



Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships

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Program

The TU Dresden supports with the Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships excellent female postdocs in their intention to independently acquire a third-party funded project in order to qualify for a scientific career at the TU Dresden with the goal of becoming a professor.

The postdoc phase is the essential qualification phase for an academic career. Once the decision has been made to pursue an academic career, a scientific portfolio must be built up that can lead to an appointment of a professorship. The aim is to develop an independent profile - from *Recognized Researcher* to *Established Researcher*. This is where the Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships provide support: You will receive a full-time fellowship for up to two years in order to develop your unique scientific profile and to submit an independent research proposal to an external funding body for a third-party funded project that will pave your way to a professorship.

The Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships are intended to promote the academic career paths of young female scientists with doctorates on their way to professorships in order to sustainably improve the representation of women at this qualification level at the TU Dresden and to increase the number of female scientists in top positions in the scientific field.

Eligibility

Eligible are:

- female scientists who have completed their doctorate no longer than six years ago. The six years are completed no later than the month before the requested start of funding. In the case of maternity leave and parental leave(s) taken between the completion of the doctorate and the month before the requested start of funding, these will be counted towards the six years.

Not eligible are:

- Female researchers, who hold an employment relationship during the applied period of funding, which, by its type and extent, compromises the purpose of the scholarship.
- Female researchers, who are already being funded by other institutions (e.g. private foundations, industrial companies) for the same purpose.

Note:

If the project is partly carried out at a non-university research institution, e.g. a DRESDENconcept partner institution, the connection to the TU Dresden must be ensured.

Duration & Extent of Funding

The fellowships will be granted for the announced period under the condition that TU Dresden will receive the required financial means within the Female Professors Program 2030 of the federal government and the states.

— **Funding period:** max. 24 months

— **Begin of funding:**

- earliest: 1st January 2027
- latest: 1st March 2027

— **Extent of funding:**

- monthly scholarship rate: 2.670,00 EUR
- if applicable, monthly family allowance: 400.00 EUR for the first and 100.00 EUR for each additional child
- subsidies for the basic equipment of the workplace up to 2,500.00 EUR

Application & Deadline

The application has to be submitted within the deadline and as one PDF-file via email to graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de with the subject "Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships".

Application deadline: 30th September 2026

Note:

Missing, incomplete or incorrect documents cannot be submitted/resubmitted after the application deadline. Incomplete applications cannot be taken into consideration.

Approximately one week after the application deadline, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Please refrain from telephone inquiries during this time.

Application Documents

- **Online application form***
[Intermediate digital storage of data is not possible!]
- **Annex to the application form***
[digitally signed or a scan of the annex signed by hand]
- **Description of the planned project** with the aim of obtaining third-party funding (max. 4 pages) including
 - Main topic and aims
 - Work program for the preparation of an application for a third-party funded project in the intended funding period
 - Time and work plan
 - Personal assessment of the competences for processing the proposed work program
 - Statement why the research location Dresden and/or the TU Dresden is preferred for the elaboration and preparation measures of a third-party funding application
- **Tabular resume (CV)** incl. list of publications and previous teaching experience
- **Copy of the doctoral certificate**
[if applicable, copy of a certified English translation of a foreign language certificate]
- **Letter of Recommendation of the hosting Professorship of the TU Dresden*** on the above-mentioned work program in the scheduled funding period as well as on the research topic and including a statement of intent to host the applicant at the respective professorship
- **Letter of Reference*** from another university professor
- if applicable, Statement of the Faculty* that the habilitation will be supported
- if applicable, adequate documents of previous/current funding/financing/employment
- If applicable, information on the family situation
[birth certificate(s) of the child/children, suitable evidence of relatives to be cared for]

* available online as download on the MRPF Website

Note:

The application documents can be submitted in German or English.

At the time of application, the membership at Graduate Academy is not required. In case of funding through a Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowship, the membership has to be applied for within two months after funding approval. Further information on GA membership is available at www.tu-dresden.de/ga.

Selection Procedure

Awardees are selected through a two-stage selection process. After the assessment and selection of the handed in application documents, suitable candidates are invited to a personal interview with the selection committee.

The **selection criteria** are:

- qualification of the applicant
(academic achievements, publications, prizes/awards)
- quality and feasibility of the project within the funding period
- completeness and on-time submission of the application documents

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

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Any questions?

Get them answered in our **Q&A Sessions** on Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships!

Sessions: **01/07 | 22/07 | 19/08 | 02/09 | 16/09**
(1 pm – 2 pm)

Prior registration is necessary: [registration link for Q&A Sessions](#)

Please follow the link to register. After registration, you will receive a link to the zoom meeting.