

# Catalyst: Seeding

April 2019 Guidelines

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### Note

- Please note that this document will be released three times a year: January, April and July.
- Specific programme information is updated at each call release.
- Application templates are available for downloading via the Catalyst: Portal, please contact your Research Office for a URL Link to the Catalyst: Portal.





# Version History

Version Date Change			
11.0	January 2019	Incorporating previous changes to 2016, 2017 and 2018 versions	
	April 2019	<ul> <li>New Zealand - Germany Science &amp; Technology Programme</li> <li>Maximum funding available increased to NZ\$80,000 in total per proposal</li> <li>Applications must be broadly aligned to Climate Change (for more information, see specific programme requirements).</li> <li>Funding up to NZ\$240,000 has been allocated to support the New Zealand – Germany Science &amp; Technology Programme in the 2019 funding round.</li> </ul>	14

# Background

International science and innovation connectivity provides an opportunity to drive increasing excellence and the potential for impact of New Zealand science.

The Catalyst Fund supports activities that initiate, develop and foster collaborations leveraging international science and innovation for New Zealand's benefit. Taking a multi-institutional approach is an important element of creating benefit for New Zealand and meeting the aims of the Catalyst Fund. The Catalyst Fund is delivered through four instruments: Influence, Leaders, Seeding and Strategic.

On behalf of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), the Royal Society Te Apārangi (the Society) administers Catalyst: Seeding.

## Objectives

Catalyst: Seeding facilitates new small and medium pre-research strategic partnerships <u>that cannot be</u> <u>supported through other means</u>, and with a view to developing full collaborations that could be supported through Catalyst: Strategic over time.

The objectives of Catalyst: Seeding are:

- To enhance knowledge creation in New Zealand by linking with world-class international research groups, infrastructure and initiatives.
- To create enduring international science partnerships for New Zealand by providing multiple scale pre-research collaboration and a line of sight through to the Catalyst: Strategic Fund.

A total of \$2.0 million (GST exclusive) is available for investment through Catalyst: Seeding in the 2018/2019 financial year.

## Catalyst: Seeding Programmes open (April 2019)

- General
- New Zealand Germany Science & Technology Programme

## Contact

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# **Funding Opportunities**

Catalyst: Seeding provides funding for a number of pre-existing and new sub-programme calls, which support its objectives and the outcomes of the Catalyst Fund. An overview of included programmes and key dates are given in the tables below.

Call	Open Date	Close Date	Programmes
JANUARY	24 January 2019	18 April 2019	• General
APRIL	29 April 2019	18 July 2019	<ul> <li>General</li> <li>New Zealand - Germany Science &amp; Technology Programme</li> </ul>
JULY	25 July 2019	17 October 2019	<ul> <li>General</li> <li>New Zealand – Japan Joint Research Projects</li> <li>Dumont d'Urville NZ-France Science &amp; Technology Support Programme</li> </ul>

#### Table 1: Annual Call timeline

Please note: Specific programme information is updated at each call release.

Programme	Partner	Application(s) Required	Allowable expenses	NZ\$ Funding (GST exclusive)
General	International	New Zealand	Travel, research expenses, expenses related to hosting workshops	Up to \$80,000 in total for up to two years
Sub-Programme				
New Zealand – Germany Science & Technology Programme	Germany	New Zealand and Germany	Travel, research expenses, expenses related to hosting workshops	Up to \$80,000 in total for up to two years
Dumont d'Urville NZ-France Science & Technology Support Programme	France	New Zealand and France	Travel, research expenses, expenses related to hosting workshops	Up to \$80,000 in total for up to two years
New Zealand – Japan Joint Research Projects	Japan	New Zealand and Japan	Travel, research expenses, expenses related to hosting meetings	Up to \$30,000 per annum for up to two years

# **Key Definitions**

Applicant means the New Zealand-based research organisation submitting the Catalyst Proposal.

**Call** means the request for proposals for specific Programmes or Sub-Programmes, as outlined in *Table 1: Annual Call timeline*.

**New Zealand Principal Investigator (PI)** means the New Zealand individual nominated by the Applicant, who is responsible for the proposed activity if awarded funding.

