

## Call for Applications: Advanced Researcher Award – ‘Breaking New Ground’ (10,000 EUR)

The University of Bayreuth is committed to fostering innovative research that addresses the pressing issues of our time. The “Advanced Researcher Award: Breaking New Ground” is funded by the University Foundation Bayreuth. It aims to support PIs at the University of Bayreuth who have a proven track record of innovative research and are now seeking to take their research to the next level. The maximum funding volume is 10,000 EUR.

We invite experienced PIs at the University of Bayreuth to submit applications with a bold and innovative research concept that addresses a critical challenge or opportunity in their field. Funding is open to researchers from all faculties and disciplines, and we encourage applicants to think outside the box and propose projects that are truly transformative.

The deadline for applications is **January 31, 2026**, and we look forward to learning about your innovative ideas and helping you break new ground!

Requirements for submitting an application:

- The proposed project is carried out by a researcher at UBT
- The proposal relates to a specific project that is clearly distinct from previous research (*i.e. not an ongoing topic or a process that cannot be clearly defined in terms of time and scope*)
- Highly innovative activities are initiated and solutions are sought for challenges for which hardly any solutions are currently foreseeable.

Key selection criteria in terms of content:

- High degree of innovation of the project
- High-risk, high-gain
- The proposed project contributes to the further development or sharpening of UBT’s overall profile

Key formal selection criteria:

- Clearly argued justification for the timely use of funds (2 years after approval)
- Online form with attachments:
  - Description of the project (max. 2 pages)
  - Budget plan for the use of funds including information on any other sources of funding

**Applications are submitted by self-application via our online portal.**