



Start-ups in Science



EXIST Business Start-up Grant

What is the EXIST Business Start-up Grant?

The EXIST Business Start-up Grant is a nationwide program to support early-stage start-ups from universities and other research institutions. The development of the product/service concept and the drawing up of a business plan through to the establishment of the company.

Who is supported?

- ▶ Graduates from universities and other research institutions
- ▶ Graduates or former academic associates (up to five years after graduation / leaving the institution)
- ▶ Students who have completed at least half of their course at the time of application
- ▶ Start-up teams of up to three people

What is supported?

- ▶ Innovative technology-oriented start-up projects
- ▶ Innovative services with a high customer benefit based on academic findings indicative of a unique selling point on the market

How is the support provided?

- ▶ Maximum period of support: one year
- ▶ Subsistence grant depending on level of degree:
Doctorate: € 2,500 / month
Graduates: € 2,000 / month
Undergraduates: € 800 / month
Child supplement: € 100 / month / child
- ▶ Material expenses: up to € 10,000 for individual start-ups (up to € 17,000 for teams)
- ▶ Start-up-related coaching: € 5,000

What has to be done?

- ▶ Applications for support must be submitted by the university or research institution.
- ▶ Applicants work out an idea sketch to describe their business project.
- ▶ The university or research institution designates a mentor who commits him or herself to provide specialist advice. A start-up network ensures that the entrepreneurs receive support.
- ▶ The research institution provides the entrepreneurs with infrastructure for one year.

Where can you get more information?

www.exist.de

Application deadlines

Applications can be submitted at any time to the Jülich project manager (PtJ), which has been commissioned to handle the Grant-program by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

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