



## Call for Proposals for German-Israeli Minerva Schools 2025

Deadline: 8 February 2024

**Minerva Schools** are intended to bring together young Israeli and German scientists through conferences and workshops. The Schools are orientated particularly towards PhD-students and post-doctoral researchers and aim at enabling first contacts, scientific exchange as well as interaction with select senior scientists. In both countries, the participants should come from different institutions. In addition to the Israeli and German participants, also scientists from other countries can be included in the programme.

Eligible as applicants are scientists from all German universities and non-university research institutions and from the six Israeli universities (Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Bar-Ilan University, Technion, University of Haifa and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) and the Weizmann Institute of Science together with (a) colleague(s) from the respective other country. Post-Docs who are working independently on their own projects (group leaders) or younger professors will be given preference in the selection process.

**Minerva Schools** may be organized in all areas of research. The venue may be in either Germany or Israel.

**Minerva Schools** are funded with up to EUR 25,500.

Please upload your proposal (in English only) on our online application platform and refer to the following points:

- **Title** of the Minerva School
- **Names, affiliations and contact details** (address, e-mail, telephone) of the **organizer(s) and co-organizer(s)** from Israel and Germany
- **Co-operating institutions** (including addresses)
- **Venue and date** of the School
- **Content and subject area** of the Minerva School
- **Specific topics** to be addressed during the School
- **Future impact** of the School for the corresponding field of research
- **Course of the programme** (incl. preliminary schedule)
- **Expected participants and lecturers** (names and institutions) (Please state that the attendees have already confirmed their participation. The ratio between the numbers of Israeli and German participants should be approximately equal.)
- **Budget plan** (if the costs exceed € 25,500 please mention the source(s) for the additional funds)

Because selection is competitive, it is recommended to submit a detailed proposal (average: 4-6 pages). The scientific quality of the organizers and speakers and the strength of the scientific concept are important criteria in the evaluation process.

Please note that your proposal for a **Minerva School** should not involve similar/identical topics or the same group of people as previous ones: <https://www.minerva.mpg.de/18926/current-schools>

### **Eligible Expenditures**

On principle, only costs for the scientific part of the event can be taken into account. A subsequent increase of the lump sum following the grant is not possible.

The grant may be used for:

- **Travel allowances**
- **Accommodation and hospitality costs**
  - Germany: **70.00 EUR (75.00 EUR** including breakfast) per person and night
  - Israel: **160.00 EUR** per person and night (including breakfast)
  - Food and beverage: **daily allowance of max. 80.00 EUR** per person
- **Space rent and lease for devices and items of equipment**
- **Costs of framework programmes** (relating to the conference)
- **Costs of student assistants** and/or students working on a fee basis within the framework of the conference organization
- **Other material costs** (e.g. office supplies, layout of conference programmes and the like, costs of publication of conference results)

### **Non-billable expenses**

The following items can, on principle, not be discounted at the expense of the project funds:

- **Personal salary of the project heads**
- **Fees for speakers/spokespersons**
- **Expenses for construction and installation measures**
- **Operational and maintenance costs** (e.g. electricity, gas, water, cooling agents), maintenance contracts
- **Contributions for property insurance, expenditures for letters of safe conduct**
- **Expenses for the use of an institute's own service facilities** (such as computing centers or other – also scientific – services) on the basis of an internal performance settlement
- **Expenses for apparatus which must be considered as up-to-date initial equipment** (for the respective field)
- **Expenses for the supplementation or repair** of apparatus which is not the property of the Minerva Stiftung
- **Turnover tax** insofar as it can be deducted as input tax

The deadline for submitting applications is **8 February 2024**.

Proposals are reviewed by the Minerva Fellowship Committee.

**Please submit your proposal here:**

[https://lotus2.gwdg.de/mpg/mmmi/minerva\\_school\\_applications\\_2024.nsf/application](https://lotus2.gwdg.de/mpg/mmmi/minerva_school_applications_2024.nsf/application)

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