**Collaboration Partner** means the international researcher (and New Zealand researcher(s) from organisations other than the Applicant organisation if applicable) collaborating with the Principal Investigator.

**International researcher** means an overseas-based researcher who is not employed by a New Zealand research organisation(s).

**Partner Institution** means the international research organisation (and New Zealand organisation other than the Applicant organisation if applicable) of the Collaboration Partner.

**Programme (or Sub-Programme)** means the individual funding opportunity within Catalyst: Seeding, identified in

Table 2: Catalyst: Seeding Programmes.

Project means the unique research collaboration proposed by the Proposal.

**Project Team** means the Principal Investigator, Collaboration Partner and supporting individuals collectively identified in the Proposal as critical to the success of the Project.

**New Zealand Project Team** means the New Zealand based individuals, including the New Zealand Principal Investigator, identified in the proposal as critical to the success of the Project.

Proposal (or Application) means the application submitted by the Applicant to Catalyst: Seeding.

**Research Organisation** means an organisation that has internal capability to carry out substantive research, science, technology or related activities. Public service departments as listed in <u>Schedule 1</u> of the State Sector Act 1988 are not eligible to apply under the Catalyst Fund.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

- The Proposal must be made by a New Zealand-based research organisation or a New Zealandbased legal entity representing a research organisation, unless otherwise agreed by the Society.
- The New Zealand PI must be employed at a New Zealand research organisation.
- Only one Proposal per Project will be accepted to any single Call, i.e. Applicants must not submit the same Project Proposal to both a Sub-Programme and to a General call. New Zealand Applicants must not submit multiple Proposals to Catalyst: Seeding based on the same Project, where the only difference is in the duration of the proposed Project.
- Should the same New Zealand Project Team decide to submit more than one Project they
  must demonstrate significant differences between those Proposals. If a New Zealand Project
  Team submits multiple Proposals based on the same project, all Proposals for that project will
  be deemed ineligible.
- The Proposal clearly identifies with a research field within research, science and technology.
- Complete Proposals including all supporting documents, must be submitted by 5.00pm (NZST) on the closing date as indicated in <u>Table 1: Annual Call timeline</u>. No late Proposals or supplementary documentation will be accepted.
- For **Sub-Programmes**, in addition to meeting the general eligibility requirements, the Proposal must also meet all specific eligibility criteria, listed in the specific programme requirements at the end of these guidelines.

## Disclaimer

All Programmes are subject to Budget decisions, no particular level of funding is guaranteed and all commitments made or implied in the guidelines are subject to suitable appropriations being made by the New Zealand and, where applicable, partner Governments.

## **Application Guidance**

#### ORCID:

For 2019, there is a facility in the "People" section of the portal for each named investigator to add or create an ORCID ID. An ORCID ID is preferred for all named investigators, but is not mandatory. Please click on the "Create or Connect your ORCID ID" button on the top right of the "Contact Details" section and follow instructions.

#### Refer to section 1 of the Application.

#### **Collaboration Partner**

Only ONE Collaboration Partner per Partner Institution should be entered under section 3. Additional Project Team members (as part of a Catalyst: Seeding application), and their role in the Project, can be entered under the Roles section in the application template (section 13). If the Project involves collaboration with more than one Partner Institution, a Collaboration Partner must be added for each of the Partner Institutions.

#### Fields of Research

Proposals will be considered from **all fields of research, science and technology (including social sciences and the humanities)** unless otherwise specified in the specific Sub-Programme requirements. Refer to **section 4** of the Application.

#### Māori research and innovation

<u>Vision Mātauranga</u> is a MBIE policy that recognises the distinct contribution that Māori knowledge, resources and people can make to research, science and technology. There are four themes: Indigenous innovation, which involves contributing to economic growth through *distinctive research and development*; Taiao, which is concerned with achieving *environmental sustainability* through iwi and hapū relationships with land and sea; Hauora/Oranga, which centres around improving *health and social wellbeing*; Mātauranga, which involves exploring *indigenous* knowledge.

Where research projects are of particular relevance to Māori or involve Māori, the Society expects that:

- Applicants are in consultation with Māori to ensure that the research is well planned.
- Appropriate etiquette is observed when access to Māori sites, culturally sensitive material and knowledge is sought from their owners.
- Māori intellectual and cultural property rights are respected.

