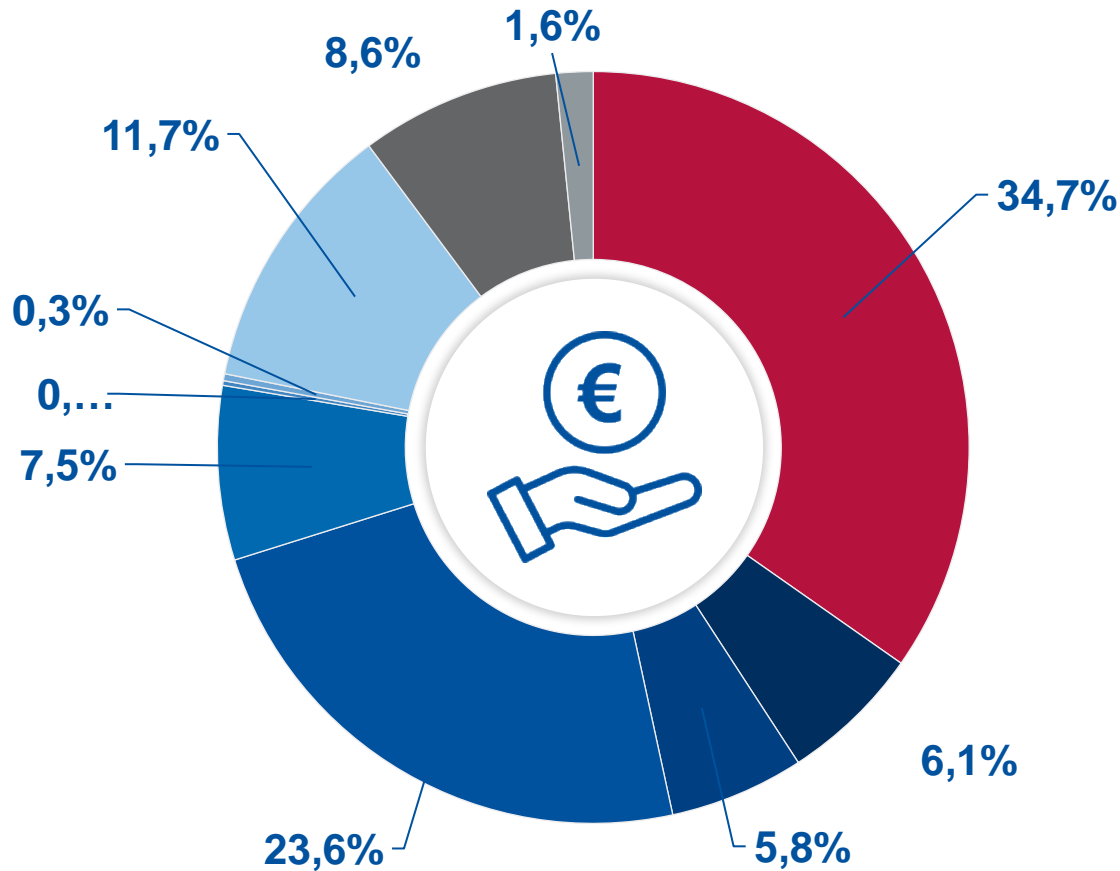
DFG Funding 2024

By Subject Area (in €m)



Research funding by programme

for 2024 (in Mio. € und %)



- Individual grants programme: 1352,3 Mio. €
- Research Units: 238,0 Mio. €
- Priority Programmes: 224,2 Mio. €
- Collaborative Research Centres: 917,2 Mio. €
- Research Training Groups: 291,3 Mio. €
- Research Impulses: 7,5 Mio. €
- Research Centres: 12,6 Mio. €
- Excellenzstrategie: 453,4 Mio. €
- Infrastructure funding: 334,2 Mio. €
- Prizes, other: 60,5 Mio. €

No cooperation agreement or calls
with countries of Central Asia

Standing funding of research
projects open to all topics

In all funding programmes
grants for travel, guest researchers ...

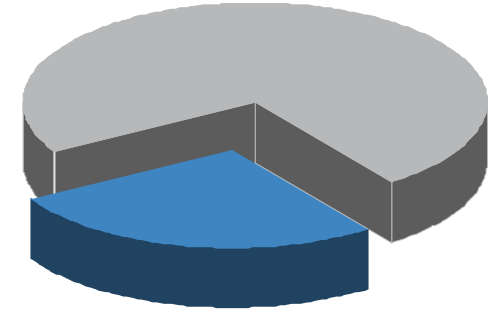
- Research Grant (3 years research project)
- Initiation of Cooperation (1 year mobility funding)



International Funding

Research Grant

- ▶ Research project on a specifically defined topic within a limited time period
- ▶ A research grant can be used to
 - Staff
 - Equipment up to €10,000, software and consumables
 - **Travel**
 - **Visiting researchers**
 - **Mercator Fellows** (associated with the project over the long term)
 - Experimental animals
 - Publication expenses
 - Funding for instrumentation (€50,000 or more)
- ▶ **3 years (6 years)**
- ▶ **No submission deadline**
- ▶ **Information on formalities:** DFG-Form 50.01



