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### Web seminar

# Funding Programs of the Graduate Academy & TU Dresden

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### **Graduate Academy of TU Dresden** | At a Glance



- Central scientific unit of the TU Dresden and part of TUD's administration
- Own house on the central campus as a central point of contact and meeting place
- Open to all doctoral candidates and their supervisors as well as to all postdocs
- Founded in 2013 (Excellence Initiative)
- Currently about 2,500 members
- Since 2020 Postdoc Center HZDR TUD







### **Graduate Academy** | Offers and Services







- Qualification program designed for early career researchers
- Advice and information before, during and after the Doctorate
- Individual Coaching
- Funding programs
- GA Writing Lab, including writing advisory service, workshops and workspace
- Events for interdisciplinary exchange and networking (i.e. GA Postdoc Day, GA PhD Day)
- Mentoring-Program Academia & Postdoc Talks







### **Graduate Academy** | Membership

Voluntary membership upon application:

- Doctoral candidate
   accepted by one of TU Dresden's Faculties
- Supervisor
   at least one of his/her supervised doctoral candidates
   must be member of the Graduate Academy
- Postdoc employment/scholarship at TU Dresden
- Associated membership
  - doctoral candidates and postdocs engaged in collaborative projects with the TU Dresden, i.e. joint doctoral programs
  - postdocs more than six years after the conclusion of their doctorate













### **GA Funding Programs** | Overview



#### Specifically for the PhD

- Saxon Scholarship Program for Doctoral Studies
- Maria Reiche Doctoral Fellowships
- ESF Plus Doctoral Scholarships
- Grants for the Funding of Young Scientists during the Completion & Wrap-up Phase of the PhD
- Back-to-Research Grants
- Proofreading Grants



#### **Mobility and Networks**

- Travel Grants for Short-term Research
  Stays and Summer/Winter Schools Abroad
- Travel Awards for Conferences, Congresses, Symposia and Workshops
- Lab2Lab



# Specifically for the Postdoc Phase & Habilitation

- Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Postdoc Starter Kit
- Back-to-Research Grants
- Proofreading Grants







### **Graduate Academy** | Membership

### » When is the GA Membership relevant for the eligibility?

At the time of application a GA membership is <u>not</u> required for:

- Saxon Scholarship Program for Doctoral Studies
- ESF Plus Doctoral Scholarships
- Maria Reiche Doctoral Fellowships
- Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Back-to-Research Grants for PhD Students
   & Postdocs

At the time of application a GA membership is required for:

- GA-Grants for the Funding of Young Scientists during the Completion & Wrap-up Phase of the Doctorate
- GA-Travel Awards for Conferences, Congresses, Symposia & Workshops
- GA-Travel Grants for Short-term Research Stays
   & Summer/Winter Schools
- Lab2Lab
- GA-Proofreading Grants
- Postdoc Starter Kit







### **GA Funding Programs** | Specifically for the PhD

- Saxon Scholarship Program for Doctoral Studies
- Maria Reiche Doctoral Fellowships
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- Proofreading Service





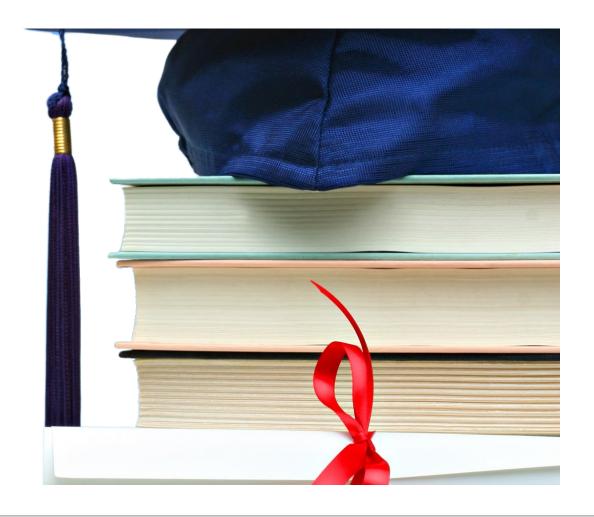




# **Funding Programs** | Specifically for the PHD Saxon Scholarship Program



- ✓ **Eligible**: all <u>prospective</u> doctoral candidates at TU Dresden
- ✓ Funding duration: 3 years (extension for one more year is possible)
- ✓ Monthly grant rate: EUR 1,350 (if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 100 per child)
- ✓ **Special allowances** for material and travel expenses as well as for the costs of a research stay abroad: EUR 1,500
- ✓ Start of funding between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> December
- ✓ **Application deadline**: 31st March









