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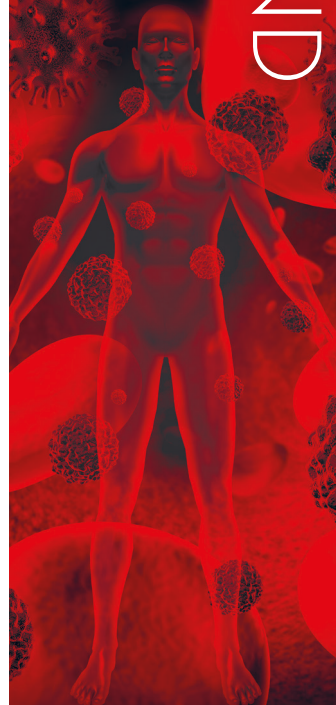
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## PREFACE

This brochure provides a first insight into research in Germany in the field of molecular, cellular and clinical immunology and infectiology and is especially recommended to early career researchers from abroad.

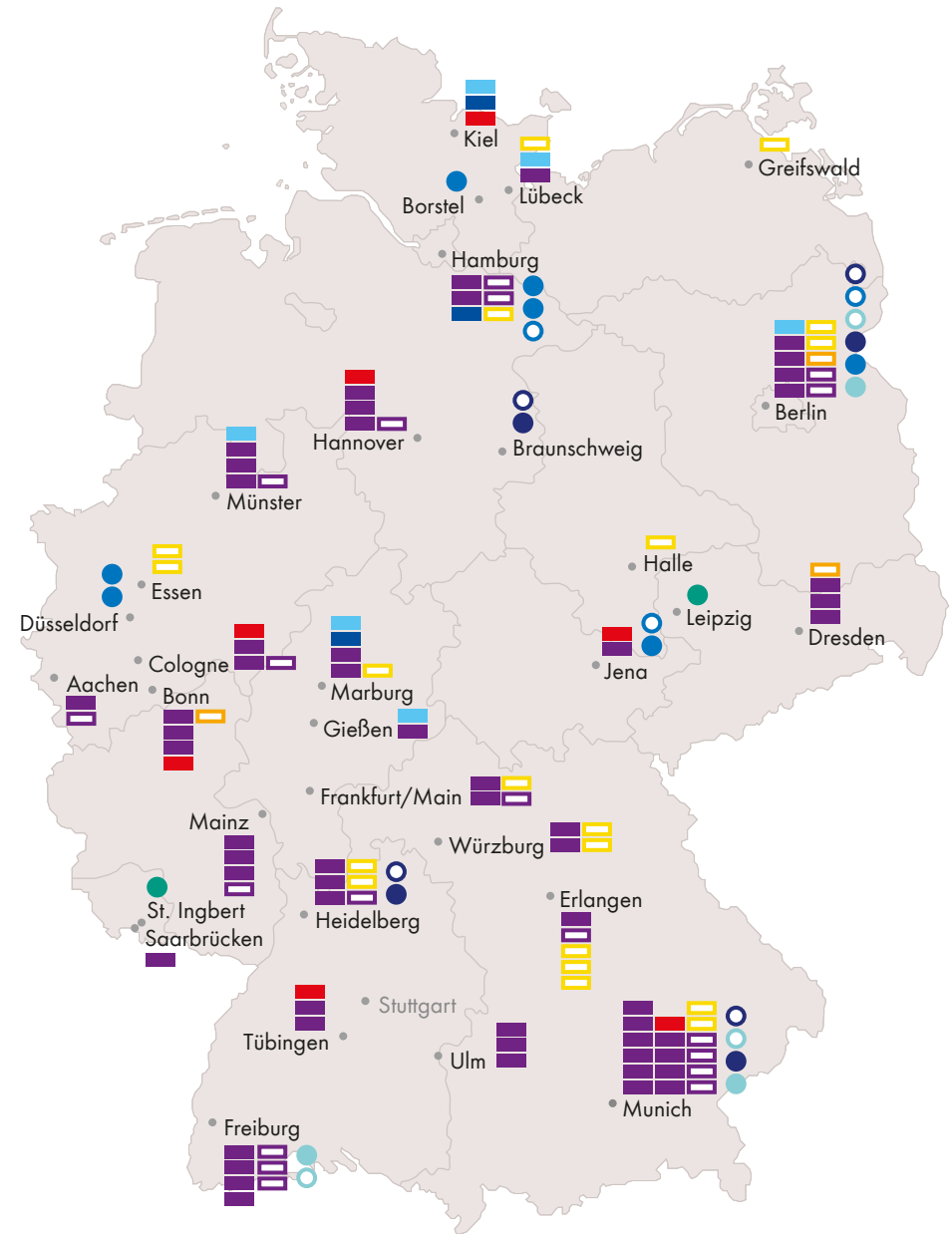
Molecular, cellular and clinical immunology and infectiology research in Germany is primarily conducted at universities but also at non-university research institutions. Almost all universities and many universities of applied sciences host a molecular, cellular and clinical immunology and infectiology research section. The spectrum ranges from small monothematic working groups to large interdisciplinary departments and covers a variety of topics from traditional areas to new explorative research fields.

This brochure is intended to give an initial overview. The following map and tables highlight research consortia and graduate training programmes at universities and non-university research institutes with a main focus on molecular, cellular and clinical immunology and infectiology.

On top of this, there is a lot more to discover: e.g. the DFG funds a multitude of individual projects in the area of molecular, cellular and clinical immunology and infectiology. These individual grants outweigh the research consortia both in number and in overall funding volume. Towards the end of this brochure, you will find a link to the online database GEPRIS that provides an overview of all DFG-funded research projects. You will also find additional important links for further information about programmes in the field of molecular, cellular and clinical immunology and infectiology and profiles of German universities and research institutions.

We invite you to explore the many opportunities that Germany has to offer and welcome your feedback.

