

# GRADUATE ACADEMY



## Back-to-Research Grants for female postdocs (program line 2)

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 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2005, published in the Sächsische Amtsblatt No. 42 from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2005 funding priority will be given to the scientific-technically fields (MINT).

The funding program aims at enhancing the percentage of women pursuing 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:

- + Female postdocs who return to academia after they have gained at least 3 years of qualified professional experience outside academia/university. The overall aim has to be gaining an appointment to an university position. The serious interest in creating the prerequisites for an appointment to a university must be demonstrated in the application. To this end, the intended scientific project and the measures envisaged to secure this project, for example the application for funding from third parties or a postdoctoral/habilitation fellowship, must be specifically stated in the application.
- + Researchers, who completed the doctorate at least with „magna cum laude“.
- + Female postdocs, who are not older than 40 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 activities must be related to the habilitation project and serve the purpose of the scholarship. Alternatively a minor teaching activity (and 4 hours a week for habilitations) is permitted.*

## Duration & Extent of Funding

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum period of 6 months, depending on the available budget, for female postdocs for the preparation phase for being appointed to a university position.

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

- a Scholarship rate for 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: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020**



*Upon completion of the grant, the scholarship holder must prove that the intended measure (for example, the application for funding or a scholarship) has been carried out. If proof cannot be provided at the latest two months after the date of expiry, the funds granted may be reclaimed.*

## 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, 31<sup>st</sup> 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 by the Studentenwerk Dresden. 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 PhD certificate**  
(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 / 4 hours a week and that incidentally, the applicant will be fully dedicated to the progress of the PhD project.
- Proof on a professional experience** outside the university sector of at least three years
- 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 intent to host the applicant and confirmation of financial need\***  
of the host professorship/institution and statement of the Faculty that the intended project is of a special scientific interest for the university and that for the implementation of the project all necessary basic equipment will be provided.

\* *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
- 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

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*Get your questions answered!*  
**Information event on funding programs: Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020(German)  
Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (English)**



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