

Universities of Excellence Funding Line

Funding Criteria

Status quo and prior achievements

1. Coherence of the overall profile of the university/universities in light of the individual starting situation(s)
2. Level of performance:
 - Quality of research
 - Quality in the performance areas of teaching, transfer and research-infrastructure
 - Academic excellence of participating researchers
3. Self-assessment and monitoring based on an analysis of strengths and weaknesses encompassing all performance areas and taking into account the starting situation(s)

Plans and potential

4. Objectives, quality and long-term sustainability of the overall strategy
5. Effectiveness of the planned projects with regard to
 - improving the level of research performance
 - further developing the performance areas of teaching, transfer and research-infrastructure (as applicable)
 - improving the framework conditions for researchers at all career levels
 - advancing early career support (including early research independence) and equal opportunity
 - improving the positioning of the university or university consortium in regional, national and, especially, international settings
6. Effectiveness of governance and administrative structures
7. Capacity for institutional renewal
8. Plausibility of time management and the requested funding volume as well as feasibility of the proposed projects

For University of Excellence Consortia (additional funding criteria)

9. Quality of cooperation
10. Objectives of the university consortium in relation to the objectives of the individual universities
11. Synergies and added value through the creation of the university consortium, with regard to research, teaching, transfer and research-infrastructure
12. Benefits of the reciprocal relationship for the university consortium and the individual universities