Template: Equal opportunity funds

The Volkswagen Foundation launches a new funding initiative called ‘Equal opportunity funds’ to support grantees, their cooperation partners and further project staff over the duration of projects funded by the Foundation. The programme supports measures that serve to compensate for disadvantages at an individual level and/or aim to strengthen diversity in the research system in general. It is important that the funded measures go beyond the usual activities that can be expected within the framework of a funded project.

Note: This template will be reviewed internally by the Foundation. This only takes place *after* a positive assessment of the actual project application. The approval or rejection of equal opportunities funding therefore has no influence on the basic funding decision.

Length: Please answer questions 2 to 4 with a maximum of 150 words each.

Please complete one table per applicant (add further tables and/or adjust/insert rows if necessary). Please only list yourself and the positions you are applying for if they represent a job share of at least 65% of a fulll time equivalent. It is not necessary to list staff members by name.

Main applicant

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| Position (at least 65%) | Term (in months) | Lump sum (500 EUR/6 months) | **Total lump sum main applicant** |
| PI |  |  |
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Co-applicant 1

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| Position (at least 65%) | Term (in months) | Lump sum (500 EUR/6 months) | **Total lump sum co-applicant** |
| Co-PI |  |  |
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| **Total lump sum** |  |

Please enter the total lump sum in the cost plan under the item “equal opportunity funds”.

Which of the diversity dimensions formulated by the Volkswagen Foundation do you consider to be particularly relevant in the context of your project? Please explain why you see a specific need for support.

[Please write your text here]

To what extent do the Equal opportunity funds enable you to implement measures that contribute to the goals of the Volkswagen Foundation (individual compensation for disadvantages or strengthening diversity in the research system) that would otherwise not be possible?

[Please write your text here]

How do you plan to integrate your measures into the existing structures and activities of your institution(s) and what potential synergies do you see here?

[Please write your text here]