

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL RESOURCES FOR MICROBIOLOGICAL PROJECTS OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS

University research institutes repeatedly complain that the material resources available to them, especially consumables, are insufficient. This applies to both public grants and third-party funding.

The Rahn-Quade Foundation is a science-promoting foundation with the aim of supporting young scientists in the natural sciences. It is convinced that microbiology can make decisive contributions to the great challenges of our time, such as combating environmental pollution caused by oil or plastics.

The Rahn-Quade Foundation therefore awards project-related material resources amounting to

€30,000 IN TOTAL (€5,000 PER PROJECT)

to undergraduate or graduate students in microbiology who require additional material resources for their master's thesis or dissertation in order to effectively supplement or complete their research.

Only the following may apply

- » students enrolled in a master's program or doctoral candidates,
- » from Georg AUGUST UNIVERSITY GÖTTINGEN or CHRISTIAN ALBRECHT UNIVERSITY KIEL
- » working on a defined project in the field of microbiology
- » who wish to write their thesis on a topic with potentially high relevance to solve social or economic challenges.

The following documents must be **SUBMITTED IN GERMAN**, not English:

- » basic information about the applicant, the project supervisor, and the institute/faculty where the supervision takes place
- » a brief project description, no longer than one page,
- » a brief statement, no longer than half a page, explaining why additional material resources are needed for the project,
- » a cost estimate for the required material resources
- » a brief description, no longer than half a page, of the long-term social or ecological relevance or impact of the research results.

All types of material resources can be applied for, e.g., chemicals or other consumables, equipment subsidies, software, etc. However, personnel costs, travel expenses, or costs for external service providers (e.g. external laboratories for crystal structure analysis) are not eligible for funding.

Funding is not paid out as scholarships to students/doctoral candidates, but as project funds to the supervising faculties/institutes, which must use these funds for the specified projects and provide evidence of their use.

The key selection criteria are

- » the necessity and urgency of using additional material resources in the project,
- » the potential contribution that the results of the work can make in the long term to solving social or environmental problems.

All documents must be submitted **BY MAY 30, 2026** to

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Only the application form "Application For Additional Material Resources" provided on our [website](#) may be used to submit applications. Submissions by regular mail will not be accepted, nor will other electronic methods of submitting documents (e.g., via a drop box).

The foundation's board of trustees decides on the allocation of funds.

There is no legal entitlement to funding.

