



## Why submit an application?

Since the start of the programme in 2012, 1,050 applicants have submitted 1,760 applications (as of July 2023). 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, BMBF, 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) provides support to Bavarian universities and enterprises, particularly within the EU fundraising process and stands for better networking between scientists and 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 Projects



## Promoting cooperation between scientists

at Bavarian Universities and international research institutes

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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 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 or implementation of measurement campaigns, workshops, or field surveys;
- Development/coordination of joint publications, the quality of which benefits from personal contact.

## Who can submit an application?

Eligible institutions include all Bavarian state universities and universities of applied sciences as well as all Bavarian state music and art colleges (in addition to the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and the Katholische Stiftungshochschule München (KSH München) University of Applied Sciences and the Lutheran University of Applied Sciences in Munich and Nuremberg respectively). Applicants require at least a „Dr“ or comparable qualification, for example a PhD, as an academic degree.

## Where does the journey lead?

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 money can be requested?

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. As a rule, the maximum funded duration of stay is 14 days for European and 21 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.unipassau.de>).

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

## When can I submit an application?

There are three calls for applications each year, with deadlines in November of the prior year, in February/March, and in May/June. The funding period may only be one financial year at a time. The exact dates are published each year in August on the Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR) website at [www.bayfor.org/bayintan-en](http://www.bayfor.org/bayintan-en). Research officers from institutions that are entitled to apply will also be informed by email.

## Which criteria are relevant for funding?

BayFOR selects projects for funding during an in-house evaluation. The more concretely a planned measure is described and the more plausible the travel plan is, the better the chances of funding. 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?

The funding notifications will be sent six weeks after the deadline. In the case of the November call for applications, however, a notification 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.

