

Transfer BONUS

Transferring technology and knowledge from academia to business

Who is eligible for support?

The Transfer BONUS support programme is designed for technology-orientated small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) or non-technology orientated SMEs whose project has a strong technological orientation who:

- have their registered office (or at least one legally independent facility) in Berlin and
- meet the support criteria laid down in the current guidelines of the Federal State of Berlin.

What is supported?

Support is available for contracts to scientific institutes in Berlin or Brandenburg in the field of technology and knowledge transfer,

- that involve a project in applied research and development,
- that have a project goal or project contents that do not belong to the standard offered by commercial service providers,
- where the technical implementation of the project is ensured, and
- an own financing share is ensured.

Support can be granted as follows:

First-time variant:

- Support is available to cover expenditure which is spent on external scientific activities prior to the development of a new or modified product, a new or modified service or a process innovation and which is incurred in conjunction with concrete first-time collaboration between the company and a scientific institute.
- The term of the project should not exceed six months.

Standard variant:

- Support is available to cover expenditure on external research and development activities related to planning, development and implementation when such activities are geared towards developing new or modified products, services and production processes to market or production maturity.
- The standard variant can also be applied for after the first-time variant was already applied for in conjunction with a previous, independent project.
- The term of the project should not exceed six months.

Standard variant – digitalisation:

- Support is available to cover expenditure on external research and development activities related to planning, development and implementation when such activities are geared towards designing new or modified products, services and production processes in the field of digitalisation (suppliers) and/or to implement such products internally (users).
- The term of the project should not exceed 12 months.
- Following examination of the suitability of the project for support, a project meeting is held with IBB Business Team GmbH.

What kind of support is available?

First-time variant

- Contract volume supported to 100 %, however, no more than EUR 3,000
- This variant is valid just once and solely for companies that have not yet conducted funded project-based collaboration with scientific institutes, e.g. via Pro FIT (programme to promote research, innovation and technologies) or any other federal or federal-state programme.

Standard variant

- Contract volume supported to 70 %, EUR 15,000 max.
- This support can be applied for a maximum of three times (including one digitalisation project) over a period of three consecutive years for projects that have clearly distinguishable contents.

Standard digitalisation variant

- Contract volume supported to 70 %, EUR 45,000 max.
- The standard digitalisation variant can be applied for once only.

Other important details?

- If the applicant is a legal entity, they are required under No. 1.5 of the Implementation Regulation for section 44 of the Federal Land Budget Code [Nr. 1.5 AV § 44 LHO] to first register in the transparency database of the Federal State of Berlin before submitting their application.
- The rules of de-minimis support must be observed.
- Support is only available to cover the work performed by the scientific institute within the scope of the corresponding offer.
- The project may not commence until after approval has been granted by IBB Business Team GmbH. The signing of a related R&D contract or acceptance of the offer by the scientific institute already constitutes commencement.
- The current rules of the common task “improvement of the regional economic structure” (GRW) related to activities eligible for support are applicable.
- Invoices related to the project must be settled using non-cash methods or payments must be made using non-cash methods and the related documents (e.g. bank statements) must be kept as proof of payment.
- Applicants have no legal claim for support.

How to apply

Please submit your application using the online application system available on the website:

www.transferbonus.de/foerderung/antrag-stellen. Further information can also be found at: www.transferbonus.de.

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