Cultural understanding is required to ensure good quality research. As a first step, researchers should seek advice from their institution, many of which have established processes for consultation with Māori.

If unsure or in doubt about the relevance of the proposal for Māori, the researchers should consult their institutional advisor and should spell out their rationale in the relevant section of the form. Please note that there is an opportunity for this section to contribute to the overall research excellence of the proposal and the assessment panel will assess it in this context.

For more information, please refer to the following website:

https://www.mbie.govt.nz/science-and-technology/science-and-innovation/agencies-policies-and-budgetinitiatives/vision-matauranga-policy/

Refer to **section 6** of the Application.

## Selection Criteria

The assessment of applications by the Society will be through a review process involving assessment panel(s) constituted from outside of the Society. Refer to the section <u>Assessment of Applications</u> for more information.

The review process will consider proposals against the following assessment criteria:

#### Criterion 1: Enduring collaboration (weight in assessment 30%)

#### Will the proposed activity establish an enduring collaboration with world class international Partners?

- Track record of the New Zealand PI and Collaboration Partner (relative to opportunity).
- Clearly demonstrated excellence of the Partner Institution(s).
- Potential of the collaboration to create an enduring partnership.
- Ability of the Project Team to deliver on proposed activities.

Refer to **section 9** of the Application.

#### Criterion 2: Novel knowledge and partnership (weight in assessment 40%)

#### Will the activity lead to the creation of new knowledge and a novel research partnership?

- How the Collaboration Partner will bring world-leading knowledge that complements the New Zealand Project Team members' skills and knowledge.
- How the proposed collaboration will support a new partnership or a new research focus for an established collaboration.

Refer to **section 10** of the Application.

#### Criterion 3: Strategic benefits (weight in assessment 30%)

#### Will the activity lead to a collaboration of strategic benefit to New Zealand?

- Ability to leverage international investment, facilities and infrastructure not available in New Zealand.
- Clearly demonstrated pathway to build a substantive collaboration beyond an initial engagement that is in line with New Zealand's science priorities.
- Ability of Project Team to use the partnership to initiate links with relevant New Zealand research capabilities beyond the participating institutions.

Refer to **section 11** of the Application.

When assessing the Proposals against the assessment criteria, the assessment panel(s) may also take the following factors into account, including the extent to which the overall mix of investments:

- is likely to achieve the outcomes of the Catalyst Fund and objectives of Catalyst: Seeding;
- is likely to unlock the science and innovation potential of Māori knowledge, resources, and people for the benefit of New Zealand in accordance with the aim of the Vision Mātauranga policy (see previous section);

- will ensure that funding is not concurrently provided in respect of any two or more Programmes of research, science, technology or related activities that are the same or similar (whether those Proposals are part of a new Proposal, or are already being funded); and
- will minimise the risk that an Applicant will not be able to undertake the relevant programme of research, science or technology, or related activities because the Principal Investigator, or any person involved in delivering the project, would concurrently be committed to one or more other programmes (whether those Proposals are part of a new Proposal, or are already being funded).

#### Project Team and Roles

Proposals are required to identify the roles of the Project Team members.

**Roles:** The contribution that each team member will make to the proposed research. If un-named personnel are included in the Proposal (e.g. technicians, students, post-doctoral fellows, etc.) please indicate role, what skills are being sought, and what steps will need to be taken to fill these positions. Refer to **section 13** of the Application.

#### Other funding sources

Applicants are required to identify all other funding sources. The activity must not previously have been funded from another source. It must not form an integral part of a MBIE, Marsden Fund, or Health Research Council-funded project.

Refer to the **Budget** section of the Application.

## **Application Process**

Make sure that you are familiar with any specific Programme requirements (e.g. priority research areas, bilateral partner applications etc.), which are outlined at the end of these guidelines. See also *Assessment of Applications*.

#### Submitting an Application

All Proposals must be submitted on the Catalyst: Portal. A link to the Portal will be made available through your research office. Please contact the Society if your organisation has not received a link by using the email address below:

#### International.Applications@royalsociety.org.nz

For additional help on how to use the portal and fill out your application, please refer to the Catalyst Portal Instructions available for download via the Catalyst Portal.

