

Emerging Talents Initiative (ETI) – Funding 2020/1
Application instructions

General information:

- Please fill in completely the application form and the mandatory attachments. Additional attachments (e.g. letters of motivation or recommendation) cannot be considered.
- Language: German or English
- Layout: do not change the font type, font size, spacing, margins, etc.
- Length: the text provided under points 4. and 5. may in sum not exceed 3.5 pages in length.
- Submission: merge all application sheets (application form and appendices 6.1. to 6.3.) into a single PDF document. Send it within the given deadline by email to F 3 (eti@fau.de) with the subject "ETI-application".

1. Personal details and contact details

Please state the FAU organizational unit (chair/institute) of which you will be member during the ETI-funding period, the type of affiliation (e.g. research associate or postdoc) and provide contact details (institutional if possible). Please inform us about any changes to your contact details (eti@fau.de). Information on nationality and gender is optional.

2. Curriculum vitae

Please provide the required information regarding your doctoral degree and give details of all other university degrees (name, subject, institution, date awarded). List your previous professional experience (employer, function, period of time) and shortly outline your future career plans.

3. Research profile

Please use key points to complete the applicable sections. A less extensive research profile will not have a negative effect on the evaluation of your application if it is appropriate for your position and your research environment.

3.1. Research priorities

List 3-5 main research fields in which you are/have been involved.

3.2. Awards and scholarships

Please name the title of the award/scholarship, the institution that awarded the funding and the date or funding period.

3.3. Publications

Provide a complete list of all your peer-reviewed publications in a format that is commonly used in your field. You may also list manuscripts that have been submitted but have not yet been published (with the note 'submitted') and manuscripts that you are preparing to submit soon (with the note 'under preparation' and the name of the journal to which you intend to submit it). In both cases, please attach the manuscripts to the application as an appendix (6.3.). The manuscripts will be treated confidentially during the application procedure.

3.4. Academic events

Please list conferences, workshops and other events that you have attended, stating the type, name, location and date of the event. Please indicate whether the event was international and whether you participated as a guest, provided a poster, gave a presentation, took part in a discussion or organised the event.

3.5. Third-party funding

Please list all your applications for third-party funding and use the following symbols to indicate successful applications (+), unsuccessful applications () and applications with pending decision (~). Please state the following details for each project: Year of application, funding provider, project title, main applicant, co-applicants and, for successful applications, funding reference and amount of funding.

3.6. Stays abroad and expeditions

Please list all stays abroad and expeditions that are relevant to your research, stating the location, institution (if applicable), period and research activity.

3.7. Patents

Please list any patents you hold with the name and publication number.

3.8. Other (e.g. science communication, care for children or relatives)

Here, you may give details of any additional relevant aspects of your research profile that do not fit under any of the other points (e.g. relevant but not peer-reviewed publications, PR work). Also, list circumstances like times of childcare, home care or periods of sickness if they delayed your scientific career.

4. Planned application to an external funding provider

Please note that some funding providers/formats already require a high level of scientific independence (e.g. ERC-Starting Grant, Emmy Noether-Programm der DFG). In case of doubt regarding your choice, we recommend seeking advice from experienced researchers or the faculties' research consultants.

4.1. Funding provider

Please specify the funding provider to which you intend to submit an application for third-party funding during the ETI funding period.

4.2. Funding format

Please describe the format of your planned application to the funding provider specified under 4.1. in as much detail as possible (e. g. DFG Research Grants Programme: 'Basic Module' and 'Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators').

4.3. Planned submission date

Please state the date on which you intend to submit your application to the funding provider specified under 4.1. The date is to be used as a guideline and may be changed during the ETI funding period upon consultation with F 3.

4.4. Project title

Assign a preliminary title for your research project.

4.5. Keywords for the research project

Provide 3-5 keywords, which determine the field of your research project.

4.6. Description of the planned project

Please provide a general description of the research project for which you intend to submit an application to the funding provider specified under 4.1. State the clear academic aims of your project and your planned methodology. Describe how your

project relates to current research and how it can make an innovative contribution to the field. Explain how your research project complements and differs from your own previous work (e.g. doctoral thesis) and the research conducted at the organisational unit specified in appendix 6.2. Please also include details of your skills for implementing the project.

In addition to the text, you may also provide a diagram or table to help describe your research project. Your description must be written in such a way that it is possible for researchers from other fields to understand it without referring to any literature. However, you may use important literature to clarify your statements (including manuscripts that have not yet been published; see 3.3. and 6.3.). Please list all literature you refer to underneath the description of your project.

4.7. Declarations on the planned application

Information on this section is provided in the form *Application for funding*.

5. ETI funding

5.1. Requested measures

Using the table provided, give a numbered list of the specific measures for which you wish to apply for ETI funding. Please list both staff costs (e.g. for your own position or for increasing the number of hours worked, research associates, non-academic staff, student/research assistants) and material costs (e.g. consumables, equipment, travel costs, guests, literature, publications, software). Please give details for each measure (e.g. period, hours per week, and qualifications of any assistants or exact name of a software). Please state both the costs for each individual measure and the total amount rounded to the nearest euro. Costs for requested measures may not exceed €15,000; however, the full amount does not necessarily have to be requested. Please also note that there is a limit of €1,000 on funds for open access publication and that IT material, such as laptops, is only approved in justified exceptional circumstances. For the calculation of staff costs, please use the following information:

- [remuneration table for part-time student assistants and research assistants](#): please use values including national insurance (inkl. SV) and contact F 3 if you need to calculate a remuneration above the 'Geringfügigkeitsgrenze' of € 450 monthly
- [personnel rates from the German Research Foundation](#)
- [remuneration guidelines for teaching assignments](#)

Please also state whether the staff costs are incurred for your own position, whether new staff has to be employed or whether more hours are to be allocated to a position. For planning purposes, a delay of 4 to 6 weeks between funding being granted and staff actually being employed is to be expected. For further information, see the [Employee Handbook](#) of FAU.

5.2. Work plan and reasons for the requested ETI-measures

Outline the work steps you have planned during your ETI-funding period. Explain how the measures listed under 5.1. would support your application for third-party funding described under 4..

5.3. Declarations on the ETI-application

Information on this section is provided in the form *Application for funding*.

6. Appendices

6.1. Proof of completed doctoral degree

If you have already completed a doctoral degree, please attach a copy of your doctoral degree certificate as proof. If you have not yet been awarded your doctoral degree, confirmation that you have submitted your thesis is sufficient. In order to receive funding, confirmation that all examination achievements have been completed is required.

6.2. Declaration on infrastructure and scientific independence

ETI-funding requires the commitment of an FAU-professor who supports your project with the needed infrastructure. Please find a suitable person to fill in the declaration form (Appendix 6.2. to the application for funding, available on the [ETI homepage](#)). This declaration is not necessary if you already hold a junior professorship.

6.3. Unpublished manuscripts

This optional appendix gives the opportunity to attach any unpublished manuscripts listed under 3.3. or 4.6.. Please put a numbered reference list in front of your unpublished manuscripts, name the manuscripts accordingly and mark them with the note 'submitted' or 'under preparation'.

7. Final Declarations

At this point, you accept the funding guidelines of the *Emerging Talents Initiative* (mandatory) and optionally agree to be listed as grantee on the [ETI homepage](#) in case of funding.

