



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 (WHK-Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft) included.
- Doctoral candidates who are already supported by further funding institutions (e.g. private foundations, companies).
- Doctoral candidates who have already been supported by a bridging grant of the Graduate Academy.

Note: 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 your complete membership application including all necessary documents **two weeks prior to the respective deadline** at the Graduate Academy.

Further information on 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. 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.

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

- 1,365.00 EUR for doctoral candidates [exception: the rate for doctoral candidates of medicine/dentistry (envisaged degree: Dr. med.) amounts up to 861.00 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.

New funding period:

- **01st September 2024 until 30th June 2025** (Deadline: 31st March)
- **01st March 2025 until 31st December 2025** (Deadline: 30th September)

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

Application & Deadline

The application has to be submitted electronically within the deadline and as **one PDF-file** (exception: Letters of Recommendation) via e-mail to **graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de** with the subject "Completion and Wrap-up Phase".

Application deadlines*:

- **31st March**
- **30th September**

** 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.*

Note: Subsequent submissions are not possible. Missing, incomplete or incorrect documents cannot be taken into consideration. Please note: The required **Letters of Recommendation** from your academic supervisors have to reach the Graduate Academy **in due time, too**.

Approximately three weeks after the application deadline, you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. **Notification of funding is expected to take place by mid July 2024.** Please refrain from telephone inquiries in this time.

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

Application Documents

Checklist for a complete application:

- A signed and scanned copy of the **online application 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 (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
- 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)
- 2. Letter of Recommendation***: to be handed in by a second academic supervisor, researcher at postdoctoral level or a junior research group leader
- 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
- If applicable, a **copy of children's birth certificates**

** Document as download available online on the GA Program website.*

Note: *The application documents can be submitted in German or English.*

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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 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.

Contact

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Get your questions answered!

*Arrange an individual consultation appointment regarding our GA funding programs at **graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de**.*

We look forward to receiving your inquiry!