

## Research funding at a glance

ELFI is an electronic research funding information system with an online database for funding opportunities for all fields of scientific research. ELFI offers exhaustive, timely and comprehensive information on research funding programmes, target dates, funding organizations and application periods. A large variety of funding opportunities from a number of countries including the UK are being collected and displayed.

The decline of public funding and ever increasing competitive pressure makes the search for external funding ever more crucial for all research institutions. It is exceedingly time-consuming and work-intensive to filter the vast quantity of information for funding programmes suitable to specific research. The ELFI database offers a prime solution: It deploys the newest autonomous agent technologies to scan websites for relevant information on research funding. With this technology, ELFI keeps track of more than 30,000 internet documents. New programmes as well as changes to existing ones can thus promptly be fed into the database.

An individualised profile technology enables the clear and distinct display of more than 13,000 funding programmes: From the vast number of programmes it filters those that fit the profile of each individual user. As an ELFI customer you secure an enormous advance in knowledge in the competition for ever declining sources of funding.

With our new software the possible applications have been enhanced even further, now also giving you numerous options for

in-house communication. The ability to set different profiles for the various users of your organisation results in a number of exciting possibilities. Access to student scholarships remains free of charge.

ELFI was founded in 1996 (with the help of the DFN Foundation) at the Ruhr University Bochum. After a project stage and an interim period as part of the university business incubator NOVATEC GmbH, ELFI was taken over by its employees and transformed into a private business.

Our database licence is valid for 12 months for all members of your institution. Of course, you can also arrange for a trial account to test our service. More information on this can be found on our homepage: [www.elfi.info/e\\_index.php](http://www.elfi.info/e_index.php)

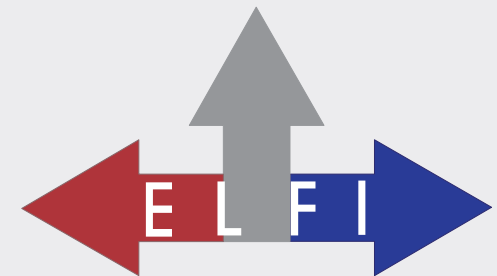
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## ELectronic Research Funding Information System



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Fast, Accurate, Complete Information  
on all current Funding Resources

## ELFI offers you:

- ▶ national and international sponsors and funding programmes
- ▶ more than 13,000 funding programmes from about 5,400 national and international sponsors
- ▶ programmes from 260 research fields and 37 interdisciplinary topics
- ▶ description of the funding opportunity
- ▶ target dates
- ▶ information on funding volume
- ▶ contact information
- ▶ link to tender documents, instructions and forms
- ▶ continuous updates
- ▶ individual user profiles based on personal research interests
- ▶ selection of specific types of funding (e.g. projects, awards, travel subsidies, etc.)
- ▶ target date calendar

## Our Service – Your Benefits

ELFI collects and structures information on funding opportunities for research. Information from a variety of sources is collected, curated and fed into an online database. It offers information on a variety of different types of funding, e.g. projects, grants, awards and other opportunities for external funding.

The structure of the database enables direct access to relevant information based on your individual research profile. You quickly and comfortably gain an overview of all funding activities in your speciality. Our services thus help to prepare your research proposal effectively.

The screenshot shows the ELFI website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with options: 'Funding programmes', 'Target dates', and 'Dossiers'. A search bar is located on the right with the text 'Enter search term...' and a 'Search' button. Below the navigation, there are tabs for 'General programmes' and 'Specific programmes'. The main content area is titled 'Funding programmes to subcategories of Natural Sciences'. It shows a list of funding opportunities with columns for 'Sponsors', 'Name', and 'Target date'. The list includes entries from the Royal Geographical Society, BSG - British Society for Geomorphology, and Nobel Foundation. The 'Natural Sciences' category is selected in the left sidebar, showing 36/212 items.

Sponsors	Name	Target date
Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)	Royal Geographical Society - Neville Shulman Challenge Award	open
BSG - British Society for Geomorphology	BSG - Postgraduate Conference Attendance Grants	open
BSG - British Society for Geomorphology	BSG - Postgraduate Research Grant	open
BSG - British Society for Geomorphology	BSG - Geomorphological Outreach Grant	open
Nobel Foundation	Nobel Foundation - Nobel Prize in Chemistry	open
Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn	International Max Planck Research School (IMPRS) for Moduli Spaces and their Applications in Algebra, Differential Geometry and Mathematical Physics at the University of Bonn	open
Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)	Royal Geographical Society - Land Rover Bursary	open
Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)	Royal Geographical Society - Field Centre Grants	open
Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)	Royal Geographical Society - Geographical Fieldwork Grants	open

View of programmes belonging to a selected field of research.