Part in total funding volume:
30 % (2024)

International Funding

Initiation of International Collaboration

► Funding

- Funding max. **1 year**
- Application by the German partner
- **Mobility funding** to get to know each other
- One aim could be: prepare a joint project proposal
- DFG-Guidelines 1.813

► Modules

- Workshops in Germany or abroad
- Short individual visits in Germany or abroad
- Visit up to three months



International Funding

Cooperation with ODA Recipients (Cooperation with Developing Countries)

► Funding

- Funding max. **3 years**
- Application by the German partner
- **DFG funds German part and part in the resp. country**
- Project partner is situated in a “Developing Country”, (DAC-List of OECD) and has to provide a statement, that Partner organization is unable to provide local funding
- DFG transfers fund to German Partner, who transfers part of fund to Cooperation Partner

► Modules

- Funding for **staff** employed by collaborating partners on basis of customary local rates
- **Scientific instrumentation, equipment** to be used by collaboration partner; they become property of collaborating partner’s country
- **Consumables and commodities**

International Funding

Scientific Networks (Wissenschaftliche Netzwerke)

► Funding

- Funding max. **3 years**
- Funding: Travel, meetings in Germany or abroad, support coordination
- Group of 10 to 20 people, which may also include researchers working abroad
- Aim of the network:
 - Preparation of joint research papers
 - joint publication
 - Impetus for the further development of research methods
- Proposal at any time



Researchers are eligible for DFG funding

who have completed their scientific training, i.e. who **hold a PhD**

who would like to conduct a **research project in basic research**

who (will) work at a **public German university or research institution**

For further questions on eligibility:

[DFG, German Research Foundation - General Questions on Eligibility](#)

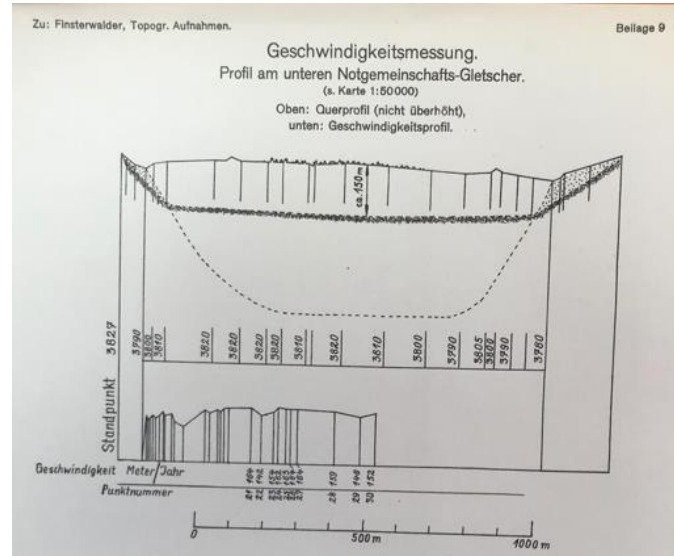
procedures-researchcareers@dfg.de (e.g. for the Walter Benjamin Programme)



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DFG activities with Central Asia

Funding in the 1920s: Notgemeinschaft der deutschen Wissenschaft, predecessor of DFG



Pamir Expedition 1928

Sources: Photo: Zeitschrift des deutschen und österreichischen Alpenvereins, 1929 / Graphics: Wissenschaftliche Ergebnisse der Alai-Pamir Expedition, Teil I, Band II: Kartenbeilagen, 1932

