

Codex Start-up Funding call for Early Career Researchers

Deadline for application: 30th September 2025

Overview

Supporting early career researchers, both during their doctoral studies and in the postdoctoral phase (including Habilitation), is a central priority of Codex. To promote independent research development, Codex is launching a call for start-up funding for outstanding early career scientists working in the fields of chitin-/chitosan-related research.

Goal of funding

Enabling early career researchers to develop independent and original research projects, and thereby, supporting their transition to long-term academic independence and encouraging them to submit competitive proposals for the second funding period of Codex.

Who can apply?

Early career researchers working in the fields of chitin-/chitosan-related research who have completed or are near completion of their PhD with strong motivation to pursue an academic career in an interdisciplinary research environment.

Nomination by a PI within the Codex consortium is required.

Funding details

- Position: TV-L E13, 65%.
- Start Date: End of 2025.
- Number of Awards: one or two awards.
- Budget: Up to €65,000 for one project, or up to €32,500 per project if two projects are funded (*includes personnel and consumables*).

Eligible uses of funds

- Temporary funding of the applicant own position (PhD candidates or postdoctoral researchers).
- For postdoctoral researchers: Funding can also be used to support graduate students working on the proposed project.

Selection procedure

- Nomination by PIs of the Codex consortium.
- Submission of CV and research proposal.
- Evaluation by members of the programme committee and the extended advisory board.
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview.

Evaluation criteria

1. Scientific excellence of the candidate.
2. Originality and feasibility of the research proposal.
3. Interdisciplinary nature of the project.
4. Planned collaborations and networks.
5. Experience in student supervision and teaching.
6. Demonstrated scientific independence.
7. International research experience.
8. Presentation and communication skills.
9. Track record of third-party funding (if applicable).