



## 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](http://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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