



Call for Project Proposals, Diligentia Foundation Deadline: 28 February 2023

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. Requested costs must be directly related to data collection and analysis. Examples include, but are not restricted to: payments needed for conducting experiments or surveys; access to databases; acquisition of software; payments to research assistants, as long as these account for a reasonably small part of the total requested amount. Please note that funding cannot cover overheads or dissemination activities, such as travel or conference costs and the organization of events.

The maximum funding period is three years, with the possibility of one cost neutral extension.

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. Please note that we cannot accept more than one project proposal by the same person. This means that an applicant may not be involved in any other project application. Applications by junior faculty and female researchers are particularly welcome.

How Can One Apply?

Applicants should submit a short application by 28.2.2023, which should include the following:

- Title of the research project and contact details of the applicant(s)

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- Project description, consisting of:
 - Relevance of the topic for empirical research
 - Objective of the project
 - Research design
- 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), by email to projekte@stiftung-diligentia.org.

The **short applications** are first evaluated by the foundation during an initial selection process. From 1.4.2023, 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 1.5.2023. Please include the exact date of submission on the front page.

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.

Full applications will be independently evaluated, and it is planned to communicate the final decisions on the funded projects in July 2023.

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