Review criteria

Applications for “Stufe I”-funding are reviewed according to the following criteria:

- scientific or artistic quality of the proposed project:
  - originality
  - subject-specific relevance, appropriate methodology
  - feasibility, adequacy of effort
  - chance of success of the planned third-party project
  - envisaged own contribution of the applicant and the involved institutions
  - potential for innovation
  - sustainability

- qualification of the applicant, i.e.:
  - previous work and publications
  - previous third party and project funding
  - consideration of gender equality aspects
  - support of junior scientists

- necessity of funding

- coherence with the strategic goals of the university
  - interdisciplinarity
  - public image of the university, gain of visibility
  - consideration of Research-Oriented Standards on Gender Equality of the DFG (German research foundation)

Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

In case of external review, funding will only be granted if both reviews are positive.