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# Funding for Young Researchers

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# Why is the DFG intensifying its promotion of young researchers?

In order to help outstanding scientists and academics

- ▶ optimally develop their **research careers**
- ▶ gain **scientific independence** early on
- ▶ ensure the **future viability of research in Germany**



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# What are the DFG's objectives in funding top young talent?

The DFG's promotion of young researchers aims to ensure that outstanding scientists

- ▶ **from all scientific disciplines** are supported
- ▶ from **Germany are retained** and that those from **abroad are attracted**
- ▶ have the **freedom they require** to perform excellent research
- ▶ are supported by **first-class research environments**
- ▶ are equipped with the **necessary resources** for their projects



# What are the DFG's objectives in funding top young talent?

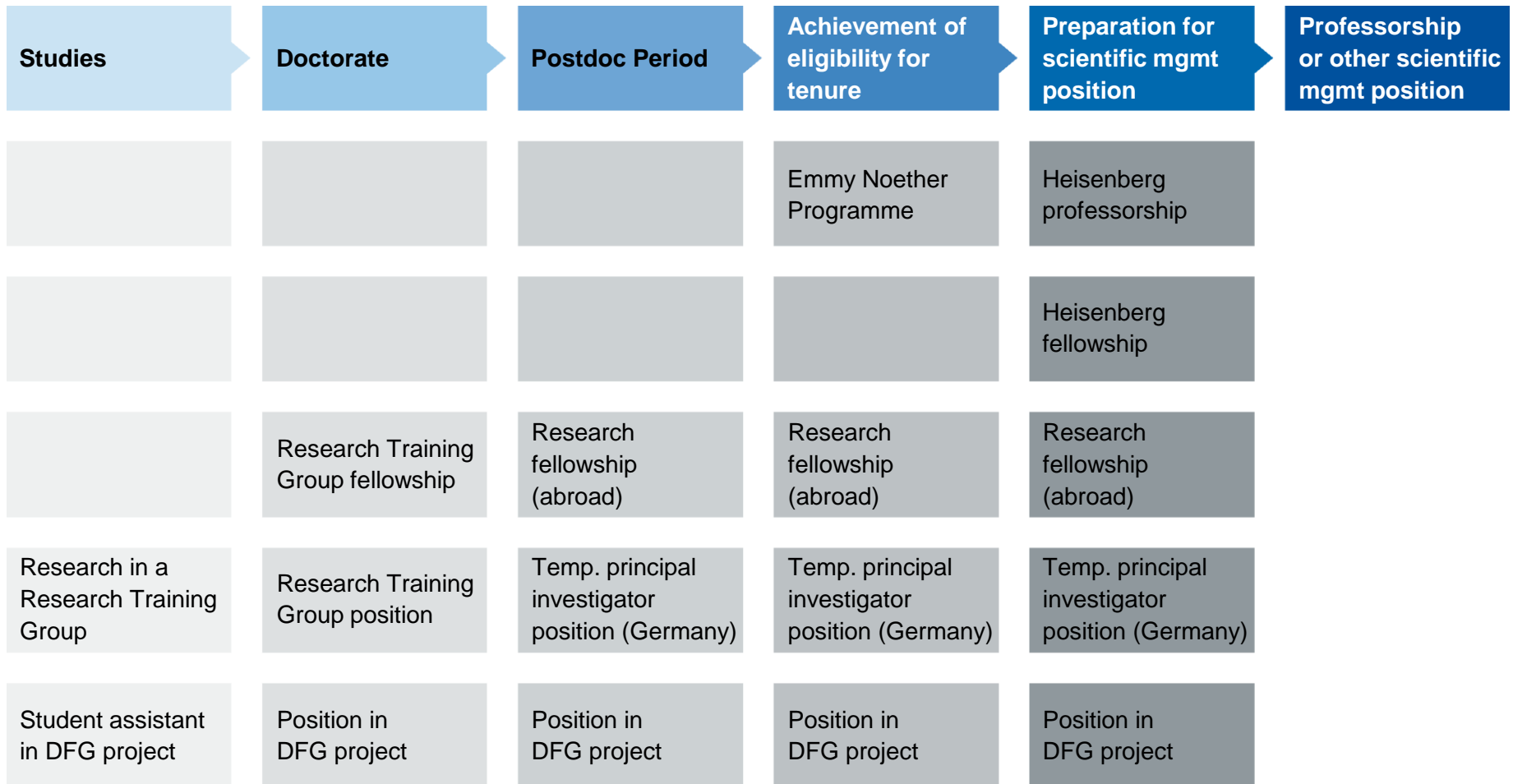
The DFG's structural aims include

- ▶ creating **research-friendly** and **career-advancing structures**
- ▶ offering **flexible individual funding**, as well as **custom-tailored excellence programmes**
- ▶ creating optimum conditions for **implementing innovative ideas**



# What are the DFG's objectives in funding top young talent?

To offer researchers appropriate funding options at each career stage





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# Who is eligible for funding?

Funding opportunities are targeted towards researchers

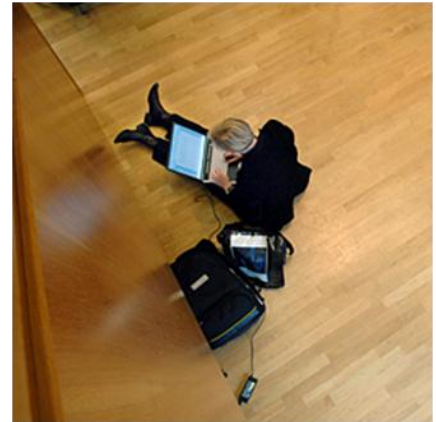
- ▶ at German research institutions who have **completed their scientific training** (doctorate)
