

## KiNSIS Early Career Support Programme

**For postdoctoral researchers and W1 professors without tenure track in the research area of KiNSIS**

### KiNSIS Micro Proposals

- For independent scientific projects to strengthen the individual scientific profile by exploring innovative out-of-the-box thinking and high-risk research projects, which can be a basis for further project applications.
- Open to any type of research proposals (except extensions of existing projects), e.g. start-up projects aiming to initiate large-scale collaborative research or research proposals related to current and future topics of KiNSIS.
- Can be used for student assistants, travel costs, software or consumables (not for financing one's own position) and must be spent within one year.
- Four micro proposals/year, 2000 € each.

### KiNSIS Funds for Lab Exchange

- To increase the mobility and the visibility of early career researchers and to strengthen their network within the scientific community.
- Must be spent within one year.
- Four travel grants/year, 2000 € each.

### KiNSIS Early Career Award

- For innovative and interdisciplinary research, supporting scientific goals and topics of KiNSIS.
- Aiming at postdoctoral researchers with at least three years of research experience after the doctorate.
- Should be used to promote the grantee's research career (student assistants, travel costs, software or consumables, not for financing one's own position).
- Candidates can be proposed by a KiNSIS member or apply by themselves
- One award/year, 5.000 €.

**The deadline for all applications is March 1st, 2021.**

Please send your proposals to [jfr@tf.uni-kiel.de](mailto:jfr@tf.uni-kiel.de). Full information on all funding initiatives: [www.kinsis.uni-kiel.de/en/early-career-support-programme](http://www.kinsis.uni-kiel.de/en/early-career-support-programme)



### **KiNSIS Micro Proposals:**

The priority research area KiNSIS funds **four micro proposals** per year, each worth **2000 €**, for independent scientific projects to offer the opportunity to strengthen the individual scientific profile by exploring innovative out-of-the-box thinking and high-risk research projects, which can act as the bases for further project applications. The funds can be used for student assistants, travel costs, software or consumables, but not for financing of one's own position. The money has to be spent within one year. Afterwards, a final report in form of a short presentation at a KiNSIS retreat or a general assembly of KiNSIS should be given. The report should address how the funding was used and which scientific achievements were accomplished.

- This proposal round will be open to any type of research proposals, e.g.:
  - o Start-up projects aiming to initiate large scale collaborative research
  - o Research proposals related to current and future topics of KiNSIS
- Extensions of existing projects cannot be funded!

### ***Dates, Proponents and Eligibility:***

- There is one call per year. The deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The decision will be announced on 1<sup>st</sup> of April.
- Eligible are postdocs working within the working group of a KiNSIS member with temporal contract or W1 professors without tenure track in the research area of KiNSIS.
- The use of approved funds is linked to an existing employment or fellowship at Kiel University or at a partner institution.
- Successful proponents cannot apply again for this specific kind of support.

### ***Formal Details:***

A proposal MUST be formatted (in one document):

- Language: English
- A maximum of 2 pages, including figures, but excluding references, staffing, work plan etc.
- A4 page format, font: Arial, 11pt, line spacing: 1.5, border top/left/right/bottom 2.5/ 2.5/ 2.5/ 2.0 cm
- CV (max. 2 pages)
- Support letter from mentor

### ***Goals and Criteria:***

The proposal call favors three classes of goals. Proposals may address either point in each goal, in order to be able to score in that category, but cannot score more than the maximum in either point of each category:

- Scientific quality (weighting 35%)
- Class A goal (weighting 35%): Unconventional or high risk/ high gain projects with potential to support KiNSIS goals
- Class B goals (weighting 20%): The call favours but does not require projects to conduct:
  - o Solution orientated research, meaning research addressing solutions for current and future scientific challenges
  - o Interdisciplinary research projects (where scientists from different disciplines collaborate, preferably within KiNSIS)
- Class C goals (weighting 10%): In addition projects may
  - o Support our international, institutional partnerships of the research focus and/or Kiel University
  - o Aim to support the strategic goals of the priority research area/KiNSIS: knowledge and technology transfer, stakeholder dialogue and co-design of research topics

Based on the criteria listed above, the KiNSIS board will decide about funding the project.

### **KiNSIS Funds for Lab Exchange:**

The priority research area KiNSIS funds **four travel grants** per year, each worth **2000 €**, for postdoctoral researchers with temporal contract and W1 professors without tenure track to increase their mobility, visibility and to strengthen their network within the scientific community.

The money has to be spent within one year. Afterwards, a final report in form of a short presentation at a KiNSIS retreat or a general assembly of KiNSIS on scientific achievements during this stay should be given.

#### ***Dates, Proponents and Eligibility:***

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- CV (max. 2 pages)
- Letter of intention of institution abroad

#### ***Goals and Criteria:***

Proposals should address how the funding should affect the following points:

- Improve the proponent's independent research profile
- Extend national & international scientific network & collaborations
- Increase scientific visibility within the peer-group by contributing to national and international conferences/workshops
- Increase international scientific working experience
- Generate peer-reviewed international publications
- Widen the spectra of future fields of scientific interest and collaboration partners

At least three of six points must be addressed.

Based on the criteria listed above, the KiNSIS board will decide about funding the project.

### **KiNSIS - Early Career Award:**

The priority research area KiNSIS funds **one Early Career Award** per year worth **5000 €** for postdoctoral researchers with temporal contract and W1 professors without tenure track for innovative and interdisciplinary research, supporting scientific goals/topics of KiNSIS.

The funds should be used to promote the grantee's research career. They can be used for student assistants, travel costs, software or consumables but not for financing of one's own position.

#### ***Dates, Proponents and Eligibility:***

- There is one call per year. The deadline for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The decision will be announced on 1<sup>st</sup> of April. The prize will be awarded during the Diels-Planck-Lecture.
- Eligible are postdocs with temporal contract or W1 professors without tenure track in the research area of KiNSIS with at least three years of research experience after the doctorate
- The use of approved funds is linked to an existing employment or fellowship at Kiel University or at a partner institution.
- Successful proponents cannot apply again for this specific kind of support.

#### ***Formal Details:***

Candidates can be suggested by a KiNSIS member or make an application themselves. The application should include:

- Language: English
- 2 support letters of KiNSIS members
- Short summary (maximum one A4 page) of research of the last 3 years
- CV (max. 2 pages)

The decision will be based on an online-survey (according to the procedure of the Diels-Planck-Lecture) among the members of KiNSIS.