

OUR GRANTS ADDRESS PRESSING ISSUES FOR ADOLESCENTS ON THE PATH TO ADULTHOOD

The Foundation supports research and intervention projects in the field of Productive Youth Development. In this context, the Foundation focuses on the value chain paradigm: innovative research, practical testing of the findings in pilot interventions and market introduction, which ensures the systematic application of tested models on a larger scale.

We fund projects that stand a strong chance of delivering a positive outcome and demonstrate great potential for implementation elsewhere. We therefore pursue the majority of our projects in close collaboration with established partners.

Funding Criteria

The Jacobs Foundation rarely considers unsolicited applications and spontaneous project proposals. Most of our projects are developed in close cooperation with partners that we have actively identified. However, if you believe that your research or activities match the Foundation's approach and priorities very closely, you may send us a preliminary project proposal.

Before filing a preliminary proposal, please observe the Jacobs Foundation exclusion criteria:

As a rule the Jacobs Foundation does not consider external applications for:

- Individual scholarship or tuition assistance
- Large scale fundraising drives
- Supplements to travel costs or scholarships granted by another agency
- Costs of printing
- Operating and recurring costs
- Acquisition, supplementation, or maintenance of collections (including exhibitions)
- Construction, extension, maintenance of buildings (incl. interior infrastructure)
- Equipment to be used in therapy
- Development and testing activities related to scientific issues which have already been resolved
- Exploitation of patents
- Start-ups of scientific institutions associated with specific political, confessional or world views
- Global increases to budgets or making up for budget deficits
- Repayment of pre-finance granted by another agency
- Investments related to weapons, drugs or alcohol.

Operational costs are only covered within the framework of a concrete project. It has to be clear from the outset that these costs will be otherwise covered, should funding from the Foundation cease. An overhead of 10% will be considered. Equipment will only be covered if it is necessary in order to carry out the project.

FUNDING

In general, the Foundation will not step in to replace other organizations which have ceased funding. Refused proposals cannot be submitted.

Please state whether you are also currently submitting your proposal to other foundations or grant giving agencies. List their names and whether you have applied for full or joint funding.

Thematic Priorities

In the field of Productive Youth Development, the Jacobs Foundation has current priorities:

- a) Capitalizing on migration and the integration of youngsters with migrant backgrounds.
- b) Improving learning contexts, including institutional dimensions of learning, all-day learning, out-of school learning and integrative approaches to learning.
- c) Economic dimensions of Productive Youth Development: macro and microeconomic effects

Within this context, the following aspects are of particular interest:

- developmental perspectives
- transitions in life
- preventative inter-medial measures
- learning methods, such as formal and non-formal learning
- cultural contexts and values
- skills and social responsibility
- peace, inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue

Projects taking into account the Foundation's priorities and the above mentioned aspects normally have a higher chance of being considered for funding.

How to Apply

The majority of our projects are developed in close collaboration with our existing partners or with partners consciously selected by the Foundation for a certain project.

However, if you believe that your research or activities match the Foundation's approach and current priorities very closely, you can send us your preliminary project proposal.

You can fill out the preliminary project proposal form on the right. Please also bear in mind the Jacobs Foundation exclusion criteria.