

Klaus Töpfer¹ Research Prize 2023

The Transdisciplinary Research Area “Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Futures” (TRA 6) at the University of Bonn invites applications for the **Klaus Töpfer Research Prize 2023**. The Prize awards excellent research proposals that address challenges in transdisciplinary sustainability research.

This call is open to all disciplines and proposals must link to one or more of the [TRA 6 research themes](#).

It is awarded to support **future projects by early career scientists** up to ten years after their doctoral degree (childcare periods are accounted for). The innovative and cross-disciplinary nature of the proposal is the most important requirement for funding.

- The successful proposal will be funded with **50.000€**, which can be flexibly allocated according to DFG funding regulations.
- Only full TRA 6 members affiliated to the University of Bonn can apply, but cooperation with TRA 6 members from cooperating research institutions is possible.
- The proposal must cover a new research initiative. Continuations of ongoing projects or expansions of such projects are not eligible.
- Proposals should contain a convincing and conclusive description of the planned project and its innovative and transdisciplinary character.
- Proposals must include a motivation, a brief state-of-the-art, and a workplan on a maximum of 3 pages (DIN A4) excluding tables, figures, and references.
- The full CV of the lead researcher and a short budget plan of how the Prize money will be spent

Application deadline: **March 31, 2023**.

Selection process

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

Selection criteria include:

- Excellence and innovativeness of the proposed research
- Link to at least one of the TRA 6 themes
- Transdisciplinary character
- Qualification of the applicant(s)

Additional guidelines

- Ideally, the funds should be spent in 2023
- Funds are not transferable to external institutions. In case of collaborative projects, the administration of funds must stay with the University of Bonn.
- A final report must 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 tra6@uni-bonn.de until March 31, 2023.

For questions, please contact the TRA manager Dr. Daniel Minge (tra6@uni-bonn.de)

¹ Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer, former Federal Minister for the Environment and Executive Director of the United Nations Environmental Program, has dedicated his life and career to creating conditions for a sustainable future. He has inspired generations of scientists and practitioners to develop and promote institutional and technological innovations for sustainability. Professor Töpfer has a long-standing friendly relationship with Bonn University. He was for instance the first Chair of the International Advisory Board of the Center for Development Research (ZEF).