

## Schedule for the Excellence Strategy through 2019

End of September 2016	Call for proposals in the Clusters of Excellence and Universities of Excellence funding lines
5/6 October 2016	Information event on the Excellence Strategy (focus on Clusters of Excellence) – by invitation
1 November 2016	Submission deadline for proposals for bridge funding for projects currently financed through the Excellence Initiative (clusters of excellence, graduate schools and institutional strategies)
1 December 2016	Submission deadline for letters of intent to submit draft proposals for Clusters of Excellence
3 April 2017	Submission deadline for draft proposals for Clusters of Excellence
From end of April 2017 onwards	Publication of further call documents for Universities of Excellence
From mid-May 2017 onwards	Publication of further call documents for Clusters of Excellence
30/31 May 2017	Information session on the Excellence Strategy (focus on Universities of Excellence) – by invitation
May – July 2017	Review of draft proposals for Clusters of Excellence
28 September 2017	Decision on draft proposals for Clusters of Excellence, followed by invitation to submit full proposals
Beginning of October 2017	Publication of further call documents for the Universities of Excellence funding line (proposal template)
21 February 2018 (noon)	Submission deadline for full proposals for Clusters of Excellence Submission deadline for letters of intent to submit individual or joint proposals for Universities of Excellence
April – July 2018	Review of full proposals for Clusters of Excellence
27 September 2018	Funding decision on full proposals for Clusters of Excellence
10 December 2018 (noon)	Submission deadline for proposals for Universities of Excellence
January – April 2019	Review of proposals for Universities of Excellence
1 January 2019	Commencement of funding for Clusters of Excellence
19 July 2019	Funding decision on proposals for Universities of Excellence
1 November 2019	Commencement of funding for Universities of Excellence