

# Open Up New Research Spaces for the Humanities and Cultural Studies

## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. Do all applicants have to be from different institutions?**

No.

**2. Will applications from the social sciences and other scientific disciplines be accepted?**

This funding initiative is basically designed for research in the humanities and cultural studies. However, applications from social scientists working on theoretical projects are also welcome. Scientists from the social sciences as well as from the life, natural and engineering sciences are also welcome as project partners. Projects involving empirical studies, data analysis, or interviews cannot be funded.

**3. The application text and the self-assessment have to be submitted in an anonymized form. I have written important works on the topic of my application. Can I cite my own work within my application text?**

Please ensure that your application is written in a way that no conclusions can be drawn on the applicant, the career level, or the institution. If you want to cite your own work, please do so as if you would cite another author (not: “the author of this application has already published on this topic.”).

**4. How may the funds be used?**

Funding can be used in a flexible manner to cover the costs of resources and staffing. This could include costs arising from the integration of project partners within Germany and abroad, research stays at outside institutions, workshops or the costs of employing a deputy during an additional research semester. Translation costs may also be applied for. In case you apply for a substitute for your position or reduction of your teaching load please check prior to submitting your application if this is feasible according to the respective administrative rules.

**5. By when does the application have to be submitted?**

The deadline for submission of applications will be announced on the website. On the day of the deadline applications can be submitted until 14.00 pm CET via the Volkswagen Foundation’s electronic application system.

**6. Is it possible to submit a revised version of an application that has formerly been rejected?**

No. You can, however, submit an application on a new topic.

**7. Can I submit more than one application by a deadline?**

No.

**8. Will I know if my application has been shortlisted for review by the external jury?**

Until the final decision by the Board of Trustees of the Volkswagen Foundation has been made, no information can be given on the review status of individual applications.

**9. Can I obtain feedback if my proposal has been rejected?**

Due to the high number of applications it is not possible to give any individual feedback. The reasons for the rejection will not be communicated.

**10. Will there be another call for this funding initiative?**

Calls are planned annually. Please take a look at the website for the next deadline.