



Call for Project Proposals, Diligentia Foundation

Deadline: 1 March 2019

Diligentia Foundation for Empirical Research

The Diligentia Foundation for Empirical Research was founded in 2015 to promote the social sciences, in particular economics and related disciplines. In continuation of, and in accordance with, its founder's intention, the foundation promotes empirical research on various issues.

What Is Funded?

Funding will be provided for empirical research, whether it is problem-oriented and theory-building or else engages in theory and hypothesis testing. The results of this research should be testable, and therefore refutable, in a real-world setting. Funding is also provided for the development of the methods required for this research.

The focus of the funded projects shall be on empirical and experimental economics and social sciences. The projects should demonstrate innovative references of theory and practice, experience and science, which extend or supplement our conventional understanding of empiricism.

Funding of up to € 50,000 is available for research projects, mainly for data collection (conducting experiments or surveys, access to databases, etc.). The maximum funding period

Who May Apply?

Applicants can be one or more natural persons with a doctorate, who work in a state-recognized scientific institution in Austria, Germany, or Switzerland.

How Can One Apply?

Applicants should submit a short application by 1 March 2019, which should include the following:

- Title of the research project and contact details of the applicant(s)
- Project description, consisting of:
 - Relevance of the topic for empirical research
 - Objective of the project
 - Research design

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- Brief CV of the applicant(s) (no longer than two pages per CV)
- Information on the requested funding (breakdown of costs) and on other sources of funding, if applicable
- Time frame of project

This short application should be submitted using the relevant form (see application forms).

The short applications are first evaluated by the foundation, and there will be an initial selection process. From 1 April 2019, those applicants whose proposals have been deemed high-priority in the first selection stage will be invited to submit a full proposal. This full proposal should provide a detailed description of the project and consider the following points in detail: the research topic and significance of the research question; the current state and level of knowledge and the contribution of the project to the field; empirical methods and hypotheses; planned data analyses. The maximum size of the full proposal may not exceed 12 pages, and the deadline for submission is 1 June 2019.

Applications may only be submitted in electronic form and must be in English.

How Is the Selection Process Carried Out?

The central decision criterion for financial support is the empirical value of the research work, in accordance with the purpose of the foundation.

Applications will be independently evaluated, and the final decisions on the funded projects will be communicated to applicants in July 2019.

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