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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 early **scientific independence**
- ▶ ensure the **future viability of science 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



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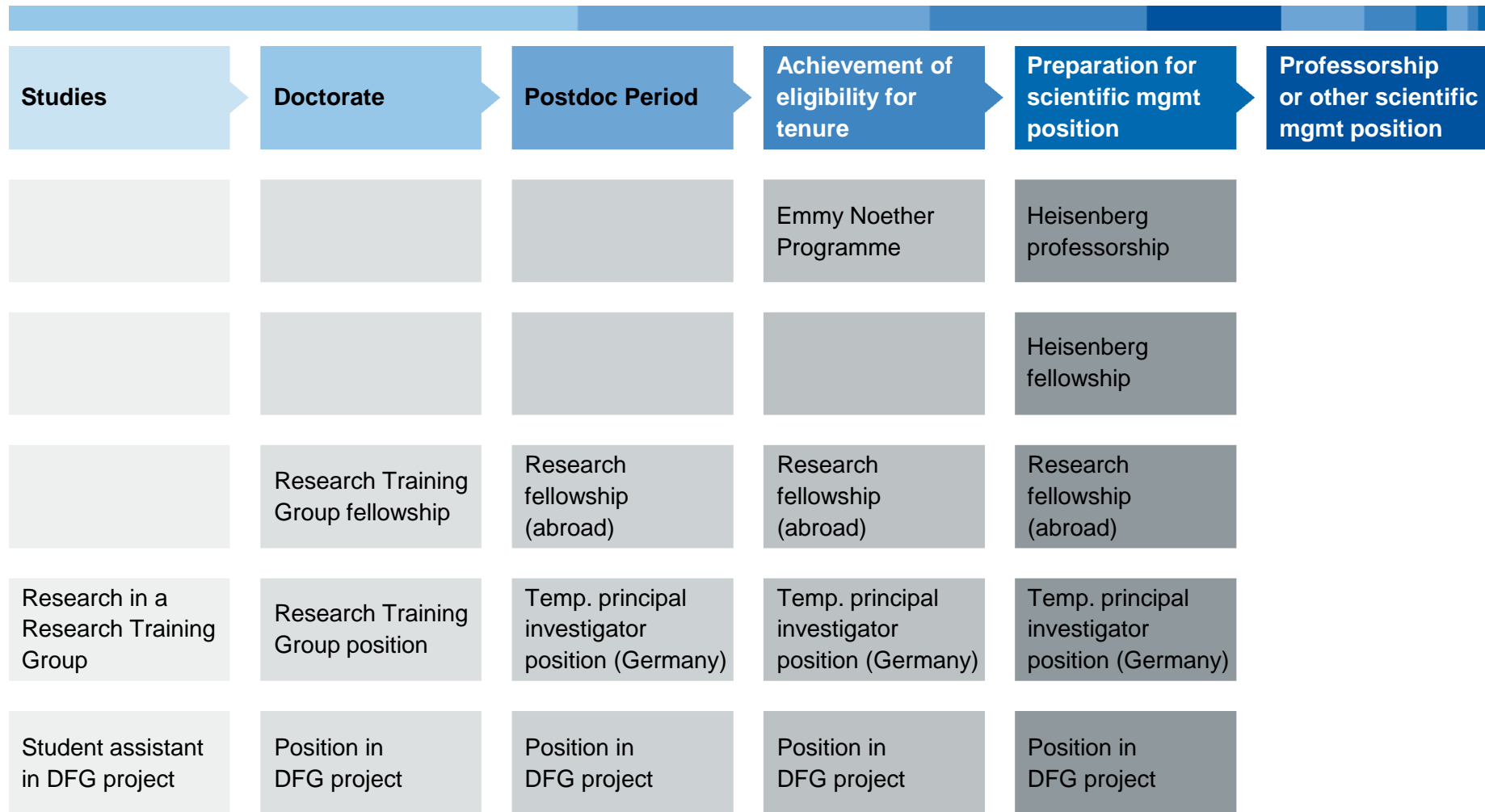
The DFG's structural aims include

- ▶ 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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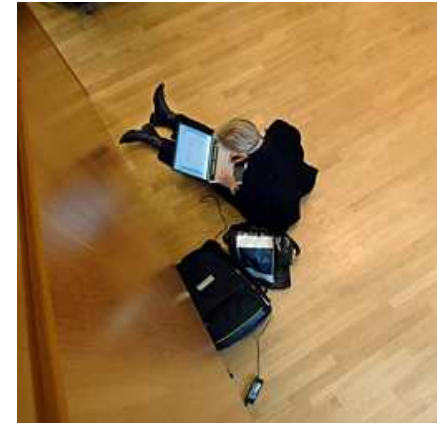
Who is eligible for funding?

- ▶ Researchers with an affiliation at German research institutions
- ▶ Researchers with a completed PhD
- ▶ Researchers of all ages
- ▶ Researchers of all nationalities



What are the main criteria for the selection of projects?

- ▶ **applicants' scientific qualifications**
- ▶ **project quality** (originality, expected knowledge gain, etc.)
- ▶ **research objectives** and **work programme**
- ▶ **employment opportunities** and **scientific environment**
- ▶ **feasibility of the proposal with regard to funding and staffing resources**



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How are young researchers promoted?

