



# Strategic approaches to applying for funding

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# Diversity of the Research Funding Landscape



# Diverse funding instruments

- With and without deadlines (responsive mode)
- Open to any research field or topic-specific
- In collaboration with specific countries/ regions
  - ✓ **Germany, DFG: [Special programme for Ukraine](#)**



# First steps: travel/ short-term grants, e.g.:



- **FEBS Collaborative Experimental Scholarships** (no deadline, for 2-3-months): aimed at PhD students “from certain FEBS countries with HINARI status\* ... to visit a well-funded laboratory elsewhere in Europe for the purpose of carrying out experimental procedures that would be impossible in their home country because of a lack of resources” (\* incl. **Ukraine**)



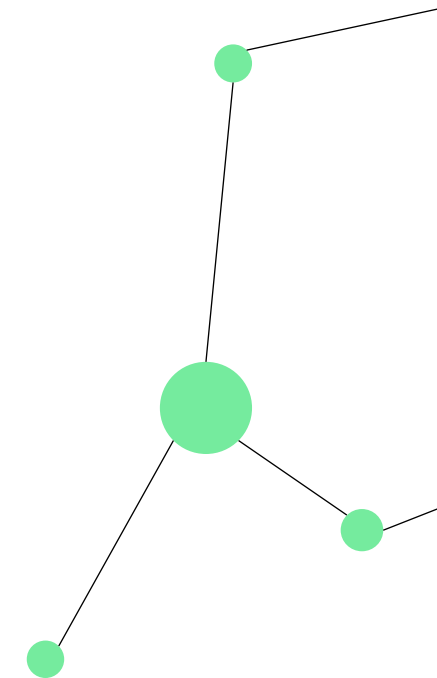
- **The Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds Travel Grants**: up to 3 months, also for courses



- **Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowships** & **Georg Forster Research Fellowship** for proposals relevant for the continued development of the country or region of origin (no deadline)

## Two types:

- ✓ Postdoctoral researchers: < 4 years after PhD for 6-24 months
- ✓ Experienced researchers: 4 years < PhD < 12 years for 6-18 months, can be split in max. 3 periods over 3 years



# Dedicated measure for Ukraine



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## Special arrangements for alumni stays and fellowship extensions\*:

- ✓ Additional fellowship extensions for a period up to 12 months
- ✓ Renewed research stays in Germany for a period up to 12 months
- ✓ Special research fellowships for eligible candidates

## 2023: Sustainable support for Ukraine with a focus on promoting alumni in the country:

- ✓ Additional research fellowships in Germany, particularly through the newly established scouting process
- ✓ **Extended return fellowships to facilitate return to Ukraine (up to 2 years)**
- ✓ **Digital cooperation fellowships combined with a research cost subsidy** to intensify cooperation with colleagues in Germany (up to 12 months)

## *Planned for 2024 (not yet approved of by the funding ministry):*

- ✓ **Bi- and trilateral institute partnerships for cooperation** between the Ukrainian home institutes of the alumni and German partner institutes and, if necessary, other partners in a third country (3 years)
- ✓ Inviting colleagues from all over the world for short stays at institutions in Ukraine (14 days)

\* Currently fellowships can be approved within the framework of these special measures until the end of 2023



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# Philipp Schwartz Initiative (PSI) & MSCA4Ukraine

- Fully-funded 24-month fellowships (stipend or employment at postdoc level)
- Optional 12-month extension (co-financed with host institution)
- Auxiliary funds for the host institution: 20,000 EUR per fellow hosted
  - ✓ to provide individual trainings, coachings, language classes for PSI fellows
  - ✓ to help establish long-term support structures at host institutions
- Steady State pre-2022: 50 fellowships per year in 2 calls for nominations
  - ✓ 2017: **2 Ukrainian PSI Fellows**
  - ✓ 2022/23: **98 Ukrainian PSI Fellows** (22% of 454 PSI Fellows)
- Special Initiative in 2022:
  - ✓ PSI Emergency Fund Ukraine: **26 preparatory short-term fellowships**



124 MSCA4Ukraine fellowships awarded for fellows in 21 country

# Supporting your research & growing your team

## As a postdoc/ junior group leader

Establishing your academic profile/ building your team:

- Grants to establish your own research group
- Research Project grants
- Fellowships to attract best PhD students & postdocs
- Prestigious personal grants (e.g. ERC)
- Grants for international collaboration/ sabbaticals
- Participation in large consortia (national/ international)

