

## Information on the regulations of funding organizations (October 9th, 2020)

National and international funding organizations have reacted to the coronavirus pandemic by taking a number of steps to account for the limitations young academics are facing with their research. Some donors have decided on blanket measures; other donor organizations will require decisions to be taken on a case-by-case basis.

It is for this reason that cases will be examined and assessed individually. It is therefore recommended that young academics talk to their superiors and their project supervisors to identify the individual options available to them if their work has been delayed by the pandemic.

In addition, questions about extensions to externally funded projects can be addressed to the university's research consultants: <https://www.uni-osnabrueck.de/en/research/research-service/>

### Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

The BMBF has amended the general conditions for project funding at short notice in order to introduce a degree of flexibility into project funding. This includes the cost-neutral extensions to time-frames and deadlines for the submission of reports and documentation. Contingency plans for specific research projects will be made available by the project sponsors: <https://www.bmbf.de/en/index.html>

### German Research Association (DFG)

The German Research Association (DFG) is seeking to introduce new regulations governing extensions to projects, employment contracts and scholarships. DFG-funded research work is likely to qualify for additional financial support during the coronavirus pandemic. Current information on handling the effects of the coronavirus pandemic are published regularly on the DFG website:

<https://www.dfg.de/en/index.jsp>

### Volkswagen Foundation

The Volkswagen Foundation has changed its application deadlines for some of its grant programs. Further information is available at: <https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/funding/our-funding-portfolio-at-a-glance>

### German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is taking a flexible approach to the constantly-changing situation surrounding the pandemic. More information on the DAAD's reaction to the coronavirus pandemic is available at: <https://www.daad.de/en/coronavirus/>