

Guidelines for the granting of material cost allowances (Sachkostenzuschüsse) for young university teachers

In response to suitable applications, Fonds der Chemischen Industrie may grant material cost allowances – as a contribution to improving research possibilities for young university teachers. Junior group leaders or junior professors (W1) are eligible to apply. W2/W3 professors are not eligible to apply.

Amount of allowance:

- Up to 10,000 EUR for young university teachers
(exception: not for Liebig Fellowship beneficiaries while they are obtaining support under the Liebig Fellowship)

Conditions:

- Outstanding academic achievement and scientific qualification
- PhD
- Engagement in a research activity with a chemical orientation
- Full-time employment at a university in the Federal Republic of Germany
- Head of a junior research group
- Deadline for submission of application: at most 6 years after PhD completion (exceptions for parental leave)

The following rule applies: within the 6-year period after PhD completion, young university teachers can continue to make applications for material cost allowance - also if they have already obtained their formal university teacher qualification (Habilitation) as the next career step.

Application documents:

- Completed personal data application form
- CV in tabular form
- Short description of planned or ongoing research activities (2-3 pages max.)
- Short statement of reasons underlying the application for material cost allowance, including the intended use of funds (tabular form, 1-2 pages max.)
- Certificates of PhD and university degrees (Master/Diploma, Bachelor) (each with individual grades)
- List of existing publications of current research results

Submission:

Completed application documents (PDF file max. 10 MB) in German or English should be submitted by e-mail to sk-fonds@vci.de. Applications can be submitted at any time. Please direct any content requests to forschung-fonds@vci.de.

Follow-up applications can be made - at the earliest - one year after the last previous application was granted, on condition that meanwhile new scientific findings were published.

Use of funds

Funds granted under this allowance can be used solely to finance equipment, scientific literature, chemicals, chemical consumables, chemistry-related software and hardware, costs for publications by the applicant in scientific journals and travel by the applicant to scientific meetings. A reasonable amount (up to 500 EUR) can be used to build a website. Funds granted under this allowance must be spent in a timely manner. Funds which are not drawn from Fonds der Chemischen Industrie within three years from the granting of the allowance are forfeited and removed from the promotion account of the young university teacher.

On the use of generative models in the application

Applicants must disclose whether and which generative models they have used, for what purpose and to what extent when submitting an application. They must ensure that the use of generative models does not infringe third-party intellectual property and does not result in scientific misconduct, e.g. in the form of plagiarism. The use of generative models when applying will generally be assessed neither positively nor negatively.

Data Protection Rules of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie

Applications for funding or prizes of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie im Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V. (chemical industry fund within the German chemical industry association VCI)

By submitting personal data in connection with an application for funds or prizes of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie im Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V., you consent to the electronic processing and storage of the data you have provided. This is done for the organizational processing of the funding procedures/award procedures and for communication on events of Fonds der Chemischen Industrie and the foundation Stiftung Stipendien-Fonds.

Furthermore, you agree to your name being published in the context of press releases about the granting of funds / award of prizes. Your data will be stored until you withdraw your consent by stating this withdrawal to us. Where we are under a legal obligation to store your data, these data will be deleted after expiry of the legally required record-keeping period. In the context of the approval procedure for funding or an award ceremony, your data will be passed on to third parties (reviewers) for the purpose of processing.

The full version of our data protection rules (in German language) is available at <https://www.vci.de/fonds/datenschutz/datenschutzbestimmungen.jsp>.

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