

Announcement Spring 2021

Funding of projects by the Bavaria California Technology Center New: “visiting scholarships artificial intelligence” (vsai) and special conditions for AI-proposals (Hightech Agenda Bavaria) Deadline: April 15th, 2021

The Bavaria California Technology Center (BaCaTeC, www.bacatec.de) promotes the **cooperation of research facilities in Bavaria and California** in the high-tech areas of life sciences, information- and communication technologies, new materials, environmental technology and mechatronics. Preferred subject of sponsoring is the **initial funding of new projects**, especially those which support the exchange of scientists in reference to the projects.

Financial support may be granted to submitted projects that describe the **initiation of lasting cooperation** between Bavarian and Californian facilities and which will be supported by other institutions in the future. The funding line “Joined Public-Private Proposals” supports projects **with involved companies as well**. **New: Proposals in the research areas of „artificial intelligence“ / „digitalization“ the requirement of initiation does not apply, i.e. established cooperation partners in these fields of research can also apply.** The initial funding provided by BaCaTeC will mainly cover expenses for travel and accommodations. The general **upper limit** of financial support is **€ 10,000** per project.

Also new: A new program called „visiting scholarships artificial intelligence“ (vsai) supports the invitation of designated speakers from california. Maximum amount of application (vsai): 3.000 €.

Application forms are available at www.bacatec.de. The next deadline will be **April 15th, 2021**. Applications are **limited to two pages** (DIN-A4). Sponsored projects will be selected by the beginning of June. Start of activity, if granted: July 1st 2021 (if necessary with delay due to Covid-19).

P.S.: Please consider also our new program for subsequent support of successfully initiated projects (same deadline April 15th): www.bacatec.de.

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