

Call for topic proposals (outlines) for the research bridge HEiKAexplore

As part of the research bridge [HEiKAexplore](#) proposals for research topics can now be submitted that are of strategic importance for the University of Heidelberg and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT). In an annual change, HEiKAexplore devotes itself to a large, common subject area, in which existing cooperation should be strengthened by HEiKA and new ones should be stimulated.

Objective

We are looking for joint research topics outside the existing HEiKA research bridges ([AIP](#), [MTH](#), [OE](#), [PAC and SB](#)). These research topics must be broad enough and have the potential to initiate new joint research networks. The proposed topics (in the form of an outline/sketch) must therefore go well beyond a single project proposal in order to be successful. Based on the outlines, the Strategic Board decides on the new HEiKAexplore topic, to which specific project proposals can then be submitted in the subsequent HEiKA project call.

Target group

Members of KIT and Heidelberg University are invited to participate in the advancement of HEiKA by submitting an outline for a major topic.

Applicants must be at least one PI (holding a PhD is mandatory) of the two partner institutions, who will later also act as spokespersons for the new subject area in case of success

Application Deadline & Submission

The topic outlines must be submitted **via e-mail by 2019-04-01 (deadline)**. For this purpose please use the following e-mail address: info@heika-research.de. Please note that delayed submissions cannot be accepted. The central point of the outline (one A4 page max., in German or English) should be a brief description regarding the content of the topic (field of research, common activities, planned initiatives etc.) as well as its strategic importance for both KIT and Heidelberg University.

In addition, all scientists and institutes already involved shall be listed in order to clarify the breadth of scientific participation in the previously defined topic. Please use the [form](#) (DOC 20 KB) that will also provide further details.

Selection procedure

The selection of the new HEiKAexplore topic will be made by the HEiKA Strategic Board in its April / May 2019 session. Immediately after the topic has been selected, a thematic workshop will be held where all interested scientists can exchange ideas and get together to form project teams. The call for projects in the selected topic will take place within the framework of the regular HEiKA call for proposals from May to September 2019.

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