

## Review criteria

Applications for “Stufe I” funding are reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Academic or artistic quality of the proposed project:
  - Originality
  - Subject-specific relevance, appropriate methodology
  - Feasibility, reasonable amount of effort
  - Chance of success of the planned third party-funded project
  - Envisaged contribution of the applicant and the involved institutions
  - Potential for innovation
  - Long-term relevance
  
- Qualification of the applicant, i.e.:
  - Previous work and publications
  - Previous acquisition of third-party and project funding
  - Consideration of equal opportunities
  - Promotion and mentoring of early-career researchers
  
- Necessity of funding
  
- Coherence with the strategic goals of the university
  - Interdisciplinarity
  - Impact on the public image of the university, increased visibility
  - Consideration of the Research-Oriented Standards on Gender Equality of the DFG (German Research Foundation)

Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

**If external reviewers are called upon, funding will only be granted if both reviews are positive.**