**Proposal for the RIE Research Project**

Please send your full proposal, the completed financial plan and the letters of support from the university and the development organisation to [RIE-fund@DEval.org](mailto:RIE-fund@deval.org) by 30 November 2022.

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| **Funding programme:** | Funding of rigorous impact evaluations (RIEs) within the framework of DEval's pilot funding programme for RIE. |

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| **General information** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Provisional title for RIE research project *(max. 140 characters)* | | | Please enter | | | | | | | | |
| Institution submitting the proposal | | | Please enter | | | | | | | | |
| Chair/organisational unit | | | Please enter | | | | | | | | |
| Person responsible for project | | | Please indicate first and last name | | | | | | | | |
| Contact details (email, phone number) | | | Please enter | | | | | | | | |
| Other persons who are part of the evaluation team (name + contact details) | | | Please enter | | | | | | | | |
| Proposed funding period for RIE research project: | | from: specify date  to: specify date | |  | | | | | | | |
| Proposed funding amount:  Note: This amount should be identical to the amount calculated in the financing plan | | Please enter | |  | | | | | | | |
| Title of development project (identical to project description), *if applicable* | | Please enter | | | | | | | | | |
| Project country | | Please enter country | | Project region | | | | Please enter | | | |
| Sector | | Please enter | | Implementation period (development project) | | | | Please enter | | | |
| Development organisation | | Name of institution | | Person responsible for project | | | |  | | | |
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| Partner organisation(s) of the development organisation | | Please enter | | Please enter | | | | Please enter | | | |
| Other cooperation partners in the project country | | Please enter | | Please enter | | | | Please enter | | | |
| Are you already receiving funding from another funding organisation and/or have you submitted a similar proposal to such an organisation? | | | | | | | | yes ☐ | | no ☐ | |
| If so, which organisation? | | | Please enter | | | | | | | | |
| **Forwarding the grant** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Do you plan to forward **the grant**?  If so/if you already have such plans, please provide details, explain the reasons why (see funding framework) and name the final recipient. | | | | | | yes ☐ | yes ☐  but final recipient not known | | | | no ☐ |
| Reasons why: | Please enter | | | | | | | | | | |
| Final recipient | Name of institution | | | | Name of person responsible for the project | | | | Please enter country | | |
| **Consortium** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Are you applying as lead of a consortium | | | | | | | | yes ☐ | | no ☐ | |
| Please add each member of the consortium together with the address, country and the responsible person of this institution | | | Consortium Member 1 (Lead): The Institution submitting this proposal  Consortium Member 2: Name of Institution Address and country Name of person responsible for the project  Consortium Member 3: Name of Institution Address and country Name of person responsible for the project  Consortium Member 4: Name of Institution Address and country Name of person responsible for the project | | | | | | | | |
| Please add a financial plan for every member of the consortium to the annexes. | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **Abstract describing your RIE research project** |
| Please briefly describe your planned research project. Please also outline the objectives of the research project *(max. 300 words).* |
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| **Detailed description of your RIE research project** |

**Criterion 1: Relevance to development-policy goals**

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| 1. **Relevance to development-policy goals** |
| Please address the following question:   * To what extent will the RIE research project address a relevant development issue (relevant to development-policy goals of the partner country and relevant to Germany's development cooperation portfolio and its development-policy strategy)?   *(max. 600 words).* |
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**Criterion 2: Quality of the project**

