

## **2025 Specific Call for Applications for the Funding of Scientific Events** **“Artificial Intelligence and its challenges for our society”**

### **Basis for funding:**

The developments in the area of artificial intelligence (‘AI’) have increased at an incredible speed over the last few years and at the latest with the release of ChatGPT become visible to the general public. AI has permeated our everyday lives for a while now, often without us being aware of it (route planners, automatic picture optimisation, language assistants, translation tools, spam filters, anti-fraud mechanisms in banks). In the past, the main focus of research was on the technological challenges. Nowadays the debate around ethical, social, and legal perspectives is gaining pace (use for writing assignments or legal opinions all the way to automated court judgments; discrimination arising from biased training data) and our society is faced with completely new use cases, opportunities, and challenges by the use of AI.

The Franco-German University (FGU) supports events for junior researchers (PhD students and post-docs) aimed at building networks among researchers and intensifying the Franco-German and international scientific dialogue. In justified cases, master’s students or students at a similar level can take part in the supported events.

The aim of this call for applications is to promote the exchange of ideas, theory, and method competencies and the scientific dialogue on an interdisciplinary, Franco-German and European level. The supported events should allow advanced junior researchers to present their research work, prepare for publications, and expand their scientific network. Following these exchanges, it is desirable that other forms of Franco-German cooperation arise.

The calls for applications are open to French and German universities as well as non-university research

ability of applicants to implement a Franco-German project, possibly with the involvement of additional partners.

The following matters must be specified in the application:

- educational approach,
- participant selection procedures,
- potential of the event, in particular in relation to the aim of networking,
- publication of the results of the event in any format (e.g. online publication),
- international orientation,
- opportunities to include external partners.

Depending on the duration and format of the event, it will be referred to as a research workshop (if less than 6 days) or as summer/winter school (if 6 days or more).

The events should generally take place in Germany or France. In justified situations, they could take place in a third country.

**Size and scope of funding:**

The size of the grant depends on the duration of the event and the number of participants. As a rule, the amount of funding is between €2,000 and €15,000. The support is intended to fund the organisation of the event. The grant can be used to cover part or all of travel and subsistence expenses. It can also cover the costs of short-term contracts for undergraduate assistants charged with organising the event, as well as communication costs associated with the event (publications, creation of a website). Participants' travel expenses can be reimbursed. Grants awarded by the Franco-German University may not be used to finance the possible participation of bachelor's degree students. Speakers' fees can only be covered if they are not members of the institution making the application. Administration costs are not eligible for grant support. The use of financial support for administration costs will therefore not be accepted by the Franco-