



## **Funding of Early Career Researchers during the Completion and Wrap-up Phase of the Doctorate**

**Completion and wrap-up grants serve to support doctoral candidates for up to three months during the final stage and wrap-up phase of their doctorate.**

### **Eligibility**

#### **Eligible are:**

- Doctoral candidates of TU Dresden in the final phase of their PhD, whose current financial support in form of scholarships, work contracts or third-party funding expired.
- Doctoral candidates of TU Dresden in the final phase of their PhD and after successful passing of the rigorosum/defense without financial support for the realization of a wrap-up phase after their doctorate at TU Dresden.

#### **Not eligible are:**

- Doctoral candidates in current employment during the applied funding period, research assistants including WHK-Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft (more than 10 hours per week)
- Doctoral candidates who are already supported by further funding institutions (e.g. private foundations, companies).

### **IMPORTANT**

Membership with the Graduate Academy of TU Dresden is a prerequisite for eligibility.

Your application will only be considered if you are a member of the Graduate Academy or if at least the complete documents required to apply for membership have been submitted to the Graduate Academy at the time of the application deadline. Further information on GA membership is available at: <http://www.tu-dresden.de/ga/mitgliedschaft>

## 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. Funding can be applied for a duration up to three months before submission of the thesis and until up to two months after the thesis defense. **The maximum funding period is of three months.** Extensions are not possible.

Possible types of funding:

- **Completion Grant**

Start of funding: max. 3 months before submission of the dissertation or  
max. 3 months before the defense

End of funding: up to and including the submission of the dissertation or  
up to and including the defense

- **Completion & Wrap-up Grant**

Start of funding: at least one month before the planned defense

End of funding: two months after the defense

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

- 1,500.00 EUR for doctoral candidates [exception: the rate for doctoral candidates of medicine/dentistry (envisaged degree: Dr. med.) amounts up to 943.00 EUR per month]
- 1,750.00 EUR for postdocs
- a non-personnel cost subsidy (for e.g. material/travel expenses) of 103.00 EUR
- if applicable, a family allowance of 400.00 EUR for the first and 100.00 EUR for each additional child.

## Application deadline & Funding period

Application deadline: **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

Funding period: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

**Note:** Upon completion of the funding, a final report must be submitted to the Graduate Academy.

## Application

The application has to be submitted electronically and in due time via [Promovendus](#) only.

### IMPORTANT

You will find the link to the application on your Promovendus start page during the application period only if you have at least completed the membership application to the Graduate Academy electronically. Only complete applications (incl. the letters of recommendation) can be submitted.

## Application Documents

The online application has to be created via [Promovendus](#). Within the online application, the following documents have to be uploaded in German or English:

- ☐ **Tabular resume** (CV) incl. list of publications, previous teaching activities and description of the scientific career (max. 5 pages)
- ☐ Copy of the **latest university degree**
- ☐ **Description of the research project** including a work and time schedule (max. 7 pages):
  - Research question / Problem statement / Working hypothesis
  - State of the art in the discipline (literature review)
  - Current state of progress (with reference to already finished work packages)
  - Detailed explanation of the single work packages and a time schedule for the requested funding period
- ☐ If applicable, a **copy of children's birth certificates**
- ☐ **Additional document** for funding applications including the wrap-up phase of the doctorate (after successful passing of the rigorosum/defense): **Letter of Intent and Confirmation of Financial Need** of the host professorship/institution

Additionally, a complete application requires:

- **1. Letter of Recommendation** to be handed in by your **first Academic Supervisor or Young Investigator**, who signed the supervision agreement (in case of doctoral candidates)
- **2. Letter of Recommendation** to be handed in by a second academic supervisor, researcher at postdoctoral level or a junior research group leader

The letters of recommendation have to be uploaded by the reviewer directly in Promovendus. For that, you need to create a request within the online application form. As soon as you initiate sending such request during the online application procedure, Promovendus will send an email to the provided email address with the template for the letter of recommendation and a corresponding upload link.

#### IMPORTANT

The submission of your online application is only possible after the recommendation letters have been uploaded by your reviewers to Promovendus. Please point out to your reviewers that the recommendation letter must be uploaded before the application deadline so that you can submit your application to Promovendus on time.

## 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 scholarships are performance-based grants and are awarded in a competitive selection process.

The **selection criteria** are:

- Qualification of the applicant (academic performance, publications, prizes, awards)
- Quality of the scientific project
- Quality of the letters of recommendation
- Consideration of life circumstances (social criteria)
- Complete application documents and submission within the deadline

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

## Funding decision

For the application deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, the funding decisions will presumably be made by mid-July 2026. Please refrain from telephone enquiries during this time.

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### **Get your questions answered!**

Arrange an individual consultation appointment regarding our GA funding programs at  
[graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de](mailto:graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de).

We look forward to receiving your inquiry!