



Hector Research Career Development Award

For W1 Assistant Professors & Junior Research Group Leaders

Do you hold a W1 assistant professorship (with or without Tenure Track) or are you an ambitious leader of a junior research group (e.g., Emmy Noether, ERC Starting Grant, or similar)? Do you have a background in the **natural or engineering sciences, medicine or psychology**? And do you aim for a full professorship or habilitation?

Apply now for the Hector Research Career Development Award! As an awardee, you can benefit from research funding for your outstanding research project. In addition, you will become part of a network of top scientists including the laureates of the Hector Science Award. The Academy is committed to top interdisciplinary research, innovative projects, dialogue between science and society and the promotion of young researchers.

Extent of Funding

- ✓ 25,000 € flexible personal research funds
- ✓ Funding of a doctoral position (according DFG funding scheme) and material expenses in the HFA up to 4 years (9,500 €/a)
- ✓ Membership in the Hector Fellow Academy for five years

Your Profile

- ✓ W1 assistant professor (with or without Tenure Track) or junior research group leader in the natural or engineering sciences, medicine or psychology
- ✓ Doctorate or PhD-equivalent with outstanding results & completion less than 7 years ago (Exceptions may apply e.g., clinical training, parental leave, see [program information](#))
- ✓ Temporary employment at a German university or research institution supporting the application
- ✓ Content-related or formal authorization to supervise doctoral researchers

Application

Application period: **September 1 - October 30, 2026**

You can find detailed information on our [website](#). Please also read the [program information](#) carefully.

Interested scientists may submit a self-application. Nominations from third parties are not considered.

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