

# Brief information

on the competition of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research  
for “International Future Labs for Artificial Intelligence”

## I What is the objective of the competition?



- The competition is aimed at bringing together researchers from around the world to work on current **artificial intelligence** research and development issues, fostering the transfer of knowledge and technology and raising the international profile of Germany as a research and innovation hub.

## II Who can apply?



- The following entities are **eligible for funding**: **German higher education institutions, non-university research institutions** and commercial **companies** (particularly SMEs) that are based in Germany.
- Any International Future Lab must involve researchers from **at least two partner countries**. The **Future Labs must be located** at the coordinating entity in Germany.

## III What will be funded?



- The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) will provide up to **five million euros** per Future Lab **over the course of three years** to support the formation and work of **international research teams** made up of a maximum number of twelve researchers. Two in three researchers must be **visiting researchers** from foreign institutions who will be staying in Germany for at least 18 months.
- Funding will be provided to cover staff costs, expenses of travel and stays, equipment and consumables (excluding basic resources), events and information and communication activities.

## IV When is the application deadline?



- The **deadline** for submitting project outlines was on **21 June 2019**. You will be asked to submit a full proposal in a second step should your project outline receive a positive evaluation.
- **Funding** is envisaged to **start in February 2020**.

## V Where can I find further information?



- **Further information** and the link to the call for proposals are available at the **BMBF website** on the [International Future Labs](#) (in German only).
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