

## CIDAS-Fellowship 2026/2027

The Campus Institute Data Science (CIDAS) is a central scientific unit of the Georg-August-University Göttingen. CIDAS promotes interdisciplinary exchange and activities among faculties and campus-wide in the field of data science. CIDAS offers fellowships to support outstanding young scientists on their path to scientific independence.

### **Funding Objectives:**

CIDAS supports young scientists at an early stage of their career to independently develop projects and to create a perspective to work independently for several years at the Göttingen Campus in the field of Data Science. In particular, the collaboration between methodological or theoretical researchers and applied scientists at the Göttingen Campus and within CIDAS should be promoted. It is assumed that fellows will apply for independent funding (e.g. Emmy Noether, ERC Starting Grant, or similar) within the funded period. Applications should clearly outline the applicant's career prospects and the planned steps toward scientific independence and independent third-party funding.

### **Who can apply:**

Outstanding young scientists who are in their early postdoc phase with an idea for their own research project in the field of Data Science. This can be in the fundamentals of Data Science, applied Data Science, or in the social science aspects of Data Science. The project should be a collaboration with at least one member of CIDAS. Other collaborations with groups outside CIDAS are also possible and encouraged. If the applicant is not already a CIDAS member, they will become members upon approval of the application. The funds are made available as application support for own third-party funded projects or a junior research group.

### **Scope of funding:**

The funding of the Fellowship includes up to €85,000 each, which can be used, for example, to fund the applicant's own position<sup>1</sup>. If a separate and newly prepared full proposal is submitted to an external third-party funding organization (e.g. DFG, ERC etc.) within the funded period (up to one year), an extension of funding for up to one year can be applied for at CIDAS. An extension request must be submitted at least two months before the end of the first funding period.

### **Documents to be submitted:**

- Description of the research idea (max. 5 pages), incl.:
  - Clearly defined content-related goals, comprehensible time and cost schedule
  - Concrete roadmap to scientific independence within the funding period or thereafter
  - Planned collaboration with CIDAS members and other scientists
  - Innovation of the application
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from the supervisor or mentor, including a workplace (incl. infrastructure) commitment for the period to be funded. The mentor should not have previously served as the applicant's PhD supervisor.

<sup>1</sup> Decision subject to personnel law possibilities.

In the case of a subsequent extension request to CIDAS, these documents must be updated again and a confirmation from the third-party funding organization that a full proposal has been submitted.

**Deadline: Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Application by e-mail to: [cidas@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:cidas@uni-goettingen.de)

**Further procedure:**

The applications received will be thoroughly reviewed and decided upon by the CIDAS Board and its representatives immediately after the deadline. At the time of application, CIDAS membership is not required. Candidates whose applications are shortlisted will then be asked to give a short presentation on their planned research project and answer questions about it. The decision on who will be awarded the fellowship will then be made based on the application documents and the presentation. Membership in CIDAS is only required when approved funds are used. The funds are to be spent immediately after approval. The funds will be allocated by CIDAS or the University of Göttingen.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the CIDAS management:

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