

Call for Pilot Projects – 2026



1. Type and aim of projects:

Pilot projects will support innovative research ideas connected with our multiscale imaging strategy at the PhD level. Pilot projects will put doctoral researchers for the first time in their career in a position of independent responsibility for the development of a research project but also management of the funding. Applications can be submitted by single applicants or teams of several doctoral researchers.

2. Selection criteria and evaluation:

The selection criteria for submitted proposals include:

- Novelty of the research concept; originality of the approach
- Relevance to the research focus 'Multiscale Imaging'
- Quality of the project planning, structure and cost plan

Applications will be reviewed on a competitive basis by the CRC inSight Careers Committee. All applicants will be invited for a short project presentation (~10 minutes).

3. General conditions:

Eligible applicants: Doctoral researchers that are member of our IRTG Multiscale Imaging and don't have a current Pilot Project funding. Please submit only one project per person.

Deadline for submission: **15 November 2026**

Presentations: **07 December 2026** (reviewed by the CRC 1450 Careers committee)

Project start: January 2027

Project duration: up to 12 months

Funding: max. EUR 5 000/project

Eligible costs: consumables, animal costs, small equipment

After the funding period, the results of the projects have to be presented to the CRC 1450 community and a written report (2-3 pages) has to be submitted to the Careers committee.

4. Application procedure:

Please use the provided application template (available on www.uni-muenster.de/CRC-inSight/). Applications are to be sent to crc.insight@uni-muenster.de and marked 'IRTG Pilot Project Proposal'.

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