

KAI Seed Money Call Application 2025

The KAI Seed Money Fund has been established to initiate and enhance collaboration between the HAW Hamburg and DESY within the framework of the strategic cooperation between these partners. KAI seed money provides a start-up financing for new activities of strategic relevance.

The seed money call is open to all employees of HAW Hamburg and DESY. The funding may cover a period of up to two years and may include staff and consumables.

Projects financed by KAI Seed Money Fund should be designed to support the following aims:

- Joint cooperation projects between partners from the HAW Hamburg and DESY with strategic potential to strengthen the KAI mission
- Project's duration: typically 1 year, max 2 years
- Support and promotion of young scientific talents is welcomed explicitly
- Maintaining flexibility for new ideas and cooperations, i.e. pilot projects with new external partners (national/international)
- Proposals for the continuation and funding of the project after the seed funding has expired
- It is also encouraged to apply for projects with high risk ideas.

Your application must be supported and co-signed by the corresponding group leaders. The support of the respective division head for the project and, if applicable, funding beyond the funding period is highly welcome and should be enclosed. You can write the proposal in German or English.

Please submit the complete application document in form of one pdf file until **30.09.2025** via e-mail to the KAI cooperation office (kai.office@desy.de). Only complete applications will be considered for a review by the KAI Institutional Board. For any questions please contact the KAI cooperation office (kai.office@desy.de).

You will be informed at an early stage if there is a need to provide further information or a presentation about your project.

Please find further information on: www.kai-hamburg.org

1. General information

Names of applicants	Position	Division Group
Duration of project (max 2 years)		

2. Title, Summary, Abstract

Title
Zusammenfassung, deutsch, max. 200 Zeichen
Abstract

3. Goals and main deliverables (including unique features) (max 1 page)

4. Strategic relevance, long term/ midterm perspectives for cooperation between HAW Hamburg and DESY (max 1 page)

5. Work plan (1 page incl. figures)

Please also indicate here the contribution of all involved personnel with duties and workload (in %)

**6. Financial plan (for max 24 months), list of consumables/investments larger 1.000 €
(1 page incl. figures)**

	Calendar Year 1	Calendar Year 2	Calendar Year 3	Actual hiring date (realistic estimate)	Optional: Co- financing by areas/partners
Personnel					
Consumables					
Total					

Space for explanatory remarks on the financial plan

7. Impact and Utilisation

8. Support statements

(Please attach corresponding documents to your application)

9.1 CV of 1. applicant (max 1 page)

9.2 CV of 2. applicant (max 1 page)

10. Supplemental materials (1 page max)