“Life and Health”- Research Prize 2022

The University of Bonn transdisciplinary research area “Life and Health” aims to support highly innovative, transdisciplinary research projects addressing new and relevant questions related to the topics of life and health. With the “Life and Health”- Research Prize we aim to provide impetus and seed funding particularly to novel ideas that cross traditional research boundaries. The innovative and cross-disciplinary nature of the proposal is the most important requirement for funding. We strongly encourage joint applications from two TRA members from two different research fields.

A continuation of already established projects, or projects well within past research trajectories will not be funded.

Each successful proposal will be funded with \( \text{50,000} \text{€} \). This funding can be freely used within DFG funding regulations.

All university members of the TRA “Life and Health” are eligible to apply. Funding can also be awarded to postdocs hosted within the group of a university TRA member. An application together with a TRA member/postdoctoral scientist from a cooperating institution is possible (please see note below).

The proposal should contain a convincing and conclusive description of the planned project and its innovative and transdisciplinary character. The applicant(s) may choose the most appropriate way to present their ideas but the written proposal (including figures) should not exceed 8 pages including all material (DIN A4). There is no mandatory formatting, but applicants should make clear the state of the art, and how the proposal goes beyond it, as well as a balanced description of feasibility and risky aspects of the project. The proposal should be concise, but should be understandable without additional resources. It should contain a brief account of how the prize money will be used. The prize money will be awarded for 2022 (exceptions/longer project duration are possible).

Application deadline is September 30, 2021.

Selection process

The proposal will be evaluated by the TRA steering committee and external reviewers.

Selection criteria will be:

- Innovativeness
- Transdisciplinary character
- Quality of the proposed project
- Qualification of the applicant(s) for this project
- Potential to create impact for future research within the TRA “Life and Health”

Negative criteria are:

- Projects well within current research trajectories
- Continuations of running projects
• Projects that are within one narrow discipline.

Guidelines

• The application should contain a summary (max. 200 words) and the description of the proposal (not more than 8 pages), as well as a CV of the applicant(s).

• Funds cannot be transferred to external institutions. In case of collaborative projects, the administration of funds will have to be carried out by the Bonn university partner.

• A final report will have to be submitted at the latest four months after the end of the project to the TRA manager. Presentation of results in a seminar for TRA members is expected.

Please submit your application in one PDF file to life-and-health@uni-bonn.de until 30.9.2021.

For questions, please contact the TRA manager Dr. Meike Brömer (life-and-health@uni-bonn.de)