



**SPECIAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR
EIRENE
A MAX PLANCK-UKRAINE COOPERATION & MOBILITY GRANT**

DEADLINE: 15 JUNE 2022

1. General

The EIRENE Max Planck-Ukraine Cooperation & Mobility Grant is a package consisting of a Cooperation Grant and a Mobility Grant. EIRENE can be applied for jointly by outstanding Ukrainian early career researchers and either Directors of Max Planck Institutes (MPI) or Research Group Leaders of MPI (Research Group Leaders require a letter of support from a MPI Director). The Ukrainian researchers must be based at a research institution / university in his/her home country.

2. Qualification

EIRENE Grants are directed at researchers who should not have obtained their doctorate longer than four years ago (medicine: six years) and who are already able to demonstrate a recognisable scientific profile. The grant enables project collaboration in research areas that are innovative and scientifically promising. They are intended to support Ukrainian researchers in initiating high-level collaboration with MPI.

3. Funding

EIRENE Grants are funded for a maximum of 3 years. The funds are provided to the MPI which in turn manages them and disburses them flexibly to the Ukrainian Principal Investigator according to the budget plan. (Also see Section 5, Options After Second Year).

Funding consists of the following two instalments:

- 1) € 15.000 p.a. (plus any applicable value added tax (VAT) accrued in Germany¹) as a Cooperation Grant. These funds can, for example, be used to cover expenses for workshops, salaries of PhD students and postdocs, as well as consumables, instrumentation and smaller equipment. Salaries of the Principal Investigator and possible overhead costs incurred by the host institution cannot be covered.
- 2) € 5.000 for the Mobility Grant. These funds can solely be used by the host MPI to cover the expenses of the Principal Investigator for an annual (minimum) one month research stay to the MPI (international flight and local travel in Germany, accommodation, per diem). If the Principal Investigator chooses not to visit the MPI these funds will be forfeited. (See below section 5.).

¹ If the €15k or part of the €15k are transferred abroad, they become subject to value added tax in Germany. VAT is paid by the MPI to the tax office.

4. Contractual Arrangements

EIRENE Grants are governed by a bilateral agreement between the MPI and the host institution abroad. Templates are provided through MPG Headquarters.

5. Options After Second Year

At the end of the second year of the collaboration the Director of the MPI can decide on the following two options together with the Ukrainian Principal Investigator:

- 1) Continue with the project for the third and final year as planned.
- 2) Nomination for a Max Planck Partner Group: The Director of the host MPI may nominate the Ukrainian Principal Investigator for a Max Planck Partner Group. In this case the MPI Director will submit a nomination according to the standard procedure for Max Planck Partner Groups. If successful the five-year funding for the Max Planck Partner Group will substitute the EIRENE Grant which will terminate. Unspent funds from the EIRENE Grant will be reimbursed to MPG Headquarters. In order to be eligible to apply for a Max Planck Partner Group the Principal Investigator from Ukraine must have spent minimum 2 months at the host MPI. In case the nomination for a Max Planck Partner Group is not successful the EIRENE Grant may continue for the third and final year.

6. Application Modalities

The joint application for an EIRENE Grant is sent by the Director of the MPI to the President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. (Researchers from Ukraine are recommended to pro-actively contact a Director of a suitable Max Planck Institute). The program for EIRENE Grants is open to all MPI with the exception of the IPP.

Application documents are to be sent electronically (only) to: Ms Friederike Nolte (Nolte@gv.mpg.de) at MPG Headquarters. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS 15 JUNE 2022. For any questions please also contact Ms Friederike Nolte via e-mail or phone: 089-21081271.

7. Documents to be submitted

The following documents should be submitted:

1. Cover Page (see template)
2. Letter of reference for the candidate from the Director of MPI addressed to the President of the Max Planck Society
3. Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
4. List of publications (max. 2 pages)
5. Short project description and planned research activities and the expected added value of the collaboration (1 page)
6. Draft budget for three years (see template)
7. Questionnaire Export Control Evaluation (will be provided only to MPI Directors)

1. COVER PAGE

**APPLICATION FOR
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Principal Investigator from Ukraine

Name	Institution and Department	Address and e-mail

Project Title of collaboration:

Field of research:

Key words:

Brief summary describing research activities and objectives (max 80 words):

Director of Max Planck Institute:

Name	Institution and Department	Address and e-mail

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Date

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Signature Director of Max Planck Institute

2. BUDGET FOR THREE YEARS OF OPERATIONS

Annual Budget	MPG	MPG	MPG
	Year 1 €	Year 2 €	Year 3 €
Cooperation Grant	15.000¹	15.000¹	15.000¹
Research Manpower ² :			
PhD students			
Postdoctoral students			
Student labour			
Operating costs ³			
Hospitality			
Total Expenses			

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²Salary for the PI cannot be covered.

³Consumables, instrumentation, minor equipment, office expenses, books and publications, computer time and services, laboratory supplies, spare parts, maintenance, installations.

Annual Budget	MPG	MPG	MPG
	Year 1 €	Year 2 €	Year 3 €
Mobility Grant	5.000	5.000	5.000
Internat. flight			
Local travel in Germany			
Accommodation			
Per diem			
Total Expenses			