



**SPECIAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR  
MAX PLANCK PARTNER GROUPS WITH UKRAINE FOR  
POSTDOCS / YOUNG FACULTY**

**DEADLINE: 15 JUNE 2022**

**General**

Max Planck Partner Groups are led by outstanding early career researchers of MPI who have returned or are about to return to a high-performance research institution / university in their home country. **In this special call, the Max Planck Society exceptionally offers Partner Group Leader positions both to:**

- **Ukrainian researchers who lead a research group in Ukraine or are about to start a research group there**
- and to**
- **Ukrainian researchers who have left their home country due to the war or prior to the war and have taken up a position in a third country. (Should these researchers return to Ukraine at any time during or after the war they will be eligible to take the Partner Group with them to an Ukrainian university or research institution.**

Max Planck Partner Groups enable collaboration in research areas that are innovative, scientifically promising, geared to the future and of mutual interest both to the Max Planck Institute (MPI) and to the partner institution in Ukraine or in the present country of employment of the Partner Group Leader. A Partner Group is set up for a duration of five years and provides a high-level and visible framework to the Partner Group Leader aiming at strengthening collaboration, building up a research group as well as international networking.

Heading a Max Planck Partner Group is a distinction. The President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft formally appoints candidates upon recommendation/nomination by one of its Scientific Members (i.e. Directors).

**Qualification and Nomination**

Nominations for Partner Groups by the Directors of Max Planck Institutes are addressed to the President of the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft. Candidates should be scientists of proven excellence at postdoc/young faculty level who have spent minimum 12 months at an MPI. Nominees should have obtained their doctorate no longer than seven years ago (for a doctorate in medicine: no longer than nine years). Ukrainian candidates who are not working at a research institution/university in a third country or their home country at the time of nomination, are expected to find such a position within 6 months of the official approval of the Partner Group.

**Funding and contractual arrangements**

Partner Groups are governed by a bilateral agreement between the MPI and the host institution abroad. Partner Groups are funded with an amount of €20k p.a. plus any applicable value added tax (VAT) accrued in Germany<sup>1</sup>. Funds can, for example, be used to cover the costs for travel expenses,

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<sup>1</sup> If the €20k or part of the €20k are transferred abroad, they become subject to value added tax in Germany. VAT is paid by the MPI to the tax office.

workshops, PhD students and postdocs, as well as smaller equipment. Possible overhead costs incurred by the host institution cannot be covered.

**NOMINATION MODALITIES:**

**Only Directors of a Max Planck Institute are eligible to nominate a candidate;** therefore, as a first step candidates need to contact a Director of a suitable Max Planck Institute.

The nomination documents are to be sent electronically (only) to the following corresponding contact:

**Ms. Friederike Nolte** ([friederike.nolte@gv.mpg.de](mailto:friederike.nolte@gv.mpg.de))

For any questions please also contact Ms Friederike Nolte via e-mail or phone: 089-21081271.

The program for Max Planck Partner Groups is open to all MPI with the exception of the IPP.

**Documents to be submitted**

The following documents should be submitted:

1. Cover Page (see below)
2. Letter of reference (laudation) for the candidate from the Director of MPI, addressed to the President of the Max Planck Society
3. Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
4. List of publications (max. 3 pages)
5. Short project description and planned research activities, which should also elaborate on the intended bilateral cooperation with the MPI and the added value of the Partner Group (2-3 pages)
6. Draft budget for five years
7. Letter of intent by the Director of the host institution in which the acceptance to host a Partner Group is declared. This should include a statement on the provision of adequate facilities and infrastructure. Furthermore, a statement of intention to employ the Partner Group Leader for the full five-year term of the Partner Group is required (this is irrespective of whether the Partner Group Leader is employed on the basis of a permanent or renewable contract).
8. Names and contact details of six (max. two from Germany and the host country each) potential reviewers (i.e. Full Professors or Group Leaders who have not published jointly with the candidate). The nominating director of the MPI as well as scientific staff and postdocs from the same institute cannot be suggested as reviewers.
9. For candidates who at the time of nomination are not based in the host country, please state: the name of the host institution to which the candidate will work or return and the date by when the candidate will take up this position.
10. Questionnaire Export Control Evaluation for Max Planck Partner Groups (will only be provided directly to MPI Directors).  
(May 2022)

**1. COVER PAGE**

**NOMINATION FOR  
THE HEAD OF A MAX PLANCK PARTNER GROUP**

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***Candidate for the Head of a Partner Group***

Name	Institution and Department	Address and e-mail

Project Title of the Partner Group:

Field of research:

Key words:

Brief summary describing research activities and objectives (max 80 words):

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***Director of Max Planck Institute:***

Name	Institution and Department	Address and e-mail

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Date

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Signature Director of Max Planck Institute



**6. BUDGET FOR FIVE YEARS OF OPERATIONS**

	MPG	MPG	MPG	MPG	MPG
	Year 1 €	Year 2 €	Year 3 €	Year 4 €	Year 5 €
<b>Annual budget</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>20.000</b>	<b>20.000</b>
Research Manpower:					
PhD students					
Postdoctoral students					
Student labour					
Minor Equipment (up to 4,000€ p.a., e.g. instruments, devices, office equipment)					
Travel & hospitality					
Operating costs <sup>1</sup>					
<b>Total Expenses</b>					

<sup>1</sup> Consumables, office expenses, books and publications, computer time and services, laboratory supplies, spare parts, maintenance, installations

Possible overhead costs incurred by the host institution cannot be covered.