Funding of participation in a Geological congress 1928 in Tashkent

Source Bundesarchiv Berlin-Lichterfelde, BABL R 73-224

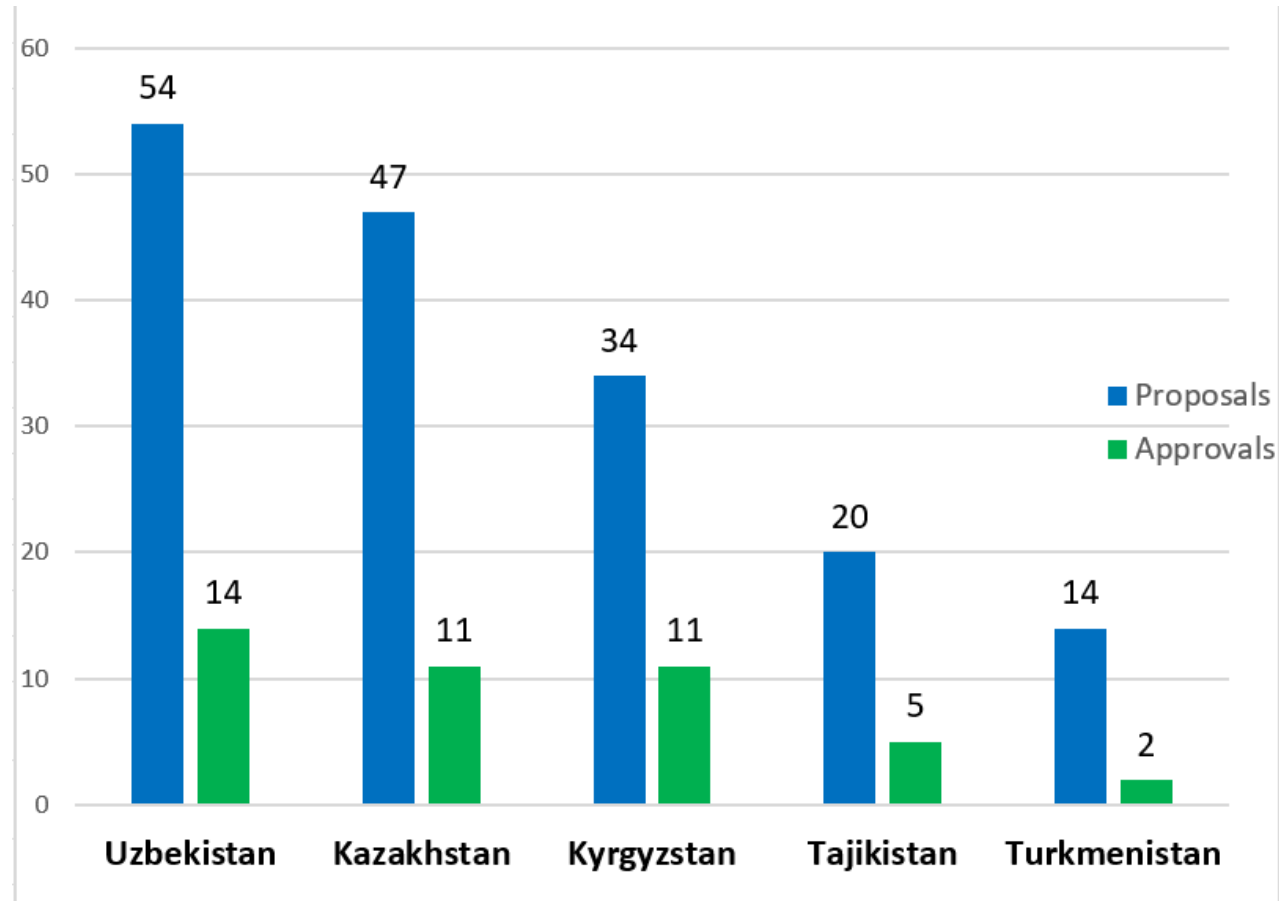
Göttingen, den 7. November 1928.

Bericht
über
eine Reise nach Turkestan im September
und Oktober 1928.

Von deutschen Geologen nahmen am Kongress und den anschließenden Exkursionen teil die Herren

Prof. B o r n, Charlottenburg, Technische Hochschule
Prof. K a i s e r, München, Universität
Prof. K o s s m a t, Leipzig, Universität
Prof. L e u c h s, Frankfurt a.M., Universität
Dr. von zur M ü h l e n, Berlin, Geologische Landesanstalt
Prof. S t i l l e, Göttingen, Universität.

Proposals and Approvals of DFG-projects with reference to Central Asia from 2021-2025*



*a project that has a link to several countries is counted for each of the countries involved

Examples of DFG-funded projects

Bridging Desert and Forest: Initiation of German-Kazakh Collaborations on the Prehistory of Northern Kazakhstan (2024-2025)

- GER: Freie Universität Berlin
- KAZ: Nazarbayev University

Sustainability assessment of irrigated agriculture: Rebound effects in semi-arid Uzbekistan (RebUz) (2022-2025)

- GER: ZALF (Zentrum für Agrarlandforschung / Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape)
- UZB: TIAME and IWMI Central Asia Office

The Hydrological Cycle of Central Asia under Climate and Land Use Changes (2019-2023)

- GER: Universität Würzburg
- KAZ: Sultangazin's Space Research Institute in Kazakhstan
- UZB: Khorezm Rural Advisory Support Service (KRASS)
- KGZ: Central Asian Institute of Applied Geosciences (CAIAG)



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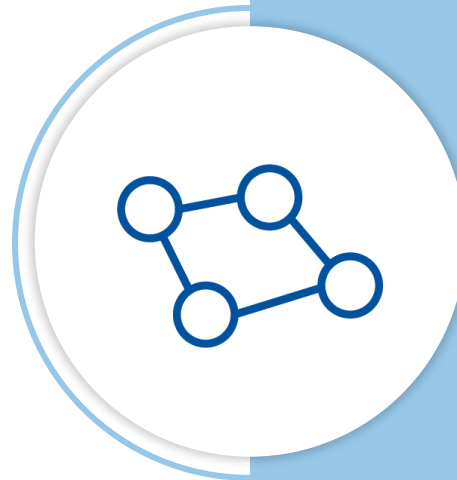
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GEPRIIS - Projects funded by the DFG

GEPRIIS is a bilingual (German/English) database of funding measures administered by the DFG. You can search the database for research projects, participating researchers and their institutions.



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