

GRADUATE ACADEMY



Back-to-Research Grants for PhD students and postdocs (program line 1)

The Free State of Saxony provides annually Back-to-Research Grants for young researchers. In accordance with the „Richtlinie des Sächsischen Ministeriums für Wissenschaft, Kultur und Tourismus (SMWKT) über die Vergabe von Stipendien zur Förderung des Wiedereinstiegs in die wissenschaftliche Arbeit“ (FördRL Wiedereinstieg) from 23rd September 2005, published in the Sächsische Amtsblatt No. 42 from 20th October 2005 funding priority will be given to the scientific-technically fields (MINT).

The funding program aims at enhancing the percentage of women pursuing a doctorate or habilitation and raising the percentage of women in leading positions in research institutions and teaching, but also to meet the needs of the promotion of women at Saxon universities.

Eligibility

Eligible are:

- + Researchers, who return to academia after having intermitted their scientific career at an advanced stage (for at least nine months) due to family commitments, to complete doctorates and habilitations. The thesis has to be already at an advanced stage.
- + Researchers, who completed in case of doctoral project the last university degree with an overall grade of at least „good“ and in case of habilitation project the doctorate have been assessed at least with „magna cum laude“.
- + PhD students, who are not older than 37 and postdocs, who are not older than 42 years.

Not eligible are:

- Researchers, who are already publicly funded otherwise.



*Sideline activities (as WHK/WM) can usually be combined with the scholarship if a **maximum of ten hours per week** is not exceeded. The sideline activites must be related to the PhD project and serve the purpose of the scholarship. Alternatively a minor teaching activity (2 hours per week for doctorates and 4 hours a week for habilitations) is permitted*

Duration & Extent of Funding

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum period of 12 months depending on the available budget. The scholarship funding ends with the month in which the dissertation/habilitation thesis is submitted. Due to family reasons the scholarship can be requested as a part-time scholarship with an appropriate extended funding period. The amount of the grant will be reduced in accordance to the taken part-time.

The **monthly grant** consists of a scholarship rate of

- PhD students: EUR 985.00,
- Postdocs: EUR 1,285.00 and
- if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 100.00 per child entitled to maintenance

Earliest start of grant: 1st July 2020



If the scientific project is not completed within the approved funding period for objectively professional reasons which are not in the responsibility of the scholarship holder, an extension of up to six additional months may be granted subject to the available budgetary resources.

Application & Deadline

The application has to be submitted with the subject "Wiedereinstiegsstipendium" on paper only by regular mail in time to: **TU Dresden, Graduate Academy, Funding Programs, Mommsenstraße 7, 01069 Dresden.**

Please submit your application in the following mentioned order without a folder, nor tacked or clamped.

Application deadline: Tuesday, 31st March 2020

Postmark deadline is the date of the central mail service (ZPS) of TU Dresden.

Additional supplements are only possible ***within the application period***. Incomplete applications, applications sent by e-mail or applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Please ensure that the required letters of recommendation will reach the Studentenwerk Dresden in due time.



Approximately three weeks after the application deadline you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Notification of funding is generally made after about twelve weeks of the respective deadline for applications. Please refrain from telephone inquiries in this time.

The Studentenwerk Dresden (student administration office), Division of Student Financing, will be responsible for all further processing of your application after the funding decision of TU Dresden.

Application documents

Checklist for a complete application:

- A signed and scanned copy of the **online proposal form**
[Please note: Intermediate digital storage of data is not possible]
- Tabular resume** (CV) incl. list of publications, previous teaching activities and description of the scientific career
- Copy of the latest university degree**
(if applicable, a copy of a certified English translation of the certificate if it is in a foreign language)
- Letter of motivation** (max. 2 pages)
- Description of research project** (max. 5 pages) incl.
 - Problem statement, explanation and aim of the planned project
 - Previous / completed work
 - Detailed explanation of the single work packages and a time schedule for the requested funding period
- If applicable, documents relating to a current grant/funding/work contract
- In case of a sideline activity during funding period: confirmation that the sideline activity / teaching activity will not exceed 10 hours a week / 2 hours a week for doctorates and 4 hours a week for habilitations and that incidentally, the applicant will be fully dedicated to the progress of the PhD project.
- For doctoral candidates: **Certificate of enrollment** or confirmation letter of acceptance as a doctoral candidate by the faculty
- If applicable, **statement of family situation**:
 - Copy of child tax benefit notice
 - Declaration of resident's registration office that the children are living with the applicant in a common household (if no claim for child tax benefit exists due to citizenship)
 - Statement if the other parent receives any scholarship and if so, which scholarship
- Letter of recommendations*** of **two supervisors** to the scientific results, the quality of the project and the applicant, under special consideration of the scientific work before the suspension period
- Statement of the faculty* that the project is of a special scientific interest

* These documents are available as downloads on the GA website.



Application documents must be submitted in German only. Documents in English will not be accepted according to the requirements of the funding authority (exception: letter of recommendation and last university certificate can be submitted in English).

Selection procedure

The selection takes place by the executive committee of the Graduate Academy and the Equal Opportunities Officer of TU Dresden as well as the Equal Opportunities Officers of the respective faculty on the basis of the application handed in. The Back-to-Research Grants for PhD students and postdocs are awarded in a competitive process.

The **criteria** are:

- Qualification of the applicant (academic performance, publications, prizes/awards)
- Projects in the MINT-field
- Quality of the Letter of Recommendation
- Consideration of life circumstances
- Application submitted completely and within the deadline

A fundamental legal right to claim funding within this program does not exist.

Contact

Vivien Lippmann

Coordinator Funding Programs
Graduate Academy of TU Dresden
Mommsenstr. 7
01069 Dresden

E-Mail: graduiertenakademie@tu-dresden.de

Phone: 0351-463-42240

Website: www.tu-dresden.de/ga



Get your questions answered!

**Information event on funding programs: Monday, 10th February 2020 (German)
Tuesday, 11th February 2020 (English)**



.....

.....

.....

.....