Across the board through

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



Which programmes are of particular interest for young researchers?

- ▶ **Research fellowship (Forschungsstipendium):** Funding of a research project that is carried out abroad. Maximum funding: 2 years.
- ▶ **Individual Grant (“Eigene Stelle”):** Funding of a research project (2-3 years) at a German University. Funding not only for personnel but also for: student assistants, traveling, data collection etc.



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
- ▶ involves researchers **leading their own independent junior research groups** in Germany
- ▶ **generally runs for five years**



Funding opportunities for cross border projects in the social sciences

The Open Research Area (ORA)

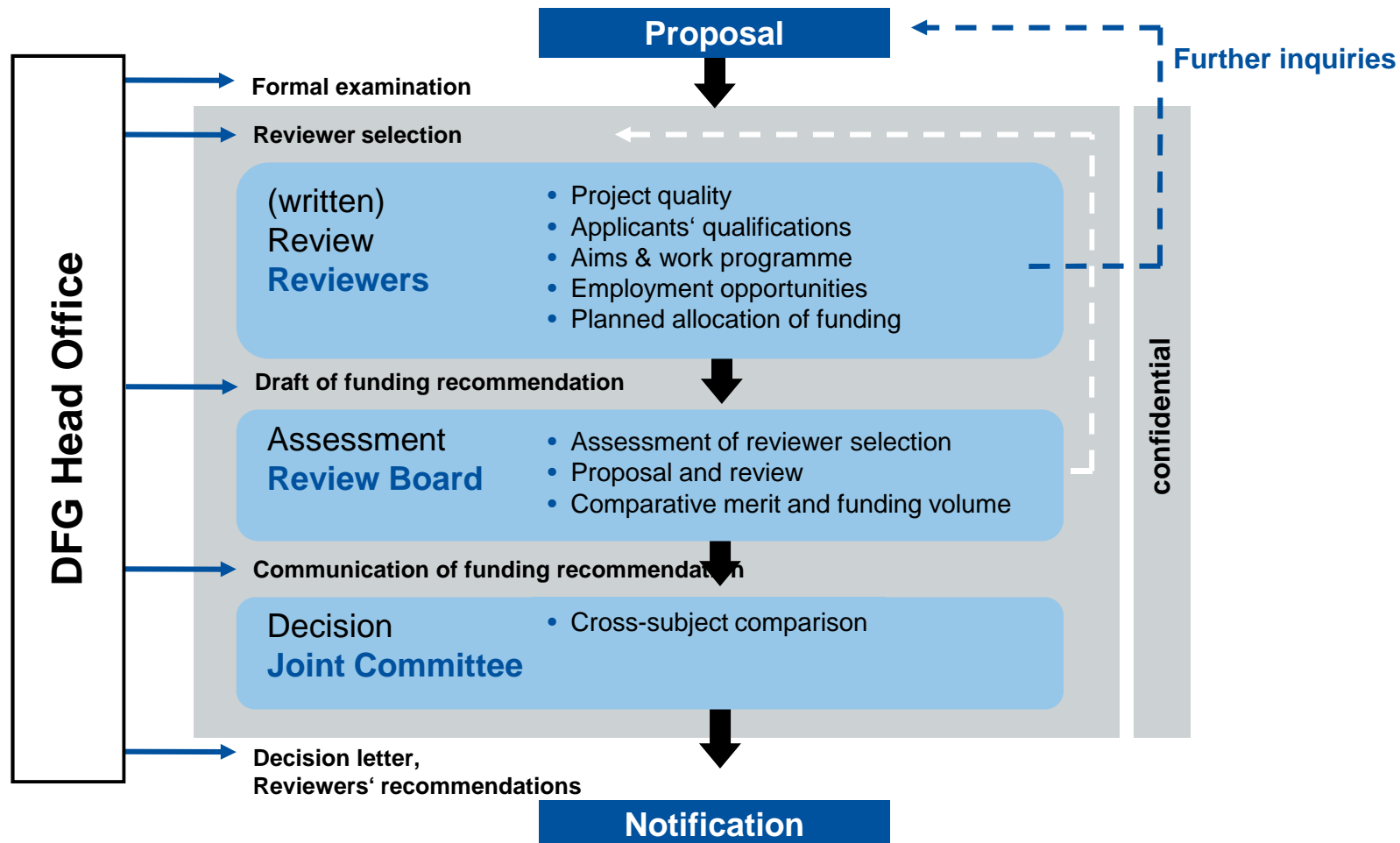
- ▶ - A collaboration of the funding agencies of D, F, NL, UK
- ▶ - Only for projects in the social sciences
- ▶ - Open for all topics
- ▶ - Call 2011 is closed
- ▶ There are plans for a call in 2012

Other Activities:

- ▶ - Bilaterals in the humanities: DFG / ANR, DFG / AHRC (expired)
- ▶ - D-A-CH: Co-operation between the national funding agencies in Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- ▶ - Future Plans: NORFACE

How are young researchers promoted?

According to a clear and transparent process





For more information

- ▶ on the DFG: www.dfg.de
- ▶ on DFG-funded projects: www.dfg.de/gepris/
- ▶ on over 17,000 German research institutes: www.dfg.de/research_explorer/
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