## As a MSc/ PhD student:

Training/ Expanding professional networks

- Travel grants
- PhD studentships
- Small equipment grants

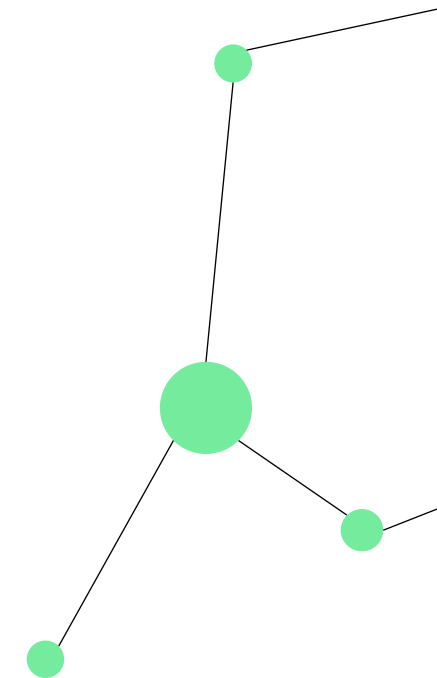
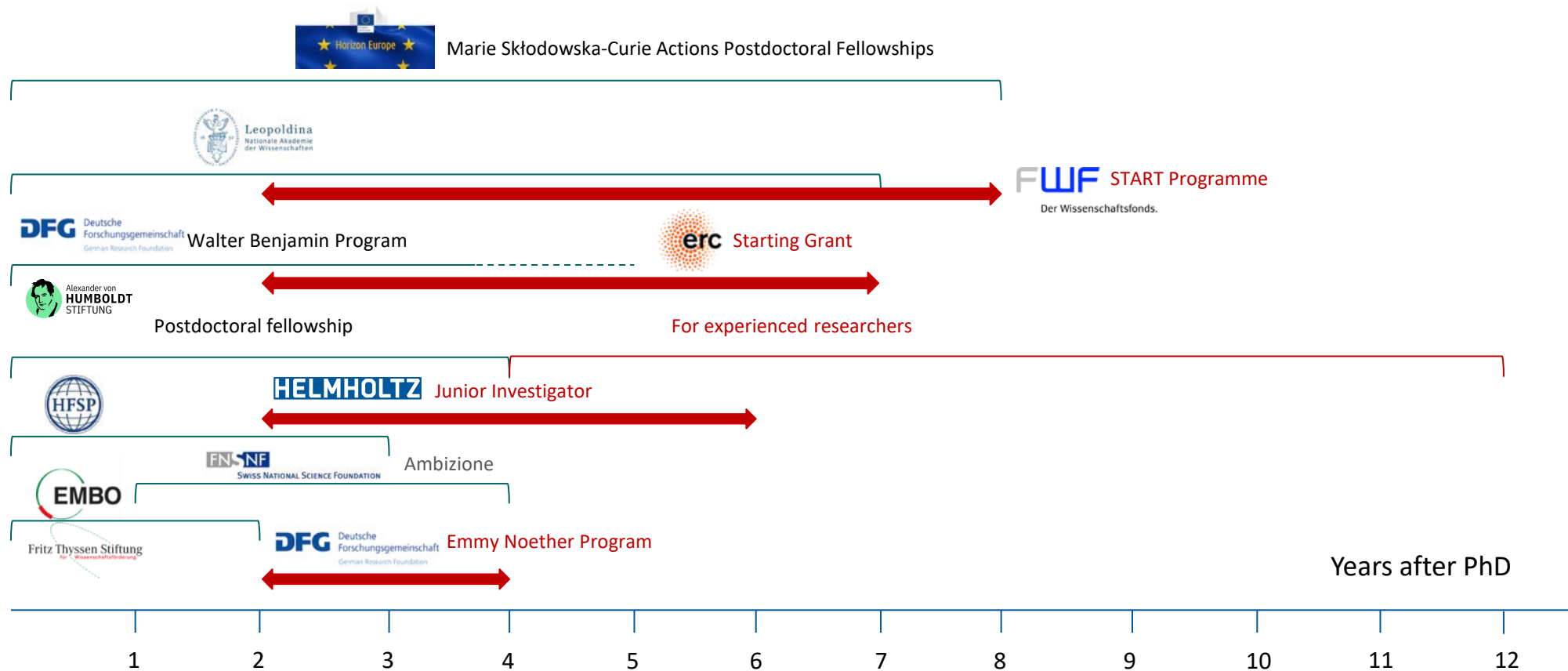
## As a senior researcher:

All as before, but also: “Structural” grants

- To acquire (large) equipment
- To organise conferences
- To build a MSc/ PhD programme
- To develop international partnerships
- To establish a new department/ institute (programme grants)



