

RULES ON COMBINING FUNDING UNDER THE 2026 CALL FOR CREDITS AND PROJECTS

CUMULATIVE RULES ARE BASED ON THE GRANTING PERIOD, NOT THE PERIOD OF USE¹

EXTENSIONS GRANTED DUE TO COVID-19 DO NOT AFFECT THE CUMULATIVE RULES

PDR	➤ A researcher may hold two PDR fundings simultaneously, but only one as main promotor. <u>In other words</u>, a researcher may combine: • Either 1 PDR funding as main promotor and 1 PDR funding as co-promotor; • Or 2 PDR fundings as co-promotor. <u>Therefore</u>: • <u>If you currently have no PDR funding:</u> You may apply for and obtain up to two PDR fundings in the same call, but only one as main promotor. • <u>If you currently have one PDR funding as main promotor:</u> You must wait until the last year of your current PDR funding before applying for a new one as main promotor, so that the new funding start after the end of the previous one with no overlap. You may apply for and obtain another PDR funding as co-promotor. • <u>If you currently have one PDR funding as co-promotor:</u> You may apply for and obtain another PDR funding as main promotor OR co-promotor. If you are in the final year of your current PDR funding, you may apply for and obtain up to two PDR fundings in the same call, but only one as main promotor. • <u>If you currently have two PDR fundings:</u> You must wait until you are in the final year of one of the fundings before applying for a new one. The new funding must start after the end of the previous one, without any overlap, and always in compliance with the rule of a maximum of two PDR fundings simultaneously, and only one as main promotor.
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¹ The granting period refers to the duration of the research agreement or the annex to the award letter. The period of use refers to the granting period plus an additional period for using the funds (usually 12 or 24 months).

	PDR fundings with a German partner affiliated with the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) ending on March 31st may include an overlap period of up to 3 months. ➤ A researcher cannot combine his MIS funding with a PDR funding as main promotor. You must wait until you are in the last year of your current MIS funding before applying for a PDR funding as main promotor, so that the PDR funding start after the end of the MIS funding with no overlap. If the MIS funding was postponed due to 100% unpaid leave at the beginning of the period, an overlap of up to 6 months is allowed. Combining a MIS funding with up to two PDR fundings as co-promotor is allowed. Warning: If the MIS funding is currently suspended due to 100% unpaid leave, the MIS promotor cannot apply for a PDR funding during the suspension period. ➤ It is not allowed to apply for a MIS funding and a PDR funding as main promotor in the same call. You may apply for and obtain a MIS funding and up to two PDR fundings as co-promotor in the same call. ➤ A researcher cannot combine his MISU funding with a PDR funding as main promotor. You must wait until the penultimate year of your current MISU funding before applying for a PDR funding as main promotor, considering that a maximum overlap period of 9 months is allowed between the two fundings. Combining a MISU funding with up to two PDR fundings as co-promotor is allowed. ➤ It is not allowed to apply for a CDR funding and a PDR funding as main promotor in the same call. You may combine a CDR funding and a PDR funding as main promotor granted in different calls. You may apply for and obtain a CDR funding and up to two PDR fundings as co-promotor in the same call. ➤ There are no specific rules governing cumulation with EQP funding.
CDR	➤ A researcher can hold only one CDR funding at a time. You must wait until the last year of your current CDR funding before applying for a new one, so that the new funding start after the end of the previous one with no overlap.

	➤ It is not allowed to apply for a PDR funding as main promotor and a CDR funding in the same call. You may combine a CDR funding and a PDR funding as main promotor granted in different calls. You may apply for and obtain a CDR funding and up to two PDR fundings as co-promotor in the same call. ➤ A researcher cannot combine his MIS funding with a CDR funding, <u>UNLESS</u> the two research programs or topics are clearly different. You must wait until the last year of your current MIS funding before applying for a CDR funding, so that the CDR funding start after the end of the MIS funding with no overlap (unless the two research programs or topics are clearly different). If the MIS funding was postponed due to 100% unpaid leave at the start, an overlap of up to 6 months is allowed. ➤ It is not allowed to apply for a MIS funding and a CDR funding in the same call, <u>UNLESS</u> the two research programs or topics are clearly different. However, if both CDR and MIS fundings are awarded in the same call, the CDR funding will not be granted. ➤ A researcher cannot combine his MISU funding with a CDR funding, <u>UNLESS</u> the two research programs or topics are clearly different. You must wait until the penultimate year of your current MISU funding before applying for a CDR funding, considering that a maximum overlap period of 9 months is allowed between the two fundings (unless the two research programs or topics are clearly different). ➤ There are no specific rules governing cumulation with EQP funding.
EQP	➤ A researcher may hold only one EQP funding at a time, whether as main promotor or co-promotor. You must wait until the last year of your current EQP funding before applying for a new one, so that the new funding start after the end of the previous one with no overlap. ➤ It is not allowed to apply for a MIS funding and an EQP funding, whether as main promotor or co-promotor, in the same call. You may combine a MIS funding and an EQP funding granted in different calls. ➤ There are no specific rules governing cumulation with PDR, CDR and MISU funding.

MIS	➤ A researcher may be granted only one MIS funding during their career. You cannot apply for and obtain a MIS funding if you already had one in the past. ➤ A researcher who has held a MISU funding cannot hold a MISU funding during their career. You cannot apply for and obtain a MIS funding if you already had a MISU funding in the past. ➤ A researcher cannot combine his PDR funding as main promotor with a MIS funding. You must wait until the last year of your PDR funding as main promotor before applying for a MIS funding, so that the MIS funding start after the end of the PDR funding with no overlap. PDR fundings with a German partner affiliated with the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) ending on March 31st may include an overlap period of up to 3 months. Combining a MIS funding and up to two PDR fundings as co-promotor is allowed. ➤ It is not allowed to apply for a PDR funding as main promotor and a MIS funding in the same call. You may apply for and obtain a MIS funding and up to two PDR fundings as co-promotor in the same call. ➤ It is not allowed to apply for a CDR funding and a MIS funding in the same call, <u>UNLESS</u> the two research programs or topics are clearly different. However, if both MIS and CDR fundings are awarded in the same call, the CDR funding will not be granted. ➤ It is not allowed to apply for an EQP funding, whether as main promotor or co-promotor, and a MIS funding in the same call. You may combine an EQP funding and a MIS funding granted in different calls.
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