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**DFG Priority Programme "Antarctic Research with comparative investigations in Arctic ice areas (SPP 1158)"**

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing to inform you that proposals can now be submitted under this Priority Programme for the **2026/2027** funding period. Please note that this Priority Programme is specifically designed to give **university groups** the opportunity to participate in international Antarctic research through their own research projects. Please pass on this information to interested colleagues and note that proposals can also be submitted by young, independently working researchers.

**Further information on this Priority Programme is available at:**

<https://www.spp-antarktisforschung.uni-rostock.de/en/>

**New proposals can be submitted for a funding period of up to three years; a one-year funding period continues to apply for renewal proposals. Should you be submitting a renewal proposal, please only report in the "State of the art and preliminary work" section on your previous activities and the results achieved to date.**

**It is requested that proposals be submitted in English. The cost plan should be submitted both in English and German.**

**Please submit your proposal in compliance with the attached annex and together with the accompanying form for the application in the Priority Programme 1158 ("Begleitformular zur Antragstellung im SPP 1158")**

**by 10 November 2025 at the latest**

using the DFG's elan-portal: <https://elan.dfg.de>

The elan portal will be activated **from 31 October 2025** for proposal submission in the context of the aforementioned Priority Programme.

**Please follow the information included in the attached document when drafting your proposal and submitting it via the elan portal.** The following guidelines in particular should also be taken into account:

- Guidelines Priority Programmes (DFG-form 50.05 – 03/24) - [www.dfg.de/formulare/50\\_05](http://www.dfg.de/formulare/50_05)
- Guidelines Research Grants Programme (DFG-form 50.01 – **03/25**)
- Proposal Preparation Instructions - Project Proposals (DFG form 54.01 – **03/25**)

**Please note that the proposal structure and content of the Proposal Preparation Instructions have changed since March 2024.** Please exclusively use the **new project description template** that is provided on the elan portal (**DFG form 53.01 – 03/25**). All updates and guidelines for the Research Grants Programme are available at: [DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - Forms and Guidelines](#).

Please also note that it is **NO LONGER** necessary for you to send a PDF file of your proposal to the Priority Programme coordinator, Professor Ulf Karsten ([ulf.karsten@uni-rostock.de](mailto:ulf.karsten@uni-rostock.de)). This is now performed by the DFG as part of a bundled provision of all submitted and formally checked proposals via elan (without further documents).

The annual coordination workshop of this Priority Programme is aimed at researchers from German universities, universities of applied sciences and research institutions and will take place from **28 September to 30 September 2025** in **Bremerhaven, Germany**.

**All information on registration for the coordination workshop can also be found on the SPP website (see link above). The registration deadline for this workshop is 10 August 2025.**

**Enquiries and contact person:**

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Yours sincerely,

signed Dr. Ismene Seeberg-Elverfeldt

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