# OVERVIEW



	Research Training Groups		Helmholtz Graduate Schools
	International Research Training Groups		Leibniz Graduate Schools
	Integrated Research Training Groups in Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios		International Max Planck Research Schools
	Clinical Research Units		Fraunhofer Institutes
	Research Units		Helmholtz Centres
	Clusters of Excellence		Leibniz Institutes
	Collaborative Research Centres/Transregios		Max Planck Institutes

DFG-funded Priority Programmes and several Research Units are not shown on the map since they are not necessarily located at a single location; they are listed on pages 19 and 15. The map shows the headquarters of the non-university research institutions.

# CENTRES OF RESEARCH

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**Clusters of Excellence (EXC)** promote cutting-edge research. They serve to strengthen the research profiles of universities or university consortia in internationally competitive fields. They create excellent training and career opportunities for early career researchers. Within the framework of the Excellence Strategy, they can receive between €3 million and €10 million annually and are funded for seven years, starting in 2019. A second seven-year period is possible.

**Collaborative Research Centres (CRC)** are organisational units established at universities which enable researchers to pursue an outstanding research programme crossing the boundaries of disciplines, institutes, departments and faculties. The traditional Collaborative Research Centre is generally applied for by one university and is conducted by researchers of that university. Early career support is a key objective of the Collaborative Research Centre Programme. Early career researchers may get involved in a CRC in numerous ways, for example within the framework of an Integrated Research Training Group. Collaborative Research Centres are funded for a period of up to 12 years.

**Transregios (TRR)** are Collaborative Research Centres in which up to three universities collaborate with each other and submit a joint application. The contributions of the cooperative partners are essential, complementary and synergetic to the joint research objective. Funding facilitates close, nationwide collaboration among the participating universities and researchers, as well as networking and shared use of resources. There is also the option of international Transregios.

## CENTRES OF RESEARCH

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
<b>CLUSTERS OF EXCELLENCE</b>				
 Bonn	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	<b>ImmunoSensation2: The Immune Sensory System (EXC 2151)</b>	2019	<a href="http://www.immunosensation.de">www.immunosensation.de</a>
 Cologne	Universität zu Köln	<b>Cellular Stress Responses in Aging-Associated Diseases (EXC 2030)</b>	2019	<a href="http://www.cecad.uni-koeln.de">www.cecad.uni-koeln.de</a>
 Hannover	Medizinische Hochschule Hannover	<b>RESIST – Resolving Infection Susceptibility (EXC 2155)</b>	2019	<a href="http://www.rebirth-hannover.de">www.rebirth-hannover.de</a>
 Jena	Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena	<b>Balance of the Microverse (EXC 2051)</b>	2019	<a href="http://www.microverse-cluster.de/en">www.microverse-cluster.de/en</a>
 Kiel	Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel	<b>Precision Medicine in Chronic Inflammation (EXC 2167)</b>	2019	<a href="https://precisionmedicine.de">https://precisionmedicine.de</a>
 Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München Technische Universität München	<b>Munich Cluster for Systems Neurology (SyNergy) (EXC 2145)</b>	2019	<a href="http://www.synergy-munich.de/index.html">www.synergy-munich.de/index.html</a>
 Tübingen	Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen	<b>Controlling Microbes to Fight Infections (EXC 2124)</b>	2019	<a href="https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/research/core-research/cluster-of-excellence-cmfi/cmfi/">https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/research/core-research/cluster-of-excellence-cmfi/cmfi/</a>
<b>COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES</b>				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	<b>Gut-Liver Axis – Functional Circuits and Therapeutic Targets (CRC 1382)</b>	2019	<a href="http://www.crc1382.org/">www.crc1382.org/</a>
 Berlin	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	<b>FONDA – Foundations of Workflows for Large-Scale Scientific Data Analysis (CRC 1404)</b>	2020	<a href="https://fonda.hu-berlin.de/">https://fonda.hu-berlin.de/</a>
 Berlin	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	<b>Directed Cellular Self-Organisation for Advancing Bone Regeneration (CRC 1444)</b>	2020	<a href="https://bone-regeneration.charite.de/en/">https://bone-regeneration.charite.de/en/</a>
 Bonn	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	<b>Metaflammation and Cellular Programming (CRC 1454)</b>	2020	<a href="https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/432325352">https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/432325352</a>
 Cologne	Universität zu Köln	<b>Cell Death in Immunity, Inflammation and Disease (CRC 1403)</b>	2020	<a href="https://sfb1403.uni-koeln.de">https://sfb1403.uni-koeln.de</a>

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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Cologne	Universität zu Köln	Elucidation and Targeting of Pathogenic Mechanisms in B Cell Malignancies (CRC 1530)	2021	<a href="https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/455784452">https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/455784452</a>
Erlangen	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	Checkpoints for Resolution of Inflammation (CRC 1181)	2015	<a href="http://www.sfb1181.forschung.fau.eu/">www.sfb1181.forschung.fau.eu/</a>
Frankfurt/Main	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main	Signalling by Fatty Acid Derivatives and Sphingolipids in Health and Disease (CRC 1039)	2013	<a href="http://www.lipidsignalling.de/en/home">www.lipidsignalling.de/en/home</a>
Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	Immune-Mediated Pathology as a Consequence of Impaired Immune Reactions (CRC 1160)	2015	<a href="http://www.sfb1160.uni-freiburg.de">www.sfb1160.uni-freiburg.de</a>
Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	Oncogene-Driven Immune Escape (OncoEscape) (CRC 1479)	2021	<a href="http://www.sfb1479.uni-freiburg.de">www.sfb1479.uni-freiburg.de</a>
Hamburg	Universität Hamburg	Adenine Nucleotides in Immunity and Inflammation (CRC 1328)	2018	<a href="http://www.sfb1328.de/">www.sfb1328.de/</a>
Hamburg	Universität Hamburg	Immune-Mediated Glomerular Diseases – Basic Concepts and Clinical Implications (CRC 1192)	2015	<a href="http://www.sfb1192.de">www.sfb1192.de</a>
Hannover	Medizinische Hochschule Hannover	Chronic Infections: Microbial Persistence and its Control (CRC 900)	2010	<a href="http://www.sfb900.de/en">www.sfb900.de/en</a>
Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	Integrative Analysis of Pathogen – Replication and Spread (CRC 1129)	2014	<a href="http://www.sfb1129.de">www.sfb1129.de</a>
Lübeck	Universität zu Lübeck	Pathomechanisms of Antibody-mediated Autoimmunity (PANTAU): Insights from Pemphigoid Diseases (CRC 1526)	2021	<a href="http://www.sfb1526.uni-luebeck.de">www.sfb1526.uni-luebeck.de</a>
Mainz	Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz	Targeting Convergent Mechanisms of Inefficient Immunity in Tumors and Chronic Infection (CRC 1292)	2017	<a href="https://crc1292.uni-mainz.de">https://crc1292.uni-mainz.de</a>
Marburg	Philipps-Universität Marburg	RNA Viruses: RNA Metabolism, Host Response and Pathogenesis (CRC 1021)	2012	<a href="http://www.sfb1021.de">www.sfb1021.de</a>