- ▶ who (want to) **live and work in Germany** or **go abroad** (research fellowships)



# Who is eligible for funding?

The main selection criteria include

- ▶ **applicants' scientific qualifications**
- ▶ **project quality** (originality, expected knowledge gain, etc.)
- ▶ **research objectives** and **work programme**
- ▶ **scientific environment**
- ▶ **feasibility of the project**



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# How are young researchers promoted?

- ▶ Individual Grants
- ▶ Research Units
- ▶ Priority Programmes
- ▶ Collaborative Research Centres
- ▶ Research Training Groups
- ▶ International Research Training Groups
- ▶ Graduate Schools
- ▶ Clusters of Excellence



# How are young researchers promoted?

Through numerous custom-tailored funding programmes

These include

- ▶ **research fellowships**, which provide postdoctoral researchers with funding for a maximum two-year research period abroad
- ▶ **temporary positions for principal investigators:** Funding for a 3 years' project conducted at a German University



# How are young researchers promoted? Through the Emmy Noether Programme

## The programme

- ▶ Is aimed at **highly qualified postdoctoral researchers**
- ▶ Enables researchers to qualify for **scientific leadership positions**, particularly as university teachers
- ▶ Enables researchers **leading their own independent research groups** in Germany
- ▶ **Generally runs for five years**
- ▶ **Especially designed for researchers from abroad**



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## ► Heisenberg fellowship, which

- is designed for prospective university teachers
- enables fellows to be employed at home or abroad
- is funded for a maximum period of five years

