



CALL FOR CRC 1348 PILOT PROJECTS

1. Type and aim of projects:

Pilot projects are part of the CRC's effort to promote careers of young researchers from within the CRC. These funds will support innovative interdisciplinary projects at the PhD level within CRC labs and also involving other labs (projects can be in collaboration with partners from non-CRC labs, but have to include at least one CRC lab). Pilot projects will foster the local interdisciplinary teamwork of young researchers and increase cooperation within the CRC. **The topics should be original, creative and do not require extensive preliminary data.**

2. Selection criteria and evaluation:

The selection criteria for funding submitted applications include:

- Scientific quality of the project
- Novelty of the research concept and originality of the approach
- Interdisciplinarity
- Relevance of the project with regard to the research areas of the CRC
- **Collaborative projects are preferred, but projects of outstanding quality by single applicants will also be considered**

The projects will be evaluated by the CRC 1348 Careers Committee.

3. General conditions:

Eligible applicants: **All CRC IRTG students and all PhD students from CRC labs.** Please submit only one project per person. **If you are working on a project that has been granted funding for the current year, then you are not eligible to apply.**

- Submission deadline: **March 31st, 2026**
- Project start: July 2026
- Project duration: Up to 12 months
- Funding: Up to 5,000 EUR per project
- Eligible costs: Consumables, small equipment, external services (like sequencing etc.)
- **Non-eligible costs: Travel costs, support for workshops or conferences, publication costs**

Funded projects may be invited for presentation at a CRC meeting.

4. Application procedure:

Please use the application template attached. Applications should be sent to **coordinator.IRTG.CRC1348@uni-muenster.de** and marked 'CRC Pilot Project Proposal'. Please do not hesitate to ask for help at any stage of the process.

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