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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Münster	Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster	Breaking Barriers – Immune Cells and Pathogens at Cell/Matrix Barriers (CRC 1009)	2012	<a href="http://www.medizin.uni-muenster.de/en/sfb-1009">www.medizin.uni-muenster.de/en/sfb-1009</a>
Münster	Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster	Multiscale Imaging of Organ-Specific Inflammation (CRC 1450)	2020	<a href="http://www.uni-muenster.de/CRC-inSight/">www.uni-muenster.de/CRC-inSight/</a>
Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Control and Plasticity of Cell-Fate Decisions in the Immune System (CRC 1054)	2012	<a href="http://www.sfb1054.med.uni-muenchen.de">www.sfb1054.med.uni-muenchen.de</a>
Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Trafficking of Immune Cells in Inflammation, Development and Disease (CRC 914)	2011	<a href="http://www.sfb914.de">www.sfb914.de</a>
Munich	Technische Universität München	Microbiome Signatures – Functional Relevance in the Digestive Tract (CRC 1371)	2019	<a href="http://www.sfb1371.tum.de/">www.sfb1371.tum.de/</a>
Munich	Technische Universität München	Aberrant Immune Signals in Cancer (CRC 1335)	2018	<a href="http://www.sfb1335.med.tum.de/en">www.sfb1335.med.tum.de/en</a>
Saarbrücken	Universität des Saarlandes	Ca <sup>2+</sup> Signals: Molecular Mechanisms and Integrative Functions (CRC 894)	2010	<a href="https://sfb894.uni-saarland.de/en/">https://sfb894.uni-saarland.de/en/</a>
Ulm	Universität Ulm	Aging at Interfaces (CRC 1506)	2021	<a href="http://www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/sfb-1506-aging-at-interfaces">www.uni-ulm.de/einrichtungen/sfb-1506-aging-at-interfaces</a>
Ulm	Universität Ulm	Exploiting the Human Peptidome for Novel Antimicrobial and Anticancer Agents (CRC 1279)	2017	<a href="http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/med/crc-1279/">www.uni-ulm.de/en/med/crc-1279/</a>
Ulm	Universität Ulm	Danger Response, Disturbance Factors and Regenerative Potential after Acute Trauma (CRC 1149)	2014	<a href="http://www.uni-ulm.de/en/einrichtungen/crc-1149">www.uni-ulm.de/en/einrichtungen/crc-1149</a>
COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES/TRANSREGIOS				
Berlin	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin	Development, Function and Potential of Myeloid Cells in the Central Nervous System (NeuroMac) (TRR 167)	2016	<a href="http://www.sfb-trr167.uni-freiburg.de">www.sfb-trr167.uni-freiburg.de</a>
Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg			

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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
Berlin Gießen Marburg	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin Justus-Liebig- Universität Gießen Philipps-Universität Marburg	<b>Innate Immunity of the Lung: Mechanisms of Pathogen Attack and Host Defence in Pneumonia (TRR 84)</b>	2010	<a href="http://www.sfb-tr84.de">www.sfb-tr84.de</a>
Bonn Dresden Munich	Rheinische Friedrich- Wilhelms-Universität Bonn Technische Universität Dresden Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München	<b>Nucleic Acid Immunity (TRR 237)</b>	2018	<a href="http://www.trr237.uni-bonn.de/en">www.trr237.uni-bonn.de/en</a>
Bonn Tübingen	Rheinische Friedrich- Wilhelms-Universität Bonn Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen	<b>Cellular Mechanisms of Antibiotic Action and Production (TRR 261)</b>	2019	<a href="https://trr261.de/">https://trr261.de/</a>
Dresden Hannover Munich	Technische Universität Dresden Medizinische Hochschule Hannover Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München Technische Universität München	<b>Biology of Xenogeneic Cell and Organ Transplantation – From Bench to Bedside (TRR 127)</b>	2012	<a href="http://www.klinikum.uni-muenchen.de/SFB-TRR-127">www.klinikum.uni-muenchen.de/SFB-TRR-127</a>
Dresden Munich	Technische Universität Dresden Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München	<b>The Adrenal: Central Relay in Health and Disease (TRR 205)</b>	2017	<a href="https://sfbtrr205.webspace.tu-dresden.de">https://sfbtrr205.webspace.tu-dresden.de</a>
Frankfurt/ Main Mainz Münster Munich	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main Johannes Gutenberg- Universität Mainz Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München Technische Universität München	<b>Initiating/Effector versus Regulatory Mechanisms in Multiple Sclerosis – Progress towards Tackling the Disease (TRR 128)</b>	2012	<a href="http://www.sfbtr128.de">www.sfbtr128.de</a>