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| 1. **Scientific quality and relevance** |
| Please address the following questions:   * What scientific question(s) will the RIE research project address? * How will the proposed RIE research project help to close technical and/or methodological knowledge gaps? * What interventions are planned? * Which methods do you plan to use (please select from the list) and how do you plan to implement them (including frequency of data collection)?   + Randomized control trial   + Differences in differences   + Regression discontinuity design   + Instrumental variables   + Propensity score matching   + Other matching   + Any others (please define) * At what unit/level will randomisation take place (if applicable)? * Please describe the treatment group(s) (including sample size) of the evaluation, and indicate which interventions each of them will receive. * Please describe the control group (including sample size) and explain what interventions they will receive, if any. * Please describe the primary outcomes that will be measured to determine the impact. * Please describe succinctly how the evaluation design will detect a causal relationship between the main interventions described and the primary endpoints.   *(max. 1,200 words)* |
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| 1. **Feasibility and efficiency** |
| *Please complete the Excel spreadsheet for the financing plan (attachment no. 3) and attach it to your proposal.*  Please address the following questions:   * Provide details on items of income and/or expenditure in the financing plan, to the extent needed in order to understand the plan * Please indicate, broken down by budget year and cost type (staff/material costs), what own financial contribution you are planning for the project.   *(max. 300 words)* |
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| **Time frame and description of activities**  Please visualise the activities in the timetable below at a high level of aggregation (e.g. one line per data collection activity). Mark or colour the quarters during which an activity will take place. You can also select several quarters.  Please describe the planned activities in your research project (please also note the information under the heading 'Eligible interventions' in the funding information), and explain the necessary expenditure on materials and human resources. *(Please describe the interventions briefly and concisely.)*  Please insert new rows in the table for further planned interventions. |
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| 1. **Qualifications of the team** |
| Please address the following questions:   * What professional, methodological and regional expertise will the team bring to the table that is relevant to the research project? * Please specify some examples of the team members' previous work (including list of last five publications by the participating scientists that are the most relevant to the project).   *(You can submit CVs, please briefly highlight the most relevant points here.)*  *(max. 400 words)* |
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**Criterion 3: Benefits and partner-orientation**

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| 1. **Use of results** |
| Please address the following questions:   * What added value/benefits will the project deliver? * What can be learned from the evaluation? What insight can be generated already during the evaluation? * What activities have you planned to help make the (interim) results and findings usable?   + for the evaluated development cooperation project   + for the implementing organisation   + for the project partners   + (for the sector dialogue) in development cooperation as a whole * Please also indicate when the findings will be used   + during the course of the RIE research project   + immediately following the RIE research project   + beyond the RIE research project.   *(max. 800 words)* |
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| 1. **Partner involvement** |
| Please address the following questions:   * Will scientific partners from the Global South be involved in the project, and if so, how? * Are positive effects to be expected with regard to Evaluation Capacity Development (ECD)? * How will the development cooperation project partners be involved in the evaluation?   *(max. 400 words)* |
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**Further questions**

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| 1. **Risks and research ethics** |
| Risks:   * If applicable, please describe possible (logistical or political) obstacles and risks for the success of the project as a whole, and how you will deal with them.   Research ethics:   * How will you incorporate the principles of do no harm? * How will human rights principles be implemented in the research process? * How will you ensure compliance with research ethics and evaluation standards? * What research ethics requirements would apply to you in the partner country, and how will you implement them?   (max. 400 words) |
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**Miscellaneous**

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| 1. **Other information** |
| **Handling of the research data generated by the RIE research project:**  Please enclose a research data management plan. This should contain all the basic information on data collection, storage, documentation and archiving, as well as on the expected use for secondary analytical purposes. Please also include statements on the legal compliance of data use (concerning protection of the privacy rights of all participants, compliance with data protection law and ethical requirements, and the safeguarding of copyright claims). The following information published by the DFG ([forschungsdaten\_checkliste\_en.pdf (dfg.de)](https://www.dfg.de/download/pdf/foerderung/grundlagen_dfg_foerderung/forschungsdaten/forschungsdaten_checkliste_en.pdf)) provides guidance on this.  The research project should make it possible for other researchers to use the research data with as little effort as possible (e.g. by making anonymised data available in relevant repositories). It should aim to document the research process and the research data as transparently as possible using platforms such as the Open Science Framework. |
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| Confirmation by the lead applicant(s) submitting the proposal.  If the proposal is approved for funding, DEval's involvement must be made visible.  The information contained in this proposal is true and complete. Knowingly incorrect statements will result in the entire funding amount being reclaimed.  I/We have noted that if the proposal is rejected, DEval will destroy the application in accordance with privacy laws. DEval will delete the data when once it is no longer required for the purposes it is pursuing, and no other legal grounds, in particular legal or contractual retention periods, apply. |
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**Annexes**

* **Annex 1**: Unterstützungsschreiben EZ-Organisation (Letter of support; only available in German)
* **Annex 2**: Befürwortung der Hochschul- Forschungseinrichtung (Endorsement of the university administration; only available in German)
* **Annex 3**: Finanzplan (Funding plan; only available in German)
* **Annex 4**: Vollmacht Projektassistenz (Power of attorney project assistant; only available in German)
* **When transfering funds to a third party**: project description and funding plan of the recipient(s) of the transfer (*Please use your own templates and for the financial plan the one provided by us*)
* **When applying as a consortium:** funding plan of the recipient(s) of the transfer (*Please use the template provided for the financial plan*)