



## Information on the supervisor eligibility of junior research group leaders

At its meetings of 3 May 2018 and 27 November 2018, the Research Committee of the Senate discussed the topic of supervisor eligibility of junior research group leaders and made the following decisions.

**Objective:** promoting early independence of young scientists and researchers by assuming formal supervision responsibility

**General provisions** according to section 4 subsection 3 sentence 2 of the general doctoral examination regulations of the faculties:

“However, the leaders of junior research groups may only be supervisors if their scientific competence was identified by the external scientific assessment procedure of which the quality criteria are accepted by the Research Committee of the Senate.”

The Research Committee has agreed on the following **quality criteria**, putting particular emphasis on the fulfilment of the procedural criteria:

- person: promoting especially qualified young researchers
- project: promoting excellent research projects
- procedure:
  - o scientific assessment procedure by a panel including external and independent experts
  - o compliance with the DFG guidelines for avoiding conflicts of interest
  - o selection procedure similar to an appointment procedure

Pursuant to the decision of the Research Committee, the following funding programmes meet these criteria:

Funding body	Programme
German Research Foundation	Emmy Noether Programme
European Research Council	Starting Grant
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation	Sofia Kovalevskaja Award
Volkswagen Foundation	“Freigeist” Fellowship
Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation	“Plus 3” funding programme
German Cancer Aid	Max Eder Junior Research Group programme
Max Planck Society	Lise Meitner Excellence Program of the Max Planck Society
Max Planck Institutes	Max Planck Research Groups
Leibniz Association	Leibniz Junior Research Groups
Leibniz Institutes	Junior Research Group leaders

With regard to the programmes mentioned below, the Research Committee's recommendation to the faculties is a case-by-case assessment by the faculty council based on the above-mentioned criteria:

<b>Funding body</b>	<b>Programme</b>
Helmholtz Association	Helmholtz Young Investigator Groups programme
Fraunhofer Society	"Fraunhofer Attract" funding programme
Interdisciplinary Center for Clinical Research of Jena University Hospital	Programme for promoting women in science
miscellaneous	junior research groups in large coordinated or joint projects (especially DFG Collaborative Research Centres)

The following programme was discussed, but no decision has been taken yet:

<b>Funding body</b>	<b>Programme</b>
departmental research by the federal ministries (especially the Federal Ministry of Education and Research—abbreviated BMBF)	junior research groups in thematic calls for application

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