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Freiburg Heidelberg Munich	Albert-Ludwigs- Universität Freiburg Ruprecht-Karls- Universität Heidelberg Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München Technische Universität München	<b>Determinants and Dynamics of Elimination versus Persistence of Hepatitis Virus Infection (TRR 179)</b>	2016	<a href="http://www.trr179.de/en">www.trr179.de/en</a>
Hannover	Medizinische Hochschule Hannover Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover	<b>Safety Integrated and Infection Reactive Implants (TRR 298)</b>	2021	<a href="https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/426335750">https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/426335750</a>
Heidelberg Mainz Tübingen	Ruprecht-Karls- Universität Heidelberg Johannes Gutenberg- Universität Mainz Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen	<b>The Skin as a Sensor and Effector Organ Orchestrating Local and Systemic Immune Responses (TRR 156)</b>	2015	<a href="http://www.klinikum.uni-heidelberg.de/sfbs/sfb-trr156/welcome">www.klinikum.uni-heidelberg.de/sfbs/sfb-trr156/welcome</a>
Jena Würzburg	Friedrich-Schiller- Universität Jena Julius-Maximilians- Universität Würzburg	<b>Pathogenic Fungi and their Human Host: Networks of Interaction – FungiNet – (TRR 124)</b>	2013	<a href="http://www.funginet.de">www.funginet.de</a>
Munich Würzburg	Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München Technische Universität München Julius-Maximilians- Universität Würzburg	<b>LETSIMMUN – Lymphocyte Engineering for Therapeutic Synthetic Immunity (TRR 338)</b>	2021	<a href="https://letsimmun.de">https://letsimmun.de</a>



# RESEARCH UNITS

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**Research Units (FOR)** often contribute to establishing new research directions. Research Units are made up of a team of researchers working together on a research project which is often of an interdisciplinary nature. Research Units consist of several researchers and subprojects. The subprojects of a Research Unit are often located at several locations throughout Germany. Research Units are generally funded for up to six years.

In case most of a Research Unit's subprojects are located at one place, it is represented in the map.



## RESEARCH UNITS

Title	Funded Since	Contact
Translational Polytrauma Research to Provide Diagnostic and Therapeutic Tools for Improving Outcomes (FOR 5417)	2022	<a href="https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/465409392">https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/465409392</a>
Disrupt – Evade – Exploit: Gene Expression and Host Response Programming in DNA Virus Infection (DEEP-DV) (FOR 5200)	2021	<a href="https://deep-dv.org/wp/">https://deep-dv.org/wp/</a>
The Microbiome as a Therapeutic Target in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (FOR 5042) Subprojects mainly located in: Kiel ■	2020	<a href="http://www.mitarget.org/">www.mitarget.org/</a>
Sex Differences in Immunity (FOR 5068) Subprojects mainly located in: Hamburg ■	2020	<a href="http://www.uke.de/kliniken-institute/institute/immunologie/research-unit-5068/index.html">www.uke.de/kliniken-institute/institute/immunologie/research-unit-5068/index.html</a>
Advanced Concepts in Cellular Immune Control of Cytomegalovirus (FOR 2830)	2019	<a href="http://www.virologie.uni-wuerzburg.de/forschungsverbuende/for2830/home/">www.virologie.uni-wuerzburg.de/forschungsverbuende/for2830/home/</a>
Receiving and Translating Signals via the Gamma-Delta T Cell Receptor (FOR 2799)	2018	<a href="https://for2799.de/">https://for2799.de/</a>
Tissue Type 2 Responses: Mechanisms of Induction and Regulation (FOR 2599)	2017	<a href="http://www.for2599.de">www.for2599.de</a>
Pemphigus - From Pathogenesis to Therapeutics (Pegasus) (FOR 2497) Subprojects mainly located in: Marburg ■	2016	<a href="http://www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb20/pegasus">www.uni-marburg.de/en/fb20/pegasus</a>









# CLINICAL RESEARCH UNITS

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**Clinical Research Units (KFO)** provide outstanding researchers the opportunity to carry out close, medium-term cooperation in a special research project in the field of disease or patient-oriented clinical research. Clinical Research Units are usually located at one institution. As a rule, they receive funding for up to six years.

## CLINICAL RESEARCH UNITS

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
 Berlin	Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin	Food Allergy and Tolerance (Food@) (KFO 339)	2019	<a href="https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/409525714">https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/409525714</a>
 Gießen	Universitätsklinikum Gießen und Marburg	Virus-induced Lung Injury: Pathobiology and Novel Therapeutic Strategies (KFO 309)	2016	<a href="http://www.kfo309.de">www.kfo309.de</a>
 Kiel	Universitätsklinikum Schleswig-Holstein	CATCH ALL Towards a Cure for Adults and Children with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) (KFO 5010)	2021	<a href="https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/444949889">https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/444949889</a>
 Lübeck	Universitätsklinikum Schleswig-Holstein	Pemphigoid Diseases - Molecular Pathways and their Therapeutic Potential (KFO 303)	2015	<a href="http://www.kfo303.uni-luebeck.de">www.kfo303.uni-luebeck.de</a>
 Marburg	Universitätsklinikum Gießen und Marburg	Clinical Relevance of Tumor-Microenvironment Interactions in Pancreatic Cancer (KFO 325)	2017	<a href="http://www.uni-marburg.de/fb20/zti/kfo325">www.uni-marburg.de/fb20/zti/kfo325</a>
 Münster	Universitätsklinikum Münster	Organ Dysfunction During Systemic Inflammation (KFO 342)	2019	<a href="https://kfo342.de/en/">https://kfo342.de/en/</a>



# PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

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**Priority Programmes (SPP)** have a programmatic focus and the purpose of advancing knowledge in an emerging field of research through collaborative networked support. They are characterised by their enhanced quality of research through the use of new methods and forms of collaboration in emerging fields. As a rule, one programme can consist of up to 30 individual subprojects located at several institutions across Germany; it usually has one coordinating person. Priority Programmes normally receive funding for a period of up to six years.

Priority Programmes are not shown on the map. Only the titles of the overall themes and the project website are listed.

