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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 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



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

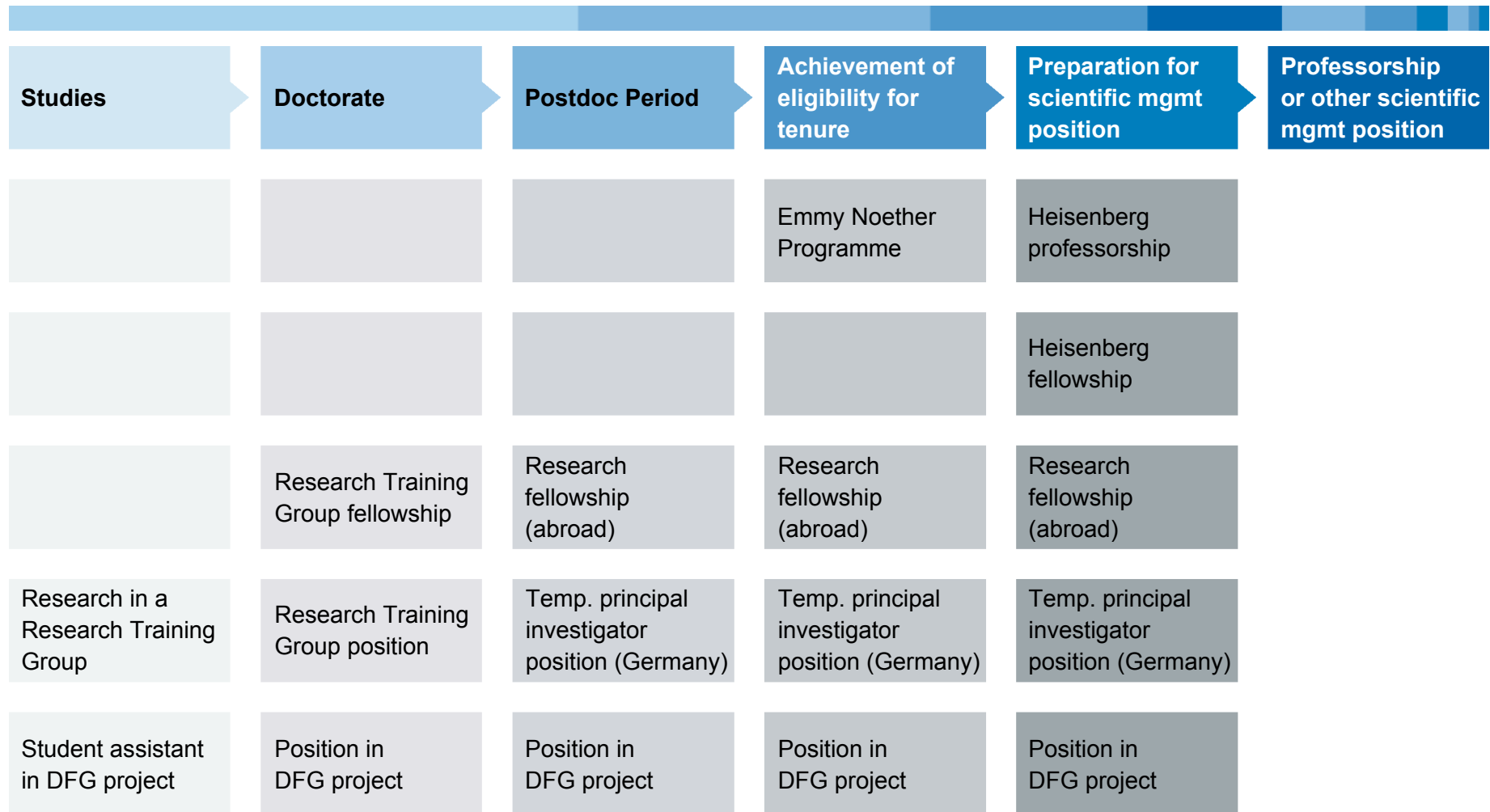
The DFG's structural aims include

- ▶ 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

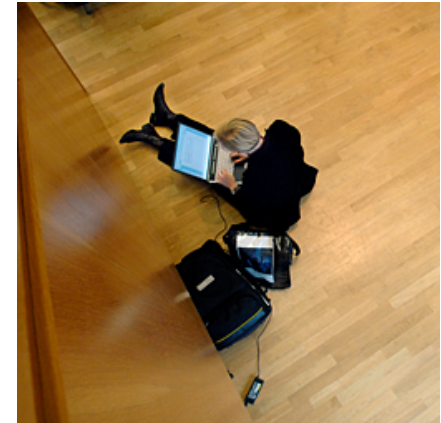
- ▶ at German research institutions who have **completed their scientific training** (doctorate)
- ▶ who (want to) **live and work in Germany** or go **abroad** (research fellowships)
- ▶ **of all ages**



