

**Excellence Initiative by the German Federal and State Governments
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Review Criteria for Graduate Schools

Second Programme Phase



Review criteria for draft, initial and renewal proposals:

Research and Training Environment

1. Quality of the participating researchers
2. Quality of the research environment
3. Multidisciplinary approach and added value of interdisciplinary cooperation
4. Contribution to the academic profile of the university

Research Training

5. Quality and attractiveness of the research training strategy
6. Recruitment, supervision and status of the doctoral researchers
7. Previous success in promoting doctoral researchers
8. Integration into the university's strategy to promote young researchers
9. International networking
10. Strategies to ensure gender equality

Structures

11. Added value through cooperation with other institutions
12. Organisation, management and infrastructure
13. Implementation and sustainability of the graduate school (also required for initial proposals: assessment of previous efforts, where applicable)

For renewal proposals:

Realisation of objectives

- in terms of each review criterion
- considering duration of the past funding period and funding volume

Conclusion: Added value through funding