

# ARCHES

## Award for Research Cooperation and High Excellence in Science

A Research Award for German-Israeli Cooperation Funded by the Federal German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) and Administered by Minerva

### **Programme Information**

**Deadline for Nominations: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Nomination Form** [www.minerva.mpg.de/arches/](http://www.minerva.mpg.de/arches/)

**Print Version of this Information** [www.minerva.mpg.de/arches/arches\\_print\\_2018-2019.pdf](http://www.minerva.mpg.de/arches/arches_print_2018-2019.pdf)

#### **I. Programme Information**

The purpose of ARCHES is to recognise and reward outstanding contributions to research as well as to strengthen German-Israeli scientific collaboration. The award will be presented annually to German-Israeli research teams headed by two highly-qualified and talented young scientists ("Principal Investigators") who must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- The Principal Investigators must have completed their doctorate no earlier than in 2008.
- The PIs are already internationally recognized in their field.

The teams are expected to produce outstanding academic achievements in international collaboration, not least with the assistance of this award.

ARCHES will be bestowed on such teams where a discernible impact on their field of research in general is to be expected by their projects, regardless of whether these teams have been collaborating prior to the application or will only enter into collaboration with ARCHES funds.

ARCHES focuses on all areas within the natural and engineering sciences, the life sciences, and the humanities. ARCHES nominations can be divided into the following three research sections:

**Chemistry, Physics, Technology and Mathematics**

**Life Sciences – Studies in all Areas of Biology and Preclinical Medicine**

**Humanities, Cultural Sciences, Sociology, Political Sciences, Economics and Law**

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ARCHES is awarded every two years to three research teams (one team from each research section) with 266,000 EUR for each of the three teams. Funding goes in equal parts to each of the two Principal Investigators of a team (i.e. 133,000 EUR each). Each research team should be composed of a Principal Investigator from Germany and a Principal Investigator from Israel. Only such research teams will be successful whose projects are scientifically promising and innovative, future-oriented, and of mutual and equal interest to both sides. The principal criteria to be used as a basis of selection for the award are scientific excellence of the candidates and the quality of the proposed research project.

Decisions will be made by the end of October 2018 and the awardees will be informed forthwith.

## **II. Nomination, Eligibility, and Selection**

The Heads of Departments of German and Israeli universities and research institutions are eligible to nominate teams that qualify for ARCHES. In Israel the institutions eligible for nomination are Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University, Haifa University, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion, Tel Aviv University, and Weizmann Institute. Direct applications by candidates are not accepted.

The selection of the prize-winners is the responsibility of the Minerva Fellowship Committee.

## **III. Nomination Procedure**

For nomination please submit the following documents (**in English**):

- Completed nomination form (one for each team!), available on request from the Minerva office and on the homepage of Minerva: <http://www.minerva.mpg.de>
- Laudatio by the nominator for each of the two candidates of the research team (no more than 3 pages in total), i.e. detailed assessment of the candidates' academic qualifications and scientific merits
- List of publications (of the last ten years) Detailed project description (no more than 10 pages), also describing the collaborative aspects of the project
- Detailed budget plan

Nominations must be submitted to the Minerva Office by **June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Please send the documents in hard copy **and** by e-mail (PDF files) to:

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#### **IV. Use of Funds**

The award money can be paid as soon as the award winners have accepted the prize. Funds will be placed at the disposal of the research teams over a period of up to five years. Funding may be solely used for research expenses, such as personnel costs, travel costs, small investments, or consumables, but not for payment of the salaries of the PIs.