



## CALL FOR CRC 1348 PILOT PROJECTS 2027

### 1. Type and aim of projects:

Pilot projects aim to promote careers of young researchers from within CRC 1348. These funds will support collaborative projects at the PhD level involving two or more 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 projects should be original, creative and do not require extensive preliminary data.**

### 2. Selection criteria and evaluation:

The selection criteria for funding include:

- Scientific quality of the project
- Novelty of the research concept and originality of the approach
- Interdisciplinarity
- Relevance of the project with respect to the research areas of the CRC
- **Collaborative nature of the project** (at least two different labs, preferentially from different institutes).

Please enquire in advance in case of doubt about the planned project constellation.

### 3. General conditions:

Eligible applicants: All PhD students from CRC 1348 labs. Please submit only one project per person. **If you have already received funding for the current year, then you are not eligible to apply.**

- Submission deadline: **Nov 30th, 2026**
- Project start: January 1st, 2027
- Project duration: Up to 12 months
- Funding: Up to 5,000 EUR per project
- Eligible costs: Consumables, small equipment, external services (sequencing etc.)
- **Non-eligible costs: Travel costs, support for workshops or conferences, publication costs**

### 4. Application procedure:

Please use the attached application template. 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.

### 5. Evaluation of applications:

Evaluations by the CRC 1348 Careers Committee will be based on the written application and on an oral presentation (5 min) by the applicant PhD students.

The results of funded Pilot Projects are presented at a CRC 1348 event (seminar, annual meeting or retreat) once the project is completed.

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