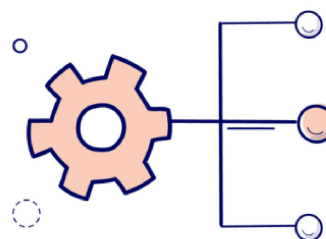


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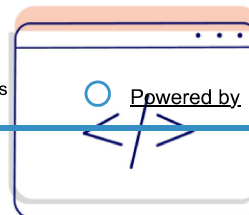
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GIF Nexus is the new flagship program of GIF, providing two tracks to support early career scientists as well as established researchers. For each submission cycle there will be a focal topic within STEM and Social Sciences/Humanities (more information is under the “focal topic” tab).

The goal of Nexus is to support excellent scientific collaboration between German and Israeli scholars and to establish new collaborations for early career scientists. The application process consists of two stages: pre-proposals and full proposals as well as two tracks: Collaborative track and Solo track.

The **collaborative track** for joint proposals by German and Israeli researchers funds projects of up to 2 years, with an annual budget of maximum EUR 150,000 total for all PIs (i.e the maximum project budget is EUR 300,000 for 2 years).

The **solo track** for early career scientists up to 8 years after their doctoral degree funds one-year projects without a research partner from the other country with a maximum budget of EUR 25,000 (please review the program’s criteria and eligibility requirements outlined below).

Focal topics (current and upcoming)

The current focal topics in STEM and Social Sciences/Humanities are as follows:

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STEM: Quantum Computing

This Call for Proposals is directed to scientists working in pure and applied mathematics as well as computer science and theoretical physics, who seek to advance the foundations of quantum computing and quantum information sciences. Proposals should clearly articulate how the research will deepen the mathematical and computational understanding of quantum systems, contribute to fundamental knowledge, or explore new computational paradigms.

Social Sciences/Humanities: Contestations over Memories and Identities.

For a long time, social inequality was mainly conceptualized in terms of economic development, and the reduction of economic inequality was assumed to promote democracy. The last decades, however, in many countries not only show widening economic inequalities, but also the rise of other forms of inequity, often related to issues of identity, ethnicity, or origin. Traditional democratic parties are losing support, and new, populist movements are on the rise, often with agendas related to the issue of inequality. The promise of growing equity, however, does not always seem to foster political democracy, but may actually go along with other kinds of exclusion. These developments are often problematized as signs of polarization, but such diagnoses do not remain uncontested.

GIF is looking for proposals that analyze the relationship between (different kinds of) inequity and democracy, social movements (and their demographic characteristics) referring to these issues, the processes as well as the public discourses and images related to them.

We are anticipating for applications in particular in the fields of Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, History and other field of Humanities.

Timetable

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Dates	Details
December 14th, 2024	Opening GIF-portal for submission of pre-proposals
February 1, 2025	Deadline for pre-proposal submissions
April 1, 2025	Notifications on pre-proposal decisions Opening GIF portal for submission of full proposals
June 15, 2025	Deadline for submission of the full proposals
December, 2025	Notification of new grants
February 1, 2026	Expected starting date of new grants.

GIF Nexus Tracks

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