

Call for Start-up Projects – 2026



1. Type and aim of projects:

With this start-up project call, CRC inSight is specifically looking for **postdoctoral researchers** in Münster working on **inflammation and imaging** who could lead a project as an **early career investigator** (in the sense of the DFG*) in the **next funding phase of the CRC** starting 2029.

Start-up projects will entail a budget of up to EUR 20 000 for a maximum of twelve months and will be granted on a competitive basis to postdoctoral scientists with new concepts matching the research concept of CRC inSight.

2. Selection criteria and evaluation:

The selection criteria for submitted proposals include:

- Novelty of the research concept; originality of the approach
- Applicants' scientific track record to date (e.g. publications, third-party funding, awards...)
- Relevance to the CRC research concept & potential for interdisciplinary collaborations
- Quality of the project planning, structure and cost plan

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

3. General conditions:

Submission deadline: **15 November 2026**

Presentations: **7 December 2026**

Project start: January 2027

Project duration: up to 12 months

Funding & eligible costs: max. EUR 20 000/project for consumables, animal costs, small equipment, staff (partial funding for doctoral researcher, student assistant, technician etc.)

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 application template at www.uni-muenster.de/CRC-inSight and submit your application to crc.insight@uni-muenster.de, subject: "CRC 1450 Start-up Projects Proposal".

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** defined as up to eight years after the doctoral examination, extended by two years per child for maternity and parental leave (max. 12 years).*