## ► Heisenberg professorship, which

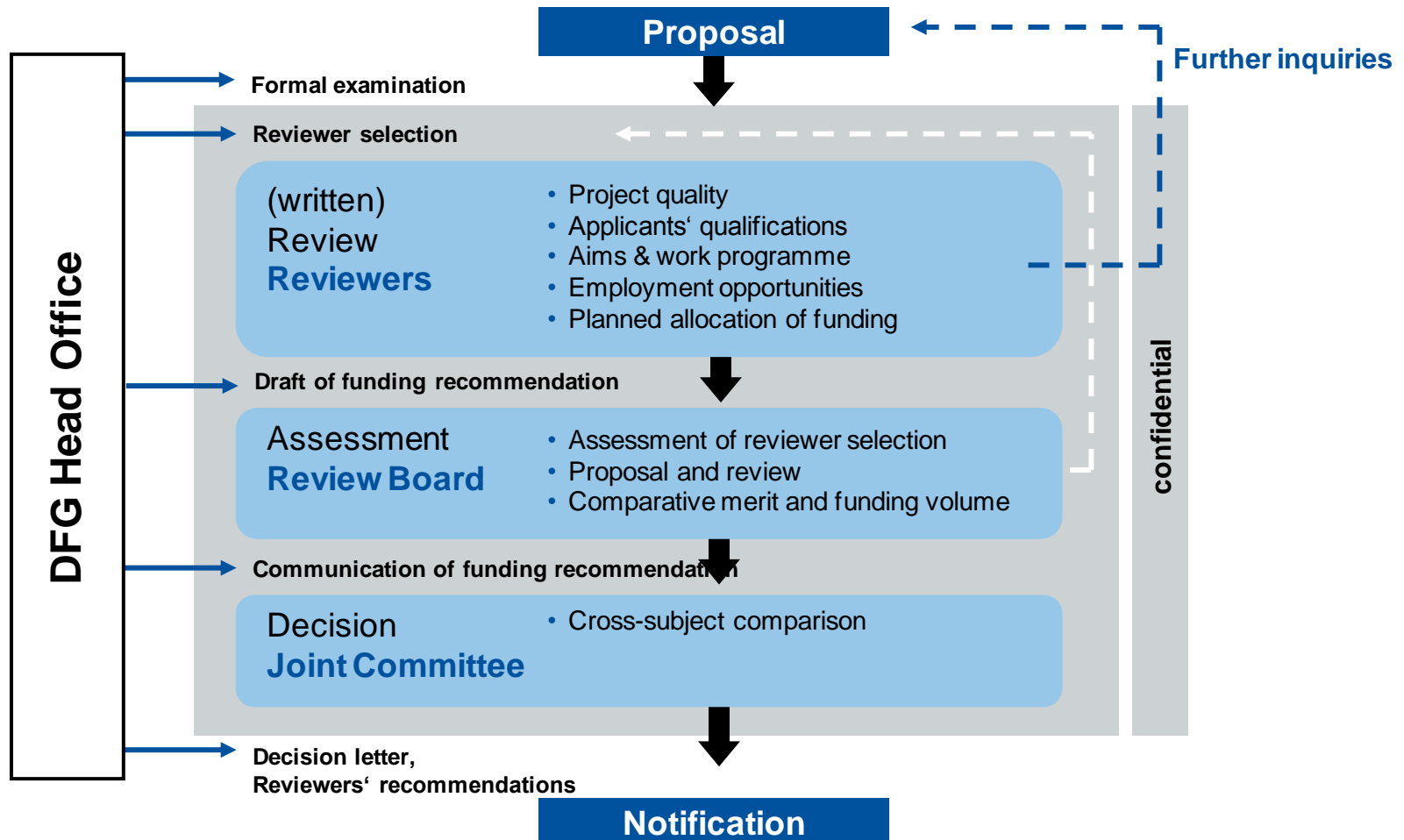
- is aimed at younger university teachers who are eligible for professorships
- is limited to employment in Germany
- is funded for a maximum period of five years





# How are young researchers promoted?

## According to a clear and transparent process



# Funding opportunities for cross border projects in the social sciences

## The Open Research Area (ORA)

- ▶ - A collaboration of the funding agencies of D, F, NL, UK, USA
- ▶ - Open for trilateral projects in the social sciences
- ▶ - Call 2013 is closed, but a call in 2014 is possible

## Other Activities:

- ▶ - Bilaterals in the humanities: DFG / ANR, proposals until 15 April 2013
- ▶ - D-A-CH: Co-operation between the national funding agencies in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- ▶ - NORFACE: Programme on „Welfare State Futures“; outline proposals until 16 April 2013; open for trilateral projects ([norface.net](http://norface.net))



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## For more information

- ▶ on the DFG: [www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de)
- ▶ on DFG-funded projects: [www.dfg.de/gepris/](http://www.dfg.de/gepris/)
- ▶ on over 17,000 German research institutes: [www.dfg.de/rex](http://www.dfg.de/rex)