DFG Artificial Intelligence Funding Initiative

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• **Strategic funding initiative in the field of artificial intelligence (AI)**

• **Objective**: Promotion of fundamental research in AI

• **Scope**: All areas of AI research

• **Total volume**: ~93 Mio. €

• **Web**: https://ai-initiative.dfg.de/
Objective: Attracting **highly qualified researchers in early career stages** for academic research on AI methods

- Funding line: Emmy Noether junior research groups
- Gives outstanding early career researchers the opportunity to satisfy the prerequisites for appointment as a university professor by leading an independent junior research group

Scope: **Gaining scientific insight in the field of AI methods**

Eligible to apply: **Junior professors with fixed-term contracts and postdocs**

Volume: **Group leader position, 1-3 research assistants**, project-specific instrumentation

Duration: Up to 6 years

Requirements: German host institution provides core support

Calls in 2019, 2020, and 2021 for 3x10 independent junior research groups

**Second call for proposals is to be published in October 2020.**
Objective: **Foster cooperation of outstanding researchers** with a distinct added value exceeding individual project grants to **advance research on AI methods** and **close integration of research on AI methods with partner fields** that

- apply AI for basic research in another discipline
- work on fundamental research questions of philosophy, law and social sciences in the context of artificial intelligence

- **Volume:** 6-9 research assistants
- **Duration:** Up to eight years
- **Requirements:**
  - Integration of a **professor at the interface** between AI methodological research and the partner field (bridge professorship)
  - **Bridge Professorship:** Less than 3 years on site
Various networking events are planned:

- Funded persons among themselves
- Networking with AvH Professors (AI professorships of the BMBF)
- Networking with Volkswagen Foundation grantees
- with other thematically related alliances (DFG-ANR-JST call, priority programmes, ...)
For more information

► On the AI Initiative: https://ai-initiative.dfg.de/
► on the DFG: www.dfg.de
► on DFG-funded projects: www.dfg.de/gepris
► on over 25,000 German research institutes: www.gerit.org