

We are pleased to inform you that the Embassy of the Republic of Tunisia in Berlin has notified us that, as part of the German Excellence Strategy and following the scientific projects submitted by the Federal Ministry of Research, the German government will allocate additional financial credits amounting to 539 million euros starting in 2026, for the benefit of German universities.

These funds will be dedicated to supporting research projects within Centers of Excellence over a period of seven years. This initiative, led by German universities, has resulted in the selection of 70 Centers of Excellence, as detailed in the attached list. The funded projects will be selected by the respective German universities receiving the grants.

The “German Excellence Strategy in Scientific Research” aims to enhance the international standing of German universities as world-class research institutions. The initiative also opens the door for Tunisian universities to benefit by positioning themselves as international partners, thereby promoting stronger Tunisian-German cooperation in research and innovation.

In this context, we kindly invite you to:

- Review the list of current projects under the German Excellence Strategy, particularly those involving high-level research centers, in order to explore opportunities for international collaboration;
- Contact the project focal points listed in the attached document to express your interest in potential collaborations and initiate discussions;
- Propose flexible and feasible formats for collaboration—such as scientific cooperation, joint supervision of theses, student exchanges, co-authored publications, and shared research or training programs—so that Tunisian universities may be recognized as official project partners and benefit from additional resources to support academic exchange, training, and joint research.

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Further Details on the Excellence Strategy:

- www.dfg.de/excellence_strategy
- www.wissenschaftsrat.de/excellence_strategy
- www.exzellenzstrategie.de/en