## 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**
- ▶ **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



## 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**, which give researchers who have obtained their doctorates their choice of research environment within Germany



# 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 social scientific projects
- ▶ - Open for all topics
- ▶ - Next proposal submission deadline probably in September 2011

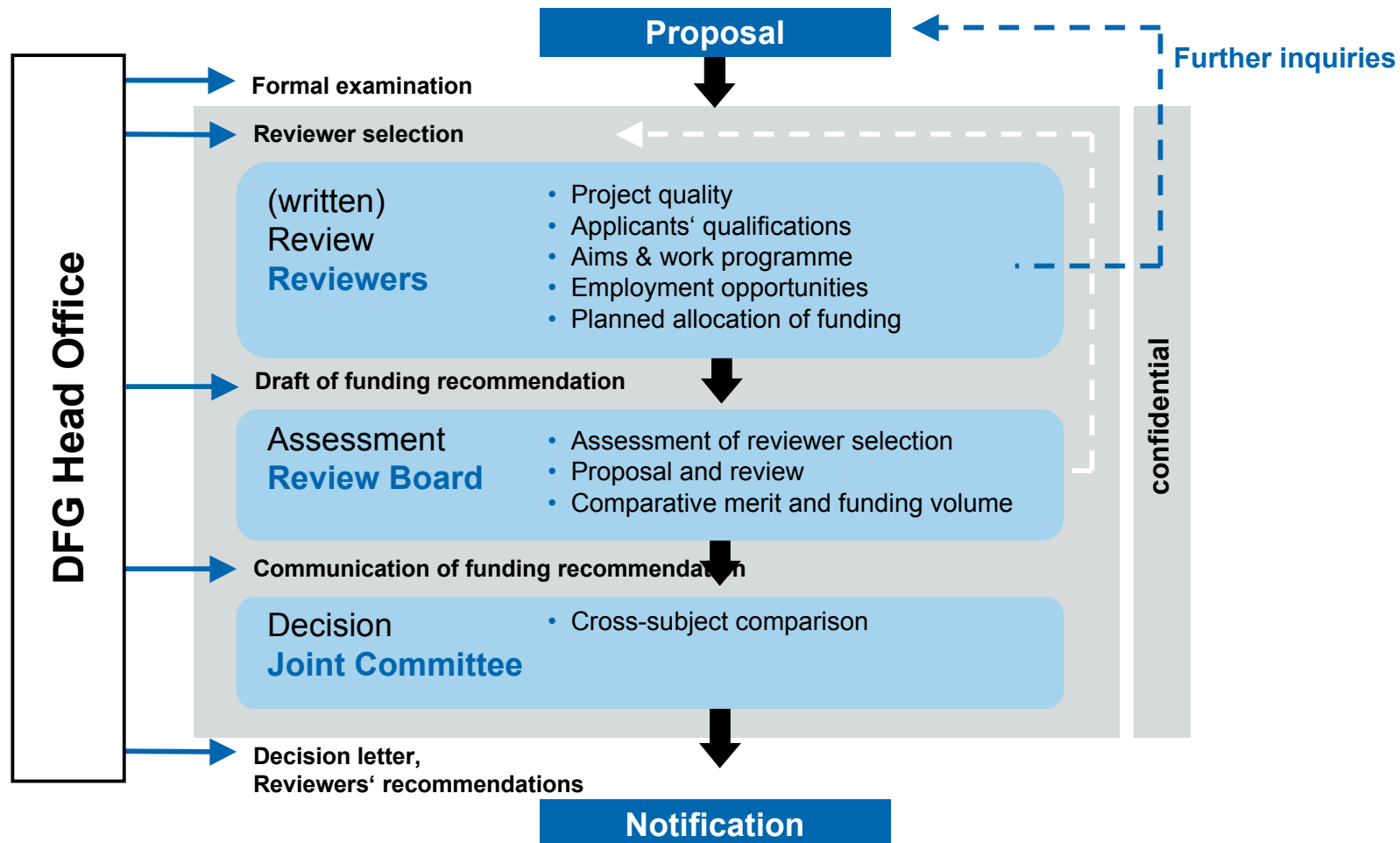
### Other Activities:

- ▶ - Norface
- ▶ - Bilaterals in the humanities: DFG / ANR, DFG / AHRC



# How are young researchers promoted?

## According to a clear and transparent process





### 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/research\\_explorer/](http://www.dfg.de/research_explorer/)**