



Bavarian  
Research Alliance

## Why submit an application?

Since the start of the programme in 2012, 2393 applications have been submitted (as of December 2024). The scientific community appreciates BayIntAn for

- the high application success rate
- the manageable effort involved in submitting the application
- the timely decision-making process
- the opportunity to coordinate closely with project partners and thereby increase the chances of funding for joint project applications to the EU, DFG, BMFTR, etc.
- the possibility of inviting guests to Bavaria.

## Where can I find additional information?

Comprehensive information on the application process and the current call deadlines are available on the BayFOR website.

General information and guidelines:  
[www.bayfor.org/bayintan-en](http://www.bayfor.org/bayintan-en)



Access to the online submission platform:  
<https://bayfor.oasys.uni-passau.de>



## Who provides the funding?

The funding is provided by the Bavarian State Ministry of Science and the Arts.

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## The Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR)

Solely excellent research can generate the necessary innovative capacity for European universities and enterprises to persist in global competition. Bavaria is home to such research and the European Union promotes it with its Framework Programmes. The Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR) supports Bavarian universities and companies (SMEs) in particular with acquiring EU funding. It connects scientists with each other and with the industry. In 2012, BayFOR was commissioned to manage the BayIntAn programme.

BayFOR is active in four business areas:

- EU research and innovation funding
- International scientific cooperation
- Bavarian/national collaborative research
- Initial funding programme BayIntAn

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## BayIntAn: Bavarian Funding Programme for the Initiation of International Research Collaborations



## Promoting cooperation between scientists

at Bavarian Universities and international research institutions



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## What is BayIntAn?

As part of its internationalisation strategy, the Free State of Bavaria is looking to enhance the networking of its scientists on an international level, in order to establish the region as a significant location for science and innovation. BayIntAn is a programme that offers initial funding to scientists at Bavarian universities or universities of applied sciences who wish to collaborate with foreign partners.

## Which activities can be funded?

The funding is aimed at expanding scientific cooperation between Bavarian state and ecclesiastical universities and international research institutions. BayIntAn is open to all scientific disciplines; at least one international partner must be involved in the project.

### Some practical examples

- Development of joint research applications, with the possibility of organising consortium meetings in Bavaria for projects with several international partners;
- Liaising with or developing scientific networks, which allows universities to sharpen their research profile;
- Negotiation of official agreements between individual research groups, institutes, faculties, and institutions;
- Joint planning of measurement campaigns, workshops, or field surveys;
- Preparation of official cooperation agreements for staff exchanges or for joint study programmes.

## Who can submit an application?

Eligible institutions include all Bavarian state and ecclesiastical universities and universities of applied sciences. Applicants require at least a „Dr“ or comparable qualification, for example a PhD, as an academic degree.

## Where can you travel to?

To Europe and the rest of the world, with the exception of China, Latin America, and France, as there are independent Bavarian university centres for these regions: BayChina, BayLAT, and BFHZ. Other special cases are California (BaCaTec) and the Czech Republic (BTHA).

## How much funding can be applied for?

Mobility allowances and a travel and accommodation budget up to a maximum of 10,000 euros (in total) can be requested per application; material costs can only be covered in justified exceptional cases. The funded duration of stay is max. 10 days for European destinations and max. 14 days for non-European destinations.

## How do I submit an application?

The grant application and administration process is carried out exclusively online via the OASys system (<https://bayfor.oasys.uni-passau.de>).

The application system is modular and self-explanatory. Detailed instructions are available online.

## When can I submit an application?

There are two calls for applications per year, with deadlines at the beginning and the end of each year. The funding period may only be one financial year at a time. The exact dates are published each year on the website of the Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR) at [www.bayfor.org/bayintan-en](http://www.bayfor.org/bayintan-en). Research officers at eligible institutions will also be informed by e-mail.

## Which criteria are relevant for funding?

BayFOR selects projects for funding during an in-house evaluation. Funding is more likely if the planned measure is described in detail and the travel plan is presented convincingly. The requested funding amount must be appropriately related to the project. The sustainability and further development possibilities of the planned measure are also assessed positively.

## How long does the evaluation process take?

Funding notifications will be sent out approximately six weeks after the deadline. However, for the call published at the end of each year, the funding notifications can only be issued at the end of January of the following year.

If an application is not accepted for funding, the applicant will be sent a brief justification for the rejection of his application.