Receipt of all Applications will be acknowledged by email.

Information provided by Applicants will be administered in accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act 1993.

**Please note:** For Proposals submitted to a Sub-Programme, the Collaboration Partner <u>must</u> <u>additionally submit an application to the respective bilateral partner administrator</u>, in agreement with their published guidelines, for the New Zealand application to be considered eligible.

#### Application Format

Please follow the instructions provided on the template(s), keeping to the space requirements.

- Proposals and any supporting documents submitted to the Society must be typed in English, unless prior approval by the Society has been granted.
- Applications must be fully self-supporting.
- Digital signatures are accepted.

• Cited references may be included as part of the application form(s) in the relevant sections. These can be inserted wherever appropriate as referenced footnotes (reduced to font size 10 if necessary), but please be aware the page limit does still apply.

#### Supporting Documents Required

- Letter of support from the New Zealand institution.
- CVs (only one per Institution) of the New Zealand Principal Investigator and Collaboration Partner(s) (New Zealand RS&T CV template section 1 to 2b and including list of previous grants and outcomes of these). Please highlight in yellow a maximum of 5 publications with the highest relevance to the proposed project under section 2a.
- New Zealand host declaration (including statement agreeing to commit staff time and other resources to the project).
- Letter of support from the overseas Partner institution(s), agreeing to commit staff time and other resources to the project.
- Budget, including co-funding/in kind support.

## Assessment of Applications

The Society will appoint an independent assessment panel(s), which will review all eligible Proposals submitted in the same call. All Proposals to Catalyst: Seeding will be reviewed together. The number of awards for each Catalyst: Seeding sub-programme is determined by the funding allocated to the sub-programme as specified in the Open Programme Requirements. The final decision on which Proposals will be funded lies with the Society. In making its decisions, the Society will take into account recommendations made by the assessment panel(s). The Society may also take into account the total investment across Catalyst: Seeding to ensure it is a balanced portfolio across both research fields and country relationships supported, while still ensuring quality.

This means, for example, ensuring that:

- the Society is not over-investing in collaborations with one country or topic area to the neglect of others;
- funding is balanced across longer- and shorter-term projects;
- funding is not disproportionately invested in either research with short-term impact horizon versus research with a long-term impact horizon; and
- joint decision making with bilateral partners is enabled.

Please note that panel members are drawn from across the New Zealand research community, and Applicants are advised to write Proposals to a research literate audience. Panellists will represent appropriate disciplines and sectors. The Society recommends that Applicants write in plain English and avoid using jargon, as panellists from outside the Proposal subject area will inevitably also be reviewing their Proposal. All applications should be written in a clear, concise manner with sufficient detail to enable the assessment panel to fully appraise the scope and implications of the Proposal.

The panel(s) will score and rank Proposals from all Programmes together in accordance with the published selection criteria above.

For Sub-Programmes, the partner country will carry out an independent assessment of the applications submitted in the respective country. Subsequently, the Society and the bilateral partner will carry out a joint review to determine the collaborations that will be supported. Awarded Proposals are based on the result of the joint decision making with bilateral partners.

MBIE reserves the right to nominate one assessment panel member.

The funding decision is final and is not open to discussion or appeal. However, a decision not to fund does not preclude re-application in a later round.

## Notification

The Society expects to notify Applicants of the outcome of their Proposal by email through the institutional Research Coordinator:

- General Programme 7 weeks after the close of applications
- Sub-Programmes up to 18 weeks after the close of applications

Please note that the notification time could be extended for Sub-Programmes where bilateral decision making processes with international agencies are involved.

# The successful Applicant will have one month from the date of notification in which to accept the award, following which the offer will be withdrawn.

#### Feedback

Because of the large number of Proposals received, the Society is unable to provide specific feedback to Applicants about individual Proposals.

### Successful Grants

#### Conditions of Contract

In making its investment decisions, the Society may also:

- set pre-contract conditions which must be met before the investment is contracted;
- set special conditions in addition to the general terms and conditions set out in these guidelines.
- assess the appropriateness of the budget submitted with the Proposal;
- ensure that that the appropriate ethics approval has been given for specific collaborative Projects involving research on animals or humans.