## PRIORITY PROGRAMMES

Title	Funded Since	Contact
Physics of Parasitism (SPP 2332)	2021	<a href="http://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/forschung/physics-of-parasitism/start/">www.uni-wuerzburg.de/forschung/physics-of-parasitism/start/</a>
Exit Strategies of Intracellular Pathogens (SPP 2225)	2019	<a href="http://www.spp2225.rwth-aachen.de/cms/~ccsvy/spp2225/lidx/1/">www.spp2225.rwth-aachen.de/cms/~ccsvy/spp2225/lidx/1/</a>
Innate Lymphoid Cells (SPP 1937)	2016	<a href="http://spp-innatelymphoidcells.de">http://spp-innatelymphoidcells.de</a>
Innate Sensing and Restriction of Retroviruses (SPP 1923)	2016	<a href="http://spp1923.de">http://spp1923.de</a>



# NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

**Fraunhofer Society** is one of the world's leading organisations for applied research with an annual research budget of 2.8 billion euros, 74 institutes and more than 28,000 employees. Fraunhofer's R&D portfolio covers a wide range of fields, including health, security, communications, transport, energy and the environment. [www.fraunhofer.de](http://www.fraunhofer.de)

**The Helmholtz Association** contributes to solving major challenges facing society, science and industry with world-level research in six areas: energy, earth and environment, health, key technologies, structure of matter and aeronautics, space and transport. With more than 40,000 employees in 19 research centres and an annual budget of approximately 4.8 billion euros, the Helmholtz Association is Germany's largest scientific organisation. [www.helmholtz.de](http://www.helmholtz.de)

**The Leibniz Association** is an umbrella organisation of 95 research institutes. The annual budget amounts to 1.9 billion euros. Some 11,500 researchers – approximately 25% of them from abroad – work on a widely diverse range of subjects, including the humanities and social sciences, economics, spatial and life sciences, mathematics, natural and engineering sciences and environmental research. [www.leibniz-association.eu](http://www.leibniz-association.eu)

**The Max Planck Society** for the Advancement of Science is one of Germany's largest independent non-profit research organisations. The Max Planck Society has been allocated approximately 1.86 billion euros for 2019. A combined total of 15,300 researchers, postdoctoral/junior researchers and visiting researchers at 86 Max Planck Institutes conduct basic research in the natural sciences, life sciences, social sciences and humanities. One third of the researchers and more than half of the junior and visiting researchers come from abroad. [www.mpg.de](http://www.mpg.de)

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FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTES		
● Leipzig	Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology (IZI)	<a href="http://www.izi.fraunhofer.de/en">www.izi.fraunhofer.de/en</a>
● St. Ingbert	Fraunhofer Institute for Biomedical Engineering (IBMT)	<a href="http://www.ibmt.fraunhofer.de/en.html">www.ibmt.fraunhofer.de/en.html</a>
HELMHOLTZ CENTRES		
● Berlin-Buch	Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (MDC) Berlin-Buch	<a href="http://www.mdc-berlin.de">www.mdc-berlin.de</a>
● Braunschweig	Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en">www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en</a>
● Heidelberg	German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ)	<a href="http://www.dkfz.de/en">www.dkfz.de/en</a>
● Munich	Helmholtz Zentrum München - German Research Center for Environmental Health	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en">www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en</a>
LEIBNIZ INSTITUTES		
● Berlin	German Rheumatism Research Centre (DRFZ)	<a href="http://www.dr fz.de/en">www.dr fz.de/en</a>
● Borstel	Research Center Borstel - Leibniz Lung Center (FZB)	<a href="https://fz-borstel.de/index.php/de/">https://fz-borstel.de/index.php/de/</a>
● Düsseldorf	German Diabetes Center (DDZ)	<a href="https://ddz.de/en/">https://ddz.de/en/</a>
● Düsseldorf	Leibniz Institute for Environmental Medicine (IUF)	<a href="https://iuf-duesseldorf.de/en/">https://iuf-duesseldorf.de/en/</a>
● Hamburg	Bernhard-Nocht-Institute for Tropical Medicine (BNITM)	<a href="http://www.bnitm.de/en">www.bnitm.de/en</a>
● Hamburg	Leibniz Institute of Virology (LIV)	<a href="http://www.leibniz-liv.de/en">www.leibniz-liv.de/en</a>
● Jena	Leibniz-Institute for Natural Product Research and Infection Biology (HKI)	<a href="http://www.hki-jena.de/en">www.hki-jena.de/en</a>
MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUTES		
● Berlin	Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology	<a href="http://www.mpiib-berlin.mpg.de/2285/en">www.mpiib-berlin.mpg.de/2285/en</a>
● Freiburg	Max Planck Institute of Immunobiology and Epigenetics	<a href="http://www.ie-freiburg.mpg.de/">www.ie-freiburg.mpg.de/</a>
● Martinsried (Munich)	Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry (MPIB)	<a href="http://www.biochem.mpg.de/en">www.biochem.mpg.de/en</a>

# GERMAN CENTRES FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

**The German Centres for Health Research** – launched by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF) in 2009 – were established as long-term, equal partnerships between non-university research institutions and universities with university hospitals. The key objectives of the federal government’s health research programme is to improve efforts to fight serious diseases that are widespread in the population more effectively.

The German Centres for Health Research shall bundle existing expertise and thus make a significant contribution to closing knowledge gaps and improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of these diseases. The research objective is the close collaboration of basic research with clinical research – always oriented on patient needs and indications. The close ties and the associated expansion of existing research structures will enable translational research and thus a faster transfer of research findings into clinical practice.

German Centres for Health Research are not shown on the map. Only the titles of the overall themes and the project website are listed.

## GERMAN CENTRES FOR HEALTH RESEARCH

Title	Funded Since	Contact
German Center for Infection Research (DZIF)	2011	<a href="http://www.dzif.de/en">www.dzif.de/en</a>
German Cancer Consortium (DKTK)	2011	<a href="https://dtk.dkfz.de/en">https://dtk.dkfz.de/en</a>
The German Center for Lung Research (DZL)	2011	<a href="https://dzl.de/en">https://dzl.de/en</a>
German Center for Diabetes Research (DZD)	2009	<a href="http://www.dzd-ev.de/en">www.dzd-ev.de/en</a>
German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE)	2009	<a href="http://www.dzne.de/en">www.dzne.de/en</a>



# GRADUATE TRAINING











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**Research Training Groups (RTG)** combine an ambitious research programme at universities with comprehensive training, tailored supervision and academic freedom to form an ideal environment for a successful doctorate. Research Training Groups can also have an interdisciplinary approach. They are funded for a period of up to nine years.












