

“Life and Health”- Research Prize 2024

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 this 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 Life and Health 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 **50.000€**. This funding can be freely used within DFG funding regulations.

Application deadline is **October 15, 2023**.

Guidelines for application

Who can apply?

- Principal Investigators who are members of the TRA Life and Health (with main affiliation University of Bonn) as well as Postdocs from their groups.
- We strongly encourage joint applications from two TRA members from two different research fields. An application together with a TRA member/postdoctoral scientist from a cooperating institution is possible.
- Researchers who have previously received the Life and Health Research Prize are not eligible to apply.

Questions regarding eligibility? Please contact Dr. Meike Brömer, life-and-health@uni-bonn.de

What can be funded?

- Funds can be used flexibly within DFG funding regulations.
- 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.

If you plan to purchase instruments, please contact Dr. Meike Brömer, life-and-health@uni-bonn.de, before applying. Basic lab equipment cannot be funded.

How to apply

- The application should contain a summary (max. 200 words) and a convincing and conclusive description of the planned project and its innovative and transdisciplinary character (not more than 8 pages A4, font size 11, including figures and references). Please use our **application form**.
- 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 and 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 2024/2025.
- Please attach a **short** CV of the applicant(s) incl. list of **up to five** publications relevant for this proposal.

Selection process/criteria

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.

The Steering Committee of the TRA Life and Health (with potential support from external reviewers) will evaluate the proposals in a first round. Subsequently, short-listed projects will be invited for a presentation to the Steering committee for the final decision.

Committee members with conflict of interest will be excluded from decisions.

A short 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 15.10.2023.