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HELMHOLTZ YOUNG INVESTIGATOR GROUPS

OUR OFFER

- Early scientific independence for excellent postdoctoral researchers
- Funding of at least € 300,000 p.a. for six years to lead a research group
- A permanent position in case of a positive midterm evaluation
- Professional skills training by the Helmholtz Management Academy
- Close collaboration with a university, often as joint appointments

APPLY IF YOU HAVE

- Between 2 and 6 years of research experience after your doctorate
- International research experience
- An exceptional scientific record
- An innovative research project in one of the research fields of the Helmholtz Association
- Strong motivation to set up and lead your own research group



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“The Helmholtz Young Investigator Group program was a great way to start an independent group in a multidisciplinary research center and to establish myself within the field. It is a fantastic opportunity for going from a postdoc to becoming an established group leader.”

AURELIO TELESMAN

Head of Division/Professor
German Cancer Research Center/University of Heidelberg
Helmholtz Young Investigator Group Leader 2007

“Winning a prestigious Helmholtz Young Investigator Group has been a game changer for my academic career. Besides its high reputation, it offered me the opportunity to build up an interdisciplinary research group under exciting working environments – being involved in big satellite missions and academia at the same time.”

XIAOXIANG ZHU

Group Leader/Professor
German Aerospace Center/Technical University of Munich
Helmholtz Young Investigator Group Leader 2013



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Please contact the Helmholtz Center that best fits your research profile. The Center pre-selects the applications and guarantees half of the funding of your planned group.
2. The Helmholtz Center supports you in writing a full application and nominates you to the Head Office of the Helmholtz Association.
3. The Head Office conducts a scientific review process consisting of at least two written assessments and a personal presentation to an interdisciplinary selection panel in Berlin.

CALL DOCUMENTS AND DEADLINES:

→ www.helmholtz.de/YIG

INTERESTED?

To participate in the pre-selection process, you generally submit a CV, list of publications and a two-page outline of your project to a Helmholtz Center likely to host your group.

PLEASE CONTACT THE HELMHOLTZ CENTERS IN ADVANCE:

→ www.helmholtz.de/YIG-contact

THE HELMHOLTZ ASSOCIATION

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ENERGY

Innovative and sustainable technologies for the conversion, distribution and storage of energy.

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The earth system and the complex interactions between society and nature.

HEALTH

The causes and development of major common diseases.

AERONAUTICS, SPACE AND TRANSPORT

Mobility, information system and aerospace research.

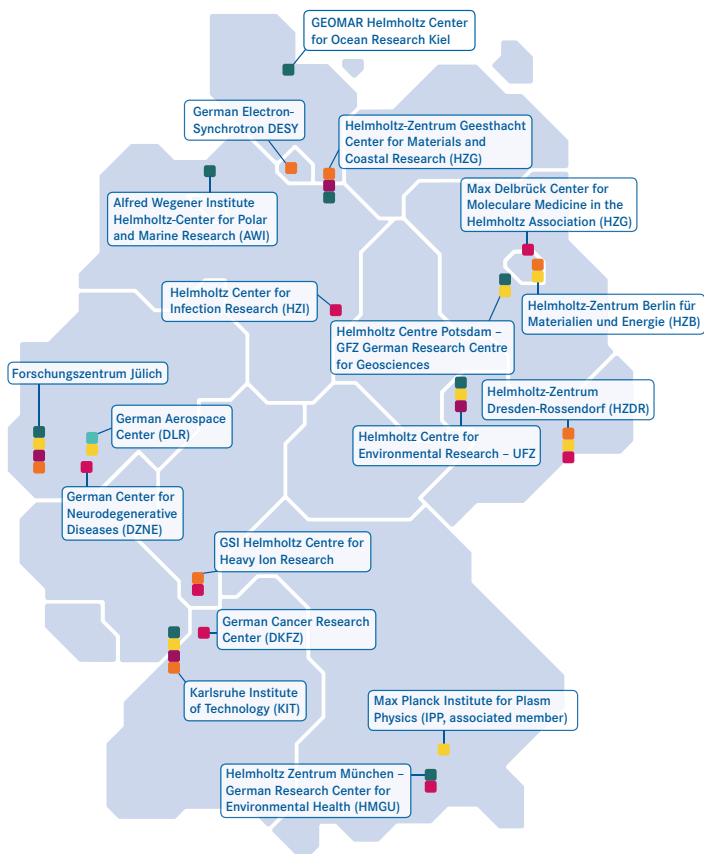
MATTER

From elementary particles to complex materials and the universe.

KEY TECHNOLOGIES (IN THE FUTURE: INFORMATION)

Innovative solutions in information, materials and life sciences.

HELMHOLTZ CENTERS



Research fields

- Energy
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- Aeronautics, Space and Transport
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