**International Research Training Groups (IRTG)** provide opportunities for joint doctoral training programmes between German universities and universities abroad. The research and study programmes are jointly developed and supervised. Doctoral students in the programme spend six months at the partner institution.

**Integrated Research Training Groups** (within Collaborative Research Centres/ Transregios) offer ideal research environments for doctoral researchers. The main aim of these structured training programmes is to provide young scientists and academics with opportunities to independently carry out research at an early stage of their career. The programmes further take care to closely integrate early career researchers into an academic network. Working in Clusters of Excellence or Collaborative Research Centres projects, doctoral researchers achieve additional qualifications. As research assistants in these projects, they contribute to the Research Centre's success. They are closely involved with the projects and have access to the entire project infrastructure.








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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS				
 Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	<b>Tight Junctions and their Proteins: Molecular Features and Actions in Health and Disease (RTG 2318)</b>	2017	<a href="https://klinphys.charite.de/grk/">https://klinphys.charite.de/grk/</a>
 Berlin	Freie Universität Berlin	<b>Parasite Infections: From Experimental Models to Natural Systems (RTG 2046)</b>	2014	<a href="http://www.vetmed.fu-berlin.de/en/einrichtungen/sonstige/grk2046">www.vetmed.fu-berlin.de/en/einrichtungen/sonstige/grk2046</a>
 Essen	Universität Duisburg-Essen	<b>Biomedicine of the Acid Sphingomyelinase/Acid Ceramidase System (RTG 2098)</b>	2015	<a href="http://www.uni-due.de/grk2098">www.uni-due.de/grk2098</a>
 Essen	Universität Duisburg-Essen	<b>Immune Response in Infectious Diseases – Regulation Between Innate and Adaptive Immunity (RTG 1949)</b>	2013	<a href="http://www.uni-due.de/grk1949">www.uni-due.de/grk1949</a>
 Erlangen	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	<b>Fine-Tuners of the Adaptive Immune Response (RTG 2599)</b>	2020	<a href="http://www.lymphozyten.med.fau.de/">www.lymphozyten.med.fau.de/</a>
 Erlangen	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	<b>Immunomicrotope: Microenvironmental, Metabolic and Microbial Signals Regulating Immune Cell-Pathogen Interactions (RTG 2740)</b>	2020	<a href="http://www.immunomicrotope.de">www.immunomicrotope.de</a>
 Erlangen	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	<b>Novel Antiviral Approaches: from Small Molecules to Immune Intervention (RTG 2504)</b>	2019	<a href="http://www.virologie.uk-erlangen.de/en/grk2504/">www.virologie.uk-erlangen.de/en/grk2504/</a>
 Frankfurt/Main	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main	<b>Resolution of Inflammation – Mediators, Signaling and Therapeutic Options (RTG 2336)</b>	2017	<a href="http://www.grk-ave.de/">www.grk-ave.de/</a>
 Greifswald	Universität Greifswald	<b>Proteases in Pathogen and Host: Importance in Inflammation and Infection – RTG-PRO (RTG 2719)</b>	2021	<a href="http://www.rtg2719-pro.de">www.rtg2719-pro.de</a>
 Halle/Saale	Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg	<b>Inflammatory Cues as Modulators of Early Pancreatic Carcinogenesis (InCuPanC) (RTG 2751)</b>	2021	<a href="http://www.medizin.uni-halle.de/forschung/forschungsverbuende/grk-2751-incupanc">www.medizin.uni-halle.de/forschung/forschungsverbuende/grk-2751-incupanc</a>

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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
 Hamburg	Universität Hamburg	<b>Humans and Microbes: Reorganisation of Cell Compartments and Molecular Complexes during Infection (RTG 2771)</b>	2021	tba
 Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	<b>Hallmarks of Skin Cancer (RTG 2099)</b>	2014	www.rtg2099.de
 Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	<b>Innate Immune Checkpoints in Cancer and Tissue Damage (InCheck) (RTG 2727)</b>	2021	www.umm.uni-heidelberg.de/grk2727
 Lübeck	Universität zu Lübeck	<b>Defining and Targeting Autoimmune Pre-Disease (RTG 2633)</b>	2021	www.grk2633.uni-luebeck.de
 Marburg	Philipps-Universität Marburg	<b>The Inflammatory Tumor Secretome – From Understanding to Novel Therapies (RTG 2573)</b>	2019	www.ccc-marburg.de/en/research/network-research-projects/grk-2573
 Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	<b>Targets in Toxicology – Deciphering Therapeutic Targets in Lung Toxicology (RTG 2338)</b>	2017	www.grk2338.med.uni-muenchen.de/index.html
 Munich	Technische Universität München	<b>Immune Master Switches in Allergies and Autoimmune Diseases (RTG 2668)</b>	2021	https://rtg2668.de/
 Würzburg	Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg	<b>3D Tissue Models for Studying Microbial Infections by Human Pathogens (RTG 2157)</b>	2015	www.uni-wuerzburg.de/grk2157
 Würzburg	Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg	<b>Metabolism, Topology and Compartmentalization of Membrane Proximal Lipid and Signaling Components in Infection (RTG 2581)</b>	2020	www.uni-wuerzburg.de/grk2581
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS				
 Berlin  Canberra (Australien)	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin The Australian National University	<b>Crossing Boundaries: Molecular Interactions in Malaria (IRTG 2290)</b>	2017	www.allianceberlin-canberra.org