If a Proposal is successful, a contract will only be entered into with a single institution. The contract will specify:

- that references to the Project (including publications) acknowledge the provision of funding using the phrase: "Catalyst: Seeding funding is provided by the New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and administered by the Royal Society Te Apārangi" or similar wording;
- that the Society (on behalf of MBIE), is one contracting party;
- that the New Zealand Research Organisation will be the other contracting party;
- that the Society will require a report on the agreed activity from the New Zealand Research Organisation;
- that the report may be made available to the public or otherwise as the Society sees fit;
- that all other funding sources relating to the activity have been identified; and
- the Society retain the right to audit expenditure and the outputs produced by the funded activity; and in the event that a dispute cannot be resolved the parties agree to submit the matter for resolution to a mutually agreed neutral party whose decision shall be final and binding.

#### Contract Timeframes

Please refer to timeframes for each Sub-Programme in the relevant specific Programme requirements at the end of these guidelines.

#### **Reporting**

Annual activity reports must be submitted to the Society by the New Zealand Research Organisation, with the final report due one month after the completion of the project. The reports must account for the progress made on the annual milestone activities identified in the Proposal, and must be submitted on the template available on the Society website.

Payment is dependent on the report meeting the quality criteria identified in the Conditions of Contract. The quality criteria include submission of the report(s) by the specified date, clarity of the report, and proof that the activity has achieved the contracted deliverables and met the objectives of the Programme.

 The reporting requirements and templates are available for downloading <u>https://royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/catalyst-fund/information-for-catalyst-grant-recipients/contract-reporting</u>

Activity Reports are to be submitted via email to Society Research Funding (International) team at: International.Applications@royalsociety.org.nz.

Unless otherwise specified by the Applicant the report may be disseminated as public information. All Activity Reports provided to the Society may be shared with MBIE, and bilateral partners where relevant.

#### Reporting Requirements

All Programmes				
Contract Type	Contracted Activity must be complete	Activity Report required	Total Contract period	
One-Year	12 months after Contract Starting Date	A final report, due 1 month after Activity completed	13 months from Contract Starting Date	
Two-Year	24 months after Contract Starting Date	A progress report due after 12 months, and a final report due after 25 months.	25 months from Contract Starting Date	

#### **Variations**

Contract variations (including change of personnel, extensions, etc.) will be considered only in exceptional circumstances.

Requests must be addressed to the Director – Research Funding, sent from the institutional Research Coordinator, justified in writing and are subject to approval by the Society.

# Specific Programme Requirements

# Catalyst: Seeding General - [OPEN]

Specific Programme requirements:

#### Background

The Catalyst Fund supports activities that initiate, develop and foster collaborations leveraging international science and innovation for New Zealand's benefit. Catalyst: Seeding supports new small and medium pre-research strategic partnerships that cannot be supported through other means, and with a view to developing full collaborations that could be supported through Catalyst: Strategic Fund.

#### Objective

The objectives of Catalyst: Seeding General are to enhance knowledge creation in New Zealand by linking with world-class international research groups, infrastructure and initiatives, and to create enduring international science partnerships for New Zealand by providing multiple scale pre-research collaboration and a line of sight through to Catalyst: Strategic.

#### International Partner

• Proposals can be submitted for research collaborations with international partners from any country.

#### Funding

• A maximum of NZ\$80,000 (excl. GST) in total is available per Proposal for projects lasting up to two years.

#### Allowable Expenses

Expenses allowed under this Programme include the following, in connection with the Project:

#### Expenses for Research Exchanges

Travel is expected to be an integral part of the Project. Expenses for flights at the lowest possible rate, accommodation, visa, travel insurance, ground transport, and meal expenses are permitted and should be based on the rules of the institution with which the individual undertaking the activity is affiliated. Research exchanges can involve both staff and PhDs.

#### Expenses for holding symposiums, seminars and meetings

Expenses related to organising symposiums, hosting workshops and similar events are permitted (for example, consumables, printing and binding expenses, honoraria, transportation and telecommunications fees, meeting fees (excluding expenses for alcoholic beverages)).

#### Expenses for research activities

Expenses for consumables and other research expenses.