# Strategic planning for early-career researchers

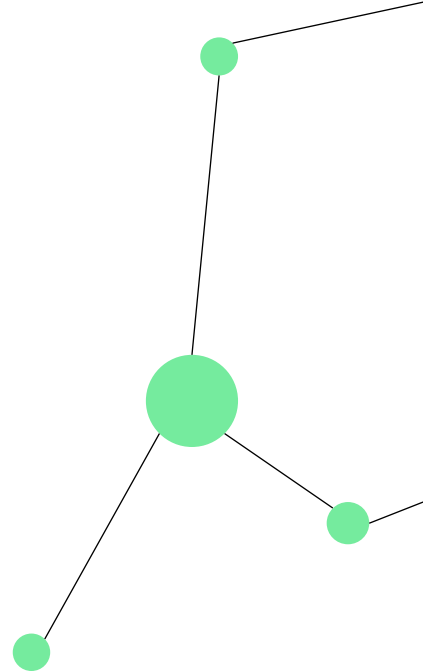
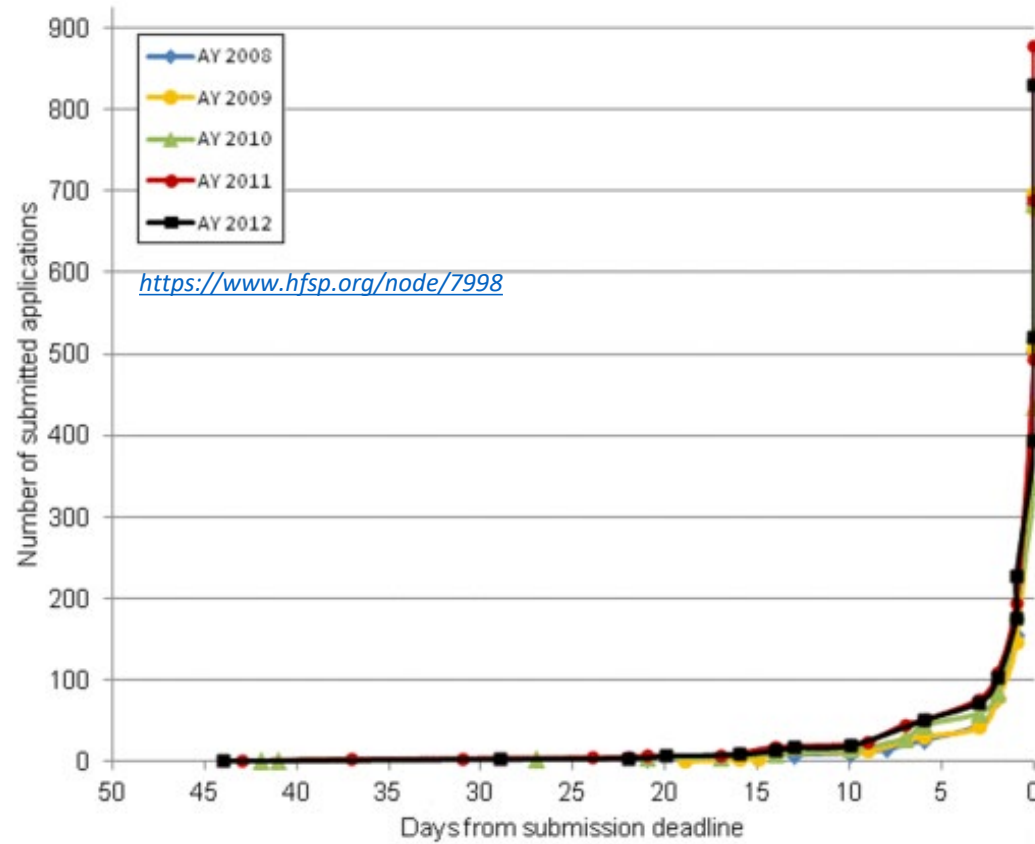




*“When should I start writing?”*

*- Yesterday. Better still, last year. “*

*From “The NIH R01 Tool Kit”*



# Some useful resources

- ✓ [Reviewers' comments \(DAAD PRIME\)](#)
- ✓ [Postdoctoral Fellowships in the Biological Sciences \(UC Berkeley web-site\)](#)
- ✓ [HFSP Career Planning Presentation](#)
- ✓ [EURAXESS](#) jobs and funding for researchers in Europe
- ✓ [Art of grantsmanship](#), by Jack Kraicer, former Director of Research Grants at HFSP
- ✓ [Making the right moves. A practical guide to scientific management for post-docs and new faculty.](#)
  - ✓ Writing a Letter of Recommendation/ [Guidance for writing letters of recommendation pertaining to scholarly work](#). HHMI
- ✓ [Info-Webinars & Presentations \(ukrainet.eu\)](#):
  - ✓ [The Netherlands: Video-recording](#)
  - ✓ [Switzerland Research System & How to apply for grant funding](#), by Prof. Maksym Yarema
  - ✓ [Austria Research System](#), by Dr [Maksym Serbyn](#) and by Prof. [Tetiana Milojevic](#)
  - ✓ Finland & Sweden: [Video-recording](#) & presentation slides by Prof. [Anton Kuzyk](#) & Dr. [Taras Kucherenko](#)
  - ✓ [PhD in Germany \(in Ukrainian\)](#). [Video-recording](#) & The introduction to the German science system (Dr. Oksana Seumenicht, in Ukrainian), [Video-recording](#), starting at 25'45" till 1h 3'10", [slides](#)
- ✓ [The UKRAINET Information & Collaboration Platform](#)