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Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
 Bonn	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	<b>Myeloid Antigen Presenting Cells and the Induction of Adaptive Immunity (IRTG 2168)</b>	2015	https://bonnmel-phdprogram.com/
Melbourne (Australia)	The University of Melbourne			
 Dresden	Technische Universität Dresden	<b>Immunological and Cellular Strategies in Metabolic Disease (ICSMD) (IRTG 2251)</b>	2016	https://tu-dresden.de/med/mf/irtg2251
London (UK)	King's College London			
INTEGRATED RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES				
 Aachen	Rheinisch-Westfälische Technische Hochschule Aachen	<b>Graduate School "Gut-Liver Axis" within: Gut-Liver Axis – Functional Circuits and Therapeutic Targets (CRC 1382)</b>	2019	www.medicin.rwth-aachen.de/cms/Medizin/Die-Fakultaet/Foerderangebote/Strukturierte-Doktorandenausbildung/Biomedical-Graduate-School-Aachen/~cahpq/Segment-CRC-Graduiertenschule-Gut-Liver-Axis-/lidx/1/
 Berlin	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	<b>Integrated Research Training Group within: FONDA – Foundations of Workflows for Large-Scale Scientific Data Analysis (CRC 1404)</b>	2020	https://fonda.hu-berlin.de/?page_id=318
 Cologne	Universität zu Köln	<b>Integrated Research Training Group within: Cell Death in Immunity, Inflammation and Disease (CRC 1403)</b>	2020	https://sfb1403.uni-koeln.de/cell-death-rtg-graduate-school
 Erlangen	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg	<b>Integrated Research Training Group within: Checkpoints for Resolution of Inflammation (CRC 1181)</b>	2015	www.sfb1181.forschung.fau.eu/integrated-research-training-group-2/
 Frankfurt/Main	Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main	<b>Integrated Research Training Group within: Signalling by Fatty Acid Derivatives and Sphingolipids in Health and Disease (CRC 1039)</b>	2013	www.lipidsignalling.de/en/kolleg/

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Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	Integrated Research Training Group within: Oncogene-Driven Immune Escape (OncoEscape) (CRC 1479)	2021	<a href="http://www.sfb1479.uni-freiburg.de/research/projects/integrated-research-training-group-irtg-for-oncogene-driven-immune-escape/">www.sfb1479.uni-freiburg.de/research/projects/integrated-research-training-group-irtg-for-oncogene-driven-immune-escape/</a>
Hamburg	Universität Hamburg	Integrated Research Training Group within: Adenine Nucleotides in Immunity and Inflammation (CRC 1328)	2018	<a href="http://www.sfb1328.de/index.php?id=32">www.sfb1328.de/index.php?id=32</a>
Hamburg	Universität Hamburg	Integrated Research Training Group "Mechanisms of Immune-Mediated Tissue Injury" within: Immune-Mediated Glomerular Diseases – Basic Concepts and Clinical Implications (CRC 1192)	2015	<a href="http://www.sfb1192.de/en/research-training-group">www.sfb1192.de/en/research-training-group</a>
Mainz	Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz	Integrated Research Training Group within: Targeting Convergent Mechanisms of Inefficient Immunity in Tumors and Chronic Infection (CRC 1292)	2017	<a href="https://crc1292.uni-mainz.de/irtg/">https://crc1292.uni-mainz.de/irtg/</a>
Münster	Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster	Integrated Research Training Group "Multiscale Imaging" within: Multiscale Imaging of Organ-Specific Inflammation (CRC 1450)	2020	<a href="http://www.uni-muenster.de/CRC-inSight/careers/IRTG.html">www.uni-muenster.de/CRC-inSight/careers/IRTG.html</a>
Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Graduate Program within: Control and Plasticity of Cell-Fate Decisions in the Immune System (CRC 1054)	2011	<a href="http://www.sfb1054.med.uni-muenchen.de/graduate_program_new/index.html">www.sfb1054.med.uni-muenchen.de/graduate_program_new/index.html</a>
Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Graduate Program "Leukocyte Trafficking" within: Trafficking of Immune Cells in Inflammation, Development and Disease (CRC 914)	2011	<a href="http://www.sfb914.med.uni-muenchen.de/graduate_program/index.html">www.sfb914.med.uni-muenchen.de/graduate_program/index.html</a>
Munich	Technische Universität München	Integrated Research Training Group within: Microbiome Signatures – Functional Relevance in the Digestive Tract (CRC 1371)	2019	<a href="http://www.sfb1371.tum.de/integrated-research-training-group/">www.sfb1371.tum.de/integrated-research-training-group/</a>

Location	Institution	Title	Funded Since	Contact
INTEGRATED RESEARCH TRAINING GROUPS IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES/TRANSREGIOS				
Berlin	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin	Integrated Graduate Programme "NeuroMac School" within:	2016	<a href="http://www.sfb-trr167.uni-freiburg.de/irtg-neuromac-school">www.sfb-trr167.uni-freiburg.de/irtg-neuromac-school</a>
Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	Development, Function and Potential of Myeloid Cells in the Central Nervous System (NeuroMac) (TRR 167)		
Freiburg	Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg	Graduate School "Immunovirology" within:	2016	<a href="http://www.trr179.de/en/graduate-school">www.trr179.de/en/graduate-school</a>
Heidelberg	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	Determinants and Dynamics of Elimination versus Persistence of Hepatitis Virus Infection (TRR 179)		
Munich	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München Technische Universität München			
Hannover	Medizinische Hochschule Hannover Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover	Integrated Research Training Group "Implant Technologies" within: Safety Integrated and Infection Reactive Implants (TRR 298)	2021	<a href="https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/426335750">https://gepris.dfg.de/gepris/projekt/426335750</a>



# GRADUATE TRAINING

## - AT NON-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS -

**Helmholtz Graduate Schools** provide a roof under which a varied number of curricula in different fields, or across disciplines, can find a home. Helmholtz Graduate Schools constitute a valuable addition to the wide range of training programmes available within the Helmholtz Association. They offer optimal conditions for PhD students to work and enable them to create a network of contacts with fellow university researchers while also fostering the integration of participants into the research environment.

**Leibniz Graduate Schools** were established to foster the systematic promotion of junior researchers. Young researchers are given the opportunity to do their doctorates in an excellent, collaborative, cross-disciplinary research environment. To this end, Leibniz institutions cooperate closely with universities. As every Leibniz institution focuses on clearly defined, socially-relevant themes, doctoral candidates have a wealth of networking opportunities in a large, dedicated scientific community. The particular character of research at the institutions in the Leibniz Association, which includes fundamental, large-scale and application-oriented research, means doctoral candidates can conduct research from basic idea right through to application.

