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GO-Bio

With a total of 150 million Euros, the Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) supports German and foreign research teams in biotechnology which are willing to set up a company.

With the aid of GO-Bio, the research groups are to develop new procedures in biosciences and to specifically prepare them for commercial exploitation.

In this fashion, the BMBF aims to facilitate knowledge-based start-ups and to use these as a driving force in employment.

Five calls for proposals have been scheduled. The selection of working groups and their projects as well as the intermediate evaluation will be supported by an international team of experts from academia and industry.

The GO-Bio funding initiative is part of the Federal Government's High-Tech Strategy.

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From Research to Entrepreneurship





Who is funded?

Research teams that bring along the intention and willingness to start up a business are being funded. The initiative is especially aimed at

- younger scientists with strong research experience,
- highly qualified people from research and development with several years experience in private enterprise,
- highly qualified people from medical science with several years clinical experience.

Ongoing or recently completed projects from basic research (i.e. The Emmy-Noether-Programme from The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft [German Research Foundation], EU funding) can be put into practise with these funding measures.

Proofs of principle or concepts which were developed within the framework of such projects can serve as a basis.

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What is being funded?

The winners are given the opportunity to work independently in their own working group in Germany on research approaches in biosciences, which promise commercial success, and to lead these to commercial application.

Those subjects, which are rooted in biosciences as well as their fringes, and which indicate a large commercial or clinical innovative potential and may be directed at a commercial application, are to be investigated.

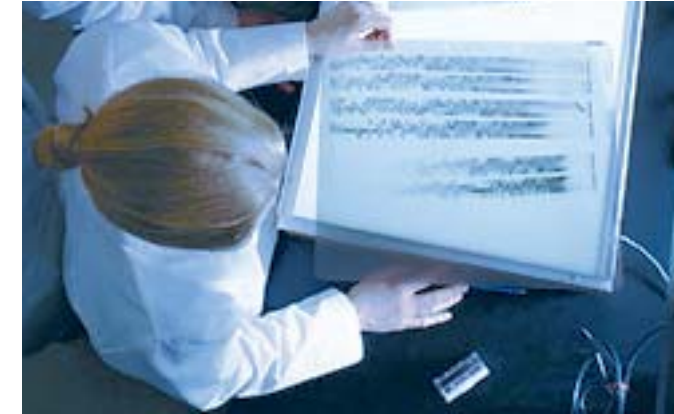
The goals are

- a further qualification in scientific-technical as well as entrepreneurial competence,
- a general improvement of chances in a continued career in science and industry,
- the transfer of results into economic exploitation by setting up a company.



What has to be done?

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has commissioned the Project Management Jülich (PTJ, see contact) with the handling of this funding activity. Further information can be obtained through them.



You can download forms for the project outline and a formal funding application, guidelines, leaflets, references and auxiliary conditions from the Internet, see <http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/bmbf/index.htm>, or you can request these directly from the Project Management Jülich (Ptj).

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It is explicitly advised to make use of the electronic application system „easy“ (<http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy>; for project outlines also).

The selection and ruling procedure is two-tiered. In a first step, the applicants submit their project outlines in German or English by the respective submission date announced. In a second step preselected applicants are invited to submit a formal application.