Gastroenterological research in Germany is conducted at universities as well as nonuniversity research institutes. The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG, German Research Foundation) is a major funding organisation to support gastroenterological research at universities. Important German research organisations such as the Fraunhofer Society (applied research), the Leibniz Association (basic and applied research), the Helmholtz Association (research on grand challenges) and the Max Planck Society (basic research) maintain own research institutes with specific foci. Some research institutes and programmes are funded directly by the federal and state governments. There also exist private and public foundations that support research in Germany. For example, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (AvH). Graduate training is provided at universities and nonuniversity research institutions in cooperation with universities. Here, besides the DFG also the Helmholtz Association, the Max Planck Society and the Leibniz Association offer graduate training programmes which may also be related to gastroenterological research. There also exist PhD programmes and PhD funding schemes by the state governments, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and foundations.

**Coordination of Research Programmes Funded by DFG**

- **Collaborative Research Centres (CRC)**
  - SFB 207: Liver Research: Molecular Medicine (LMM), Hamburg
  - SFB 1096: Modelling and Targeting Pancreatic Cancer, Munich
  - SFB 1180: 3D Cell-Cell Interactions in Pancreatic Cancer, Marburg
  - SFB 1190: ImmunoSensation2: The Immune Sensory System (I2S), Bonn

- **Priority Programmes**
  - IRTG 1959: Clinical and Molecular Immunology: From Pathogenesis to Therapy, Freiburg/Berlin
  - IRTG 2167: Heterogeneity and evolution in solid tumours (HEIST), Kiel

- **Clinical Research Units (KFO)**
  - KFO 1577: Molecular characterization and therapeutic consequences, Ulm
  - KFO 1636: Bacterial Pathogens: From invasion to tissue destruction, Munich

- **Research Units**
  - FU-CRC: Functional Units – Biological and Regulatory Functions in Liver Injury, Berlin
  - FU-CRC: Communicative Functions of the Gut-Liver Axis, Berlin

**Gerontological Research**

- **German Centres for Health Research**
  - German Centre for Infection Research (DZIF): www.dzif.de/en
  - German Centre for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE): www.dzne.de
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- **Research in Germany**
  - Gastroenterological Research: www.research-in-germany.org
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**Clusters of Excellence**

- **Clusters of Excellence (EXC)**
  - EXC 1270: Image-Guided and Functionally Instructed Tumor Therapy, Düsseldorf
  - EXC 2167: Controlling Microbes to Fight Infections, Tübingen

**Graduate Training Funded by DFG**

- **Research Training Groups (RTG)**
  - RTG 1988: Noddle infections: from primary sites to dissemination, Freiburg/Berlin
  - RTG 2167: Heterogeneity and evolution in solid tumours (HEIST), Kiel

- **Integrated Research Training Groups within CRC/Transregio**
  - CRC 1366: Integrative Research Training Group “Gut-Liver Axis”
  - TRR 179: Integrated Research Training Group “Intestinal Microbiota – A Microbial Ecosystem at the Edge Between Intestinal Homeostasis and Inflammation, Freiburg/Mannheim

**Research at Non-University Research Institutions**

- **Fraunhofer Institutes**
  - Fraunhofer Institute for Cell Therapy and Immunology (IZI): www.izi.fraunhofer.de
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- **Max Planck Institutes**
  - Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics: www.mpg.de
  - Max Planck Institute for Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics: www.mpg.de

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