#### Expenses not covered

Funding for overheads, salaries, equipment purchase and depreciation, student fees, scholarships, or conference fees are not supported under this Programme.

#### Fields of Research

Proposals will be considered from all fields of research, science and technology (including social sciences and the humanities).

#### **Contract Timeframes**

The earliest start date for Projects funded under the General Programme is **8 weeks** after the close of applications.

Contracts Initiated	Required Starting Date	Contracted Activity must be complete	Activity Report(s) required
No later than 8 weeks after close of Call	No later than 12 months after Application Closing Date	24 months after Contract Starting Date	Annually

# New Zealand – Germany Science & Technology Programme - [OPEN]

#### Specific Sub-Programme requirements:

#### **Background**

In February 2019 the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), together with the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) and the New Zealand Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment agreed the terms of a travel grant scheme to promote and support scientific and technological cooperation between New Zealand and German researchers in the public, non-government and private sectors in the field of climate change research. The New Zealand - Germany Science and Technology Programme is a Sub-Programme of Catalyst: Seeding.

#### **Objective**

The goal of the Programme is to promote and support scientific and technological cooperation between New Zealand and German researchers in the public, non-government and private sectors in the field of climate change research.

#### International Partner

 Germany, in conjunction with the German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMEL) and German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

#### <u>Funding</u>

Funding up to NZ\$240,000 (GST exclusive) has been allocated to support the New Zealand – Germany Science and Technology Programme in the 2019 funding round. A minimum of three and maximum of four projects will be supported.

• A maximum of up to NZ\$80,000 (GST exclusive) in total is available per Proposal for projects lasting up to two years.

#### Allowable Expenses

Expenses allowed under this Programme include the following, in connection with the Project:

#### Expenses for Research Exchanges

Travel is expected to be an integral part of the Project. Expenses for flights at the lowest possible rate, accommodation, visa, travel insurance, ground transport, and meal expenses are permitted and should be based on the rules of the institution with which the individual undertaking the activity is affiliated. Research exchanges can involve both staff and PhDs.

#### Expenses for holding symposiums, seminars and meetings

Expenses related to organising symposiums, hosting workshops and similar events are permitted (for example, consumables, printing and binding expenses, honoraria, transportation and telecommunications fees, meeting fees (excluding expenses for alcoholic beverages)).

#### Expenses for research activities

Expenses for consumables and other research expenses.

#### Expenses not covered

Funding for overheads, salaries, equipment purchase and depreciation, student fees, scholarships, or conference fees are not supported under this Programme.

#### Fields of Research

Proposals received under this programme must fall under the topic of Climate Change, and address one of the two sub-topics below:

- Theme 1: Climate change research with regard to the physical scientific basis of the climate system and climate change including paleo, carbon cycle, greenhouse gases and aerosols.
- Theme 2: Climate change research with regard to impacts including a social-economic dimension and adaptation such as research into new materials or processes, new forms of water management, sustainable agriculture or cities.

#### Additional Eligibility Requirements

In addition to the general eligibility requirements of Catalyst: Seeding:

 The New Zealand Principal Investigator (PI) and the German Collaboration Partner must both make applications to the respective application administrators in Germany and New Zealand. It is essential that collaborators have coordinated their applications accordingly in each country, and are fully aware of each other's intentions. Contacts for the German coordinators can be found below.

**Please note** that the German and New Zealand calls do not open and close on the same dates. It is recommended that collaborators begin working on their Proposal in anticipation of each other's closing dates.

#### For applicants in Germany

The deadline for submission of applications in Germany is 17 June 2019.

For all applications relating to Agricultural (either Theme 1 or 2):

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMEL), contact:

Dr. Christine Hbirkou; email: Christine.Hbirkou@ble.de or telephone: +49 (0)228-6845-7121).

For all applications non-Agricultural:

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) DLR is the implementing project management agency, contact:

- Dr Hans-Jörg Stähle; email: hans.staehle@dlr.de or telephone: +49 (0)228-3821-1403), or
- Dr. Ludwig Kammesheidt; email: ludwig.kammesheidt@dlr.de or telephone: +49 (0)228-3821-1729

#### Contract Timeframe

The earliest start date for projects funded under the New Zealand – Germany Science & Technology Programme is 01 November 2019.