



The LIFE profile of the Friedrich-Schiller-University (www.uni-jena.de/life) offers

LIFE “Connect”-Funds

Aim: The LIFE profile wants to identify new research subjects intended to bring together different (sub)disciplines to work in collaborative research programs. The LIFE “Connect” funds enable the development of scientific projects that will build the basis for a larger research grant application for third-party funding. The funds provided shall establish cooperation between researchers of different groups, institutes and disciplines to stimulate top-level research within the LIFE profile and beyond.

Criteria: All topics within the [main research areas of LIFE](#) are eligible. Interdisciplinarity is encouraged, but not required. The project should be of scientific excellence and hold promise for future success with regard to applications for external research grants. A collaborative character of the projects is essential, and establishing and extending connections to new cooperation partners is expected. To help promote the research area LIFE of FSU Jena, we kindly request a **social media post** at the beginning and end of the project. If you have an existing Connect fund application, you can submit a new application once the current fund's timeline has concluded. Please ensure that you involve different cooperation partners in the new project.

Application Details:

- **project:** must be conducted at (or in cooperation with) FSU and within the life sciences
- **applicants:** researchers at any career stage from doctoral researchers to Professors that are employed or enrolled at FSU or UKJ
- **budget:** 15.000/ 20.000/ 25.000 € for personnel or non-personnel costs
- **deadline:** 31.03. and 30.09. each year
- **duration:** 12 months

Application documents in one PDF file:

- Application form LIFE “Connect” Fund
- Project outline, including a summary, timeline, budget not exceeding 5 pages
- CVs

Please submit your application as a single PDF file via Email to:

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