

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY LABS at HCDS

Supplementary information for the call for proposals in 2022

Scope of funding and co-funding

A total funding amount of max. 160,000 euros per year and per CDL application is possible. According to the call for proposals, this sum includes an expected co-funding of 33%:

A co-funding of 33% of the total project sum must be proven; this should be confirmed by the dean's offices of the participating faculties. The co-funding can be provided by faculty or own funds as well as by in-kind contributions, e.g., through the involvement of faculty service institutions.

The guidelines concerning co-funding are explained in more detail below.

Which kind of co-funding is eligible?

Eligible for co-funding	Not eligible for co-funding
Own funds (e.g. remaining overhead funds from previous third-party funded projects)	Expenses of external project partners (e.g. non-university research institutions)
Own staff (e.g. project contributions of research assistants)	Project contributions of applicants (Principal Investigators)
Funds provided by faculties (e.g. Commitment of a certain amount in case of project approval)	Basic equipment (e.g. work place, computer, office supplies)
Services provided by faculties (e.g. technical or administrative services)	
Own material resources or material resources by faculties (e.g. consumables)	

How are personnel contributions for co-funding calculated?

If working hours or services are contributed as co-funding, their planned volume must be stated in the proposal (e.g. number of hours or percentage of a staff member's position) and the necessity of the volume must be plausibly explained.

The monetary value of the working hours or service provided must be calculated on the basis of the DFG's cost rates: https://www.dfg.de/formulare/60_12/v/60_12_-2022-_en.pdf

Example: A postdoc is expected to work on the proposed project at a rate of 50% (i.e. 20 hours per week). The DFG rate for postdoc positions is €77,400 per year. In the proposal, this work is therefore included as co-funding amounting to $0.5 \times €77,400 = €38,700$ per year.

How should the requested personnel funds be calculated?

The costs for the requested personnel are calculated in the same way as the personnel contributions for co-funding, i.e. the DFG rates are to be applied here as well. If it turns out during the project that the approved funds are not sufficient to finance the requested personnel, a tariff-dependent additional requirement can be requested in the last project year.

Exemplary budget calculation

The budget of a project for which two doctoral positions plus material resources are to be requested over a period of three years could be composed as follows, for example:

Requested funding

	Per year	3 years
2 PhD positions (65%)	93.200 €	279.600 €
Material costs	6.800 €	20.400 €
Sum	100.000 €	300.000 €

Co-Funding

	Per year	3 years
Work of 1 post-doc (50%)	38.700 €	116.100 €
Own funds	1.300 €	3.900 €
Faculty funds	10.000 €	30.000 €
Sum	50.000 €	150.000 €

Project budget overall

	Per year	3 years
Sum	150.000 € (Upper limit: 160.000 €)	450.000 € (Upper limit: 480.000 €)

Guidelines regarding faculties and cooperations

Up to two CDL applications can be submitted per faculty. As noted in the call for proposals, the faculty of the applying discipline counts here. It is recommended to pre-select the proposals or project ideas with expert advice from HCDS.

The methodological part does not need to be explicitly covered by a PI from the MIN faculty. Faculty affiliation is negligible here; the relevant part is the identification of computer science-related expertise. This can be demonstrated, for example, by publications related to computer science and by the prospect of further methodological publications as project outcome.