

GRADUATE ACADEMY



Travel Grants for Short-term Research Stays and Summer/Winter Schools Abroad

Travel grants aim to support doctoral candidates and postdocs with travel allowances for short-term research stays up to three months abroad as well as the participation in international summer and winter school outside of Germany.

Eligibility

Eligible are:

- + Doctoral candidates of TU Dresden of all disciplines
- + Postdocs of TU Dresden of all disciplines



Membership in the Graduate Academy of TU Dresden is a mandatory eligibility criteria. Should you not already be a member of the Graduate Academy, please hand in our complete membership application including all necessary documents two weeks prior to the respective deadline at the Graduate Academy. Further information on the GA membership is available at: www.tu-dresden.de/ga

Duration & Extent of funding

Funding will be granted under the condition that TU Dresden will receive the required financial means from the Federal Government and the Federal State of Saxony. The travel grants provide among others support for:

- Experimental work, fieldwork, library and archival research as well as
- Expertise exchange, networking and the acquisition of new knowledge and skills

The **maximum travel allowance** amounts up to:

- 3,000.00 EUR for short-term research stays abroad (maximum 1,000.00 EUR per month)
- 1,000.00 EUR for the participation in summer/winter schools

Clearance of travel expenses takes place according to the *Sächsische Reisekostengesetz* (Saxon regulations for travel and subsistence expenses for travel activities within Germany and/or abroad).

Additional information on the research stays abroad:

Research stays are funded from two weeks up to three months.

For children (age: up to max. 12 years), accompanying the applicant during the research stay abroad, a **childcare allowance up to maximum 500.00 EUR** on the basis of evidence can be applied for the entire duration of the research stay.

Funding period: 1st November 2020 bis 31st July 2021

Application & Deadline

The application has to be submitted:

- electronically
- within the deadline and
- as **one PDF-file** (exception: Letter of Recommendation)

via email to **graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de** with the subject "Research stay abroad" respectively "Summer/winter school".

Application Deadline: 31st October 2020

** If the end of a period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the period ends at the end of the next working day.*



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

Please consider that applicants applying for retroactive funding for research stays/summer schools which take place between November 2020 and July 2021, have to ensure coverage of already occurred costs by ulterior financial means, should their GA application not be successful. With regard to your planning reliability, we thus recommend applying for travel grants for research stays/summer schools which may take place from February 2021 onwards.

Further information on this can be found in the [FAQs on the GA program website](#).



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Application documents

Checklist for a complete application:

- Application form***
- Tabular resume** (CV) incl. list of publications, previous teaching activities and description of the scientific career (max. 5 pages)
- Copy of your Master/State Examination/Diploma/PhD certificate** (or equivalent)
- 1. Letter of Recommendation*** including a confirmation of financial need in due consideration of the financial situation of the professorship/the department: to be handed in by your **first Academic Supervisor or Young Investigator**, who signed the supervision agreement (in case of doctoral candidates) or by the associated chair/responsible professor (in case of postdocs)

Additionally for short-term research stays abroad only:

- Summary of your research project** including a time and work schedule for the applied funding period (max. 5 pages)
- Letter of invitation** from the host institution (or equivalent; the letter of invitation has to be handed in at the application deadline)
- If applicable, **documentation of costs** for the childcare allowance

Additionally for summer/winter schools only:

- Confirmation of participation** for the summer/winter school (can be handed in later)
- Documentation of participation fees** for the applied summer/winter school (e.g. printout of participation costs, invoice)

* These documents are available as [downloads on the GA website](#).



Missing, incomplete or incorrect documents cannot be submitted/resubmitted after the application deadline. Incomplete applications cannot be taken into consideration. Please note: The required letter of recommendation has to reach the Graduate Academy also in due time.



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Selection procedure

The selection process takes place by the Executive Committee of the Graduate Academy of TU Dresden on the basis of the application handed in. The allowances are performance-based grants and are awarded in a competitive selection process.

The **selection criteria** are:

- Quality of the young researcher (academic performance, publications, prizes, awards, social criteria)
- Quality of the research project (short-term research stay)
- Reason and importance/impact of the participation to the research project/doctorate
- Quality of the letter of recommendation
- Complete application documents and submission within the deadline

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

It is only possible to apply for **travel allowances for one research stay respectively summer/winter school per application** deadline. Thus, it is not possible to hand in various applications for different research stays/summer/winter schools at the deadline of the call.

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Get your questions answered!

Information consultations at the Graduate Academy after previous

appointment request: : 21st & 23rd September 2020 / 10am - 3pm

05th & 07th October 2020 / 10am - 3pm

Book a consultation appointment now at: graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de!



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