**International Max Planck Research Schools (IMPRS)** offer talented German and international junior scientists the opportunity to earn a doctorate under excellent research conditions. The research schools are established by one or several Max Planck Institutes. These IMPRS work in close cooperation with universities and other – sometimes international – research institutions. This provides an extraordinary framework for the graduate students to work in, and is a great advantage in interdisciplinary research projects, or in projects that require special equipment.

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Location	Title	Contact
HELMHOLTZ GRADUATE SCHOOLS		
○ Berlin-Buch	MDC Graduate School	<a href="http://www.mdc-berlin.de/content/graduate-school">www.mdc-berlin.de/content/graduate-school</a>
○ Braunschweig	HZI International Graduate School for Infection Research (GS-FIRE)	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en/career/graduate_school">www.helmholtz-hzi.de/en/career/graduate_school</a>
○ Heidelberg	Helmholtz International Graduate School for Cancer Research	<a href="http://www.dkfz.de/en/phd-program/">www.dkfz.de/en/phd-program/</a>
○ Munich	Helmholtz Graduate School Environmental Health – HELENA	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-helena.de">www.helmholtz-helena.de</a>
LEIBNIZ GRADUATE SCHOOLS		
○ Berlin	Leibniz Graduate School for Rheumatology (LGRh)	<a href="http://www.drfz.de/en/karriere/nachwuchsfoerderung/graduierenschule/">www.drfz.de/en/karriere/nachwuchsfoerderung/graduierenschule/</a>
○ Hamburg	Leibniz Graduate School "Infections"	<a href="http://www.lci-infection.de/en/lci-graduate-school-en.html">www.lci-infection.de/en/lci-graduate-school-en.html</a>
○ Jena	International Leibniz Research School for Microbial and Biomolecular Interactions (ILRS)	<a href="http://www.ilrs.de">www.ilrs.de</a>
INTERNATIONAL MAX PLANCK RESEARCH SCHOOLS (IMPRS)		
○ Berlin	IMPRS for Infectious Diseases and Immunology	<a href="http://www.mpiib-berlin.mpg.de/graduate_program">www.mpiib-berlin.mpg.de/graduate_program</a>
○ Freiburg	IMPRS for Immunobiology, Epigenetics, and Metabolism	<a href="http://www.ie-freiburg.mpg.de/IMPRS-PhD-Program">www.ie-freiburg.mpg.de/IMPRS-PhD-Program</a>
○ Martinsried (Munich)	IMPRS for Molecular Life Sciences	<a href="https://imprs-ls.opencampus.net/">https://imprs-ls.opencampus.net/</a>



## **SOCIETIES AND ASSOCIATIONS**

### IN GERMANY

Association for General and Applied Microbiology (VAAM): [www.vaam.de](http://www.vaam.de) (DE)

Deutsche Dermatologische Gesellschaft (DDG): <https://derma.de/> (DE)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Allergologie und klinische Immunologie (DGAKI):  
<https://dgaki.de/> (DE)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Gastroenterologie, Verdauungs- und  
Stoffwechselkrankheiten (DGVS): [www.dgvs.de](http://www.dgvs.de) (DE)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hämatologie und Medizinische Onkologie (DGHO):  
[www.dgho.de](http://www.dgho.de) (DE)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Infektiologie (DGI): [www.dgi-net.de](http://www.dgi-net.de) (DE)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Innere Medizin (DGIM): [www.dgim.de](http://www.dgim.de) (DE)

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Rheumatologie (DGRh): <https://dgrh.de> (DE)

German Cardiac Society (DGK): <https://dgk.org> (DE)

German Society for Immunology (DGfI): <https://dgfi.org/>

German Society for Hygiene and Microbiology (DGHM): [www.dghm.org](http://www.dghm.org) (DE)

German Society for Parasitology (DGP): [www.dgparasitologie.de](http://www.dgparasitologie.de) (DE)

German Society of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine (DGKJ): [www.dgkj.de](http://www.dgkj.de)

German Society for Tropical Medicine, Travel Medicine and Global Health (DTG):  
<https://www.dtg.org/index.php/home/english.html>

Society of Virology (GfV): <https://g-f-v.org/en/>

## **OPEN POSITIONS**

Research in Germany: [www.research-in-germany.org/jobs](http://www.research-in-germany.org/jobs)

Fraunhofer Society: [www.fraunhofer.de/en/jobs-and-career.html](http://www.fraunhofer.de/en/jobs-and-career.html)

Helmholtz Association: [www.helmholtz.de/en/career/job-vacancies/](http://www.helmholtz.de/en/career/job-vacancies/)

Leibniz Society: [www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/en/careers/jobs.html](http://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/en/careers/jobs.html)

Max Planck Society: [www.mpg.de/jobboard](http://www.mpg.de/jobboard)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS, PROJECTS, FUNDING, CONTACTS



**The “Research in Germany” Portal:** Information on research and funding opportunities, academic and research-related job portals, as well as advice on preparing a research stay or initiating a collaboration with German research organisations. [www.research-in-germany.org](http://www.research-in-germany.org)



**German Project Information System (GEPRIS):** Online database providing information about all current DFG-funded research projects and contact information for the Principal Investigators. <http://gepris.dfg.de>



**German Research Institutions (GERIT):** Information on more than 25,000 institutes at German universities and non-university research institutions, searchable by geographic location, subject and other structural criteria. [www.gerit.org](http://www.gerit.org)



**Website of the DFG:** Further background information about DFG funding programmes, funding guidelines, and lists of currently DFG-funded activities. [www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de)



**The German Rectors’ Conference (HRK) Research Map:** The interactive HRK *Research Map* database provides information on the research priorities that are of strategic institutional importance for each university. [www.hrk.de/home](http://www.hrk.de/home) (go to → *Research Map*)



**The Higher Education Compass:** Information on Germany’s higher education institutions, the range of courses and programmes that they offer, their worldwide cooperation, and who to contact locally. [www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany](http://www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany)





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