R3 Career Support 2026
Research Infrastructure & Open Access

Research infrastructure often serves as the basis for successful university research and teaching. It also underpins cooperation between academia, governmental and industrial partners at regional, national and international levels. Our research infrastructure includes large-scale equipment and instruments, information and communication networks as well as knowledge resources. Access to this infrastructure ensures a definitive prerequisite for top research and research-oriented teaching in numerous disciplines.

This program is committed to providing exceptional support to high potential researchers as they forge their independent academic careers. In doing so, we aim to promote researchers and offer them prospects at the University. Therefore, Goethe University is inviting applications for funding for R3 researchers to (co-)finance the use of our academic research infrastructure and to support publications in open access journals. The focus is particularly on high-tech centers / shared facilities in medicine, life and natural sciences, and in high-performance computing. Additionally, we encourage submissions via the University Library for open access publications, as first / last and corresponding authors.

Application deadline: 01.03.2026

Funding:
Fellowships up to €7 500 as (co-)financing of user fees for research infrastructure at Goethe, or publication fees in full open access venues for peer-reviewed scientific publications (subject to prior approval by the University Library), upon receipt by Nov. 1, 2026.

Applicants:
Postdocs and junior research group leaders from Goethe University (advanced R2 and R3 phase, with an independent application for third-party funding), within six years after completing their PhD. Child-rearing periods are taken into account (2 years per child).

Application documents:
- Motivation letter outlining the engagement of the applicant's research with the JQYA academy topic and the career-related impact of the requested funding, including budget calculation and timeline (max. 1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae (DFG CV form), incl. ResearcherID / ORCiD, and completed application form
- Project description and, if applicable, explanation of co-financing, including funding source and volume (max. 2 pages)
- Confirmation of affiliation with Goethe University for the funding period
- Completed funding declaration form and the confirmation of the facility (availability and access to the facility, or journal eligibility and licensing for open access publications)

Please submit all documents in one PDF file with bookmarks, named "R3CS_2026_Line1_Surname"

Contact:
Please address your application or queries to Goethe University's Research Support and Scientific Career Development Department at ecr@uni-frankfurt.de, subject "R3CS_2026_Line1"

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Research Infrastructure - Funding Declaration Form

Surname, first name

Department, Institute

Address

Project title

Facility (*Please attach the confirmation from the facility*)   if other Facility, please specify

for University Library - Open Access
please indicate the intended publication

Estimated costs in EUR

Please select the appropriate box and confirm with your signature:

☐ *I hereby certify that no funds have been applied for / approved from any other source for this project.*

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Date   Signature

In case of an application for co-funding:

☐ *The following funds have already been approved for this project (funding amount, date of approval, funding institution):*

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Date   Signature