

**Milestones of the development of the Institute of Molecular Biology funded
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Date	Milestone
6 Feb 2009	Announcement of the 100 million euro donation of the Boehringer Ingelheim Foundation (BIS) initiating the founding of a centre of excellence in the life sciences, later Institute of Molecular Biology (IMB)
7 Dec 2009	Groundbreaking for the IMB building on the campus of the University of Mainz, Germany, financed by the state of Rhineland-Palatinate
1 Jul 2010	Prof. Christof Niehrs, awardee of Germany's most prestigious science prize, the Leibniz Award, takes up his position as founding director of IMB
1 Sept 2010	Topping out ceremony of the IMB building
11 Mar 2011	Opening of IMB after a construction period of just 15 months
June 2012	Start of the joint International PhD Programme (IPP) in the life sciences of IMB, the University of Mainz, the University Medical Center Mainz, and the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research, made possible by funding from the BIS (about 3.8 million euros until the end of 2020)
Oct 2012	Prof. René Ketting from the Hubrecht Institute in the Netherlands takes up his post as 2nd Scientific Director of IMB.
May 2013	Prof. Helle Ulrich from the British Cancer Research UK London Research Institute takes up her post as the 3rd Scientific Director of IMB
29 Apr 2013	BIS announces to donate 50 million euros to the University of Mainz, enabling the university to reorient the Faculty of Biology according to its institutional strategy
19-21 Oct 2015	First 5-year evaluation of IMB by an independent panel of 13 internationally renowned scientists with excellent results
11 Nov 2015	Evaluation of the IPP by independent experts: IPP already among the top five life science graduate schools in Germany
2 May 2018	Announcement of further funding of IMB totalling 106 million euros by the BIS (about 54 million euros) and the state of Rhineland-Palatinate (about 52 million euros) until mid 2027. The corresponding contracts regulating the funding of IMB and its cooperation with the University of Mainz are effective immediately and are made public.