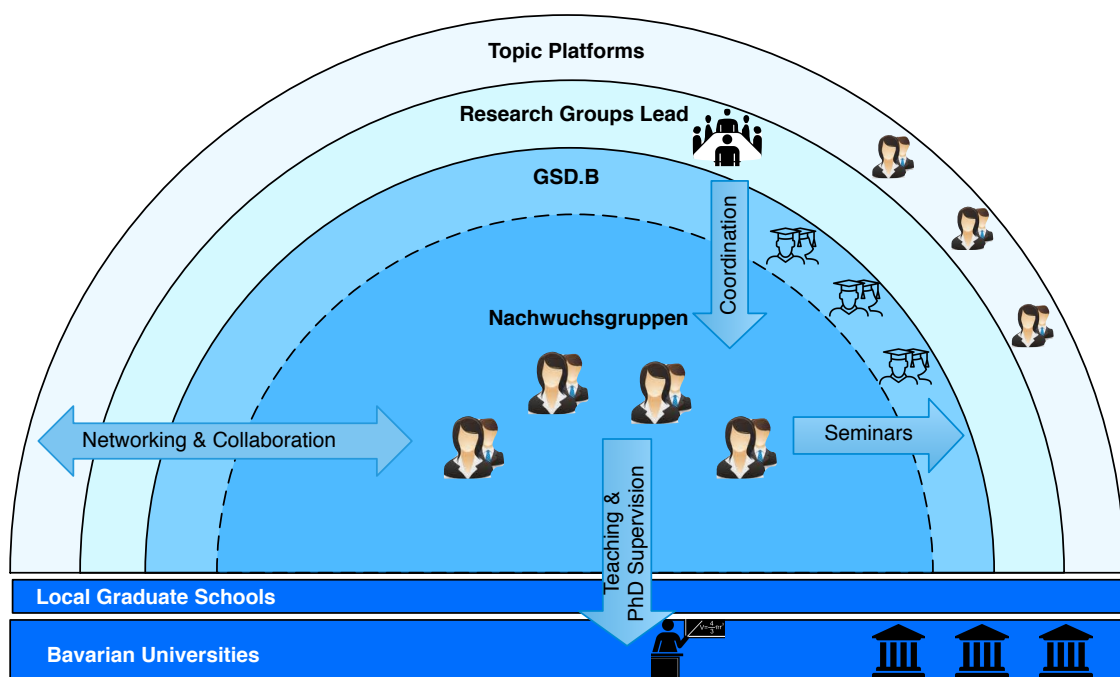


## Preliminary Overview of the Funding Programme

The planned programme for the establishment of the *ZD.B junior research groups* at the Center Digitisation.Bavaria in Garching b. Munich, Germany, aims at promoting early career scholars and their work on topics having a high relevance in the fields of digitisation. The grants will support up to 10 junior research group leaders - holding an excellent PhD (or equivalent) -- in establishing an independent research group working on an innovative project with a high practical and scientific impact and on hiring and supervising own PhD students. The programme shall provide young excellent scholars with the possibility to pursue a long-term academic career. The grant will be provided in a competitive process, based on an scientific evaluation of the application, and features for each research group the following points:

- Extent: up to 250.000,- € per year
- Duration: (approx.) 2 years und further 3 years after successful intermediate evaluation
- Possibility to hire and supervise own PhD students
- Possibility to represent their research / discipline in teaching (with no obligation)

The research groups will be in close interaction to each other. The ZD.B will further foster the interaction and collaboration with the scientific community and the Bavarian industry to actively support knowledge and technology transfer. The groups will finally be explicitly supported and encouraged to contribute to the Graduate School Digital.Bavaria (GSD.B), for example, by representing their topics as part of courses.



*Synergies between ZD.B research groups and further ZD.B Activities*

**Further details on the application process will be announced soon as part of the call for proposals.**