**Please also refer to the general information and selection criteria for KIT Future Fields**

Objectives and Description of Stage 1: Generating Ideas

In Stage 1 of the university of excellence measure *KIT Future Fields* scientists and groups of scientists receive funds for generating and mapping out ideas regarding promising future research topics. Funding is provided in particular for highly innovative, complex and high-risk research ideas with pioneering character as well as initiatives that often operate at the interface between disciplines and require collaborative research efforts.

Scientists at KIT can apply for up to 10,000 EUR per initiative for workshops to identify future research topics, foresight conferences or foresight projects (possibly involving external scientists)*. There is no restriction whatsoever regarding the research topics that can be applied for, so that no strong link to the three fields of the KIT mission, energy, mobility, and information, is required. This procedure in Stage 1 is intended to ensure that the potential of promising research ideas can be explored without a too strict and early preselection. In their proposed initiatives, scientists can rely on proven existing connections between researchers or initiate new collaborations, for example, via the KIT Centers or the KIT Kompetenzpool.

After passing through Stage 1, researchers should be able to understand their research idea more precisely and assess whether and how it will be pursued further. Accordingly, after completion of Stage 1, a follow-up proposal can be submitted for Stage 2 for a pilot project, or another route can be taken for the research topic.

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Proposals for Stage 1 (English or German) must be submitted by email to DE Forschungsförderung on time (contact: Dr. Doris Lechner, doris.lechner@kit.edu).

Calls for Stage 1 are usually issued on a bi-annual basis. The next call is anticipated with a February 2021 deadline for proposals.

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* External scientists can be involved, but funds cannot be transferred to external cooperation partners.
Proposal for *KIT Future Fields*, Stage 1: Generating Ideas

>Title of activity*

_Total of requested funds (max. EUR 10,000)_

[total in T€]

_Applicant_

[title, surname, first name]

[institution]

_Date:_  ____________________________

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Doris Lechner, doris.lechner@kit.edu, extension 46110, or Dr. Eva Reussner, eva.reussner@kit.edu, extension 48242.
Description of the activity

Please outline your planned activity on a maximum of two pages regarding the following points (please retain given order and subheadings):

1. Planned format (workshop, conference, foresight-project etc.)

2. Scientific motivation / research idea as well as strategic objectives of the funding applied for; please also describe here in what way your planned activity has a pioneering character

3. Planned funding period (duration and date)

4. Requested funds (subdivided into funds requested for staff, direct costs and instrumentation) and schedule of planned use of funds (e.g., schedule subdivided by months or quarters); if applicable, origin, amount, and state (requested, granted) of co-financing

5. Implementation plan/milestones

6. Current plans for researchers (and institutions) to be included (substantial part should be located at KIT), possibly also a summary of individual or joint preliminary work in the planned field of research

7. Funds from the university of excellence funding must not replace other sources of third-party funding (subordinate funding). Where have proposals for this activity already been submitted to?