

Are you an early career researcher with a promising research idea? Apply now for the

Postdoctoral fellowship and support program at KIT: Young Investigator Group Preparation Program (YIG Prep Pro)

KIT aims to increase the number of junior research groups – The Young Investigator Group Preparation Program at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in Germany offers tailored support on your journey towards your own junior research group. With a junior research group, you can work very independently at an early stage in your academic career and you gain valuable experience, which will serve as an excellent preparation for a professorship.

YIG Prep Pro provides the best conditions for writing a successful proposal for a third-party funded junior research group. You will need to pass a highly competitive procedure which we will accompany you through with professional mentorship, personal advice on funding instruments and proposal writing as well as individual training and coaching. The YIG Prep Pro qualifies you for an academic career with the goal of becoming a professor.

YIG Prep Pro fellowship options:

We offer international postdocs a support scheme with two different fellowship options:

1. YIG Prep Pro funded fellowship

Spend your postdoc phase at KIT while preparing the proposal for your junior research group! The funding within this option includes the salary of your position position as well as initial investments for equipment and your own budget for consumables for a period of two years.

2. YIG Prep Pro remote fellowship

Are you currently affiliated with an institution abroad and is your current position already funded? KIT also offers the possibility of remote mentorship and support for preparing the proposal for a third-party funded junior research group to be established at KIT. Twice per program year, the travel expenses for a guest stay at KIT will be covered.

Who can apply?

International researchers, with a PhD certificate who completed their doctorate no more than 3 years ago. Applicants should have substantial international research experience (as PhD candidate and/or postdoc).

We're looking forward to receiving your application at the latest by February 14th, 2025.

All information on YIG Prep Pro, the application and the selection process is available on our website: https://www.kit.edu/research/via-prep-pro.php