

Call for Proposals

Leibniz ScienceCampi 2026



Leibniz ScienceCampi serve to assist Leibniz institutions in forming regional networks with universities and other partners (other research institutes, commercial enterprises, etc.) in order to focus on clearly defined topics of academic and practical relevance. The aim of the collaboration is to generate critical mass and create academic centres with international visibility. This, in turn, serves to consolidate the strategic collaboration of the partners in the long term.

Leibniz ScienceCampi can be funded in two funding phases of four years each: the first phase is intended to provide an opportunity to pool expertise and test new ideas, while the second phase must be used to demonstrate that a ScienceCampus can implement the potential developed during the first phase.

Leibniz ScienceCampi can be funded over two funding phases, each lasting four years, with an annual funding volume of up to 300,000 euros.

A key condition for funding is the binding agreement by the institute and collaborating university and/or home state to provide a comparable amount of co-financing, which means that a Leibniz ScienceCampus can usually receive at least 900,000 euros per year. This is intended to guarantee sufficient overall funding. The co-financing can also take the form of material and staff contributions (provision of infrastructure and personnel). The acceptability of the co-financing proposal is assessed during the selection process and determined on a case-by-case basis. Additional financing contributions from other participating institutions may be taken into account.

In a Leibniz ScienceCampus, at least one Leibniz institution collaborates with one or more universities.

Leibniz ScienceCampi are recommended for funding by the Senate Strategic Committee (SAS) on the basis of two external academic assessments. The Senate of the Leibniz Association decides whether to fund the project.

The following timetable is planned for the Leibniz ScienceCampi 2026 procedure:

Publication of the call for proposals:	12 December 2024
Deadline for expressions of interest:	1 July 2025
Deadline for full applications:	1 August 2025
SAS funding recommendations to the Senate:	January 2026
Funding decisions by the Senate:	March 2026
Start of the projects:	1 April 2026

Every institution within the Leibniz Association can submit applications for Leibniz ScienceCampi. For this purpose, an [electronic application system](#) will be available to you as of May 2025.¹

The corresponding templates for the [application text](#) and attachments ([CVs](#), [opinion of the Scientific Advisory Board](#)) are also available on the Leibniz Association's [website](#).

¹ The access data will be sent to the directors of the Leibniz institutes at the beginning of May 2025.

Further information on the Leibniz ScienceCampi programme can be found in the [programme document](#).