# **Funding Programs** | Specifically for the PHD Maria Reiche Doctoral Fellowships



- ✓ Eligible: Female graduates, who intend to earn a doctoral degree at TU Dresden
- ✓ Not eligible: Doctoral candidates of the faculty of medicine
- ✓ Funding duration: max. 3 years (extension not possible)
- ✓ Monthly grant rate: EUR 1,365 (if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 400 for the first and EUR 100 for each additional child)
- ✓ **Start of funding** between 1st October and 1st March of the following year
- ✓ **Application deadline**: 31st March









# **Funding Programs** | Specifically for the PHD ESF Plus PhD Scholarship Program



- ✓ **Eligible**: all <u>prospective</u> doctoral candidates at TU Dresden, whose doctoral thesis topic meets the program criteria.
- ✓ **Eligible**: Doctoral students of the TU Dresden, if the funding serves the continuation of the scientific research after a family-related interruption (at least six months)
- ✓ Funding duration: 4 years (extension for 1 further year possible)
- ✓ Monthly grant rate: EUR 1,700 (if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 100 per child)
- ✓ Start of funding: not announced by now
- ✓ Application deadline: not announced by now











#### » Aim of the program:

Supporting doctoral candidates during the final stage and wrap-up phase of their doctorate

### » Eligibility:

Eligible are doctoral candidates in the final stage/wrapup phase of their doctorate, whose current financial support (e.g. scholarships, work contracts and/or third party funding) has expired.









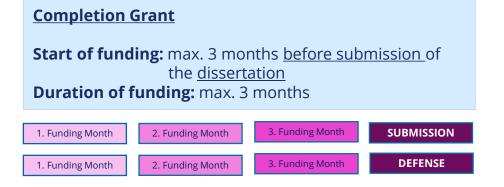


### » Duration of funding:

Maximum 3 months

### » Extent of funding:

- Monthly grant for doctoral candidates: EUR 1,365 [exception Dr. med.: 861 EUR]
- Monthly grant for postdoctoral candidates:
   EUR 1.750
- a non-personnel monthly cost subsidy: EUR 103
- if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 400 for the first and EUR 100 for each additional child.



# Completion & Wrap-up Grant Start of funding: At least one month before the planned defense Duration of funding: max. 3 months

**DEFENSE** 

1. Funding Month







3. Funding Month

2. Funding Month



### » Funding Periods & Application Deadlines:

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024:

Funding period: 1st March 2025 until 31st December 2025

31st March 2025:

Funding period: 1st September 2025 until 30th June 2026

**Please note**: in case of grant approval: Postponement of the funding period only possible within the eligible period.

### Info!

- ✓ Sideline activities with a maximum of 10 hours per week are allowed
- ✓ 1 short-term grant per PhD phase











#### » Application documents :

- Signed and scanned copy of the online application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Description of research project incl. a time and work schedule for the requested funding period
- 2 letters of recommendation
- 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

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

The application can be submitted in **German or English**.







# **Funding Programs** | PhD & Habilitation Back-to-Research Grants

#### » Aim of the program:

The Free State of Saxony provides funding for

- Back-to-Research Grants for doctoral/postdoctoral research projects after a family-related interruption (Program line 1)
- Back-to-Research Grants for the resumption of scientific work of female postdocs to initiate an appointment to an university position (Program line 2)

#### » Application deadlines:

- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024
   Earliest start of grant: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 Earliest start of grant: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025









### Funding Programs | PhD & Habilitation

### Back-to-Research Grants

# <u>Back-to-Research Grants for doctoral/postdoctoral research projects after</u> <u>a family-related interruption</u> (Program line 1)

#### » Eligibility:

#### Eligible are:

- + Researchers, who return to academia after having intermitted their scientific career at an advanced stage (for at least nine months) due to family commitments, to complete their doctorate and habilitation. The thesis has to be already at an advanced stage.
- + Researchers, who completed in case of a doctoral project the last university degree with an overall grade of at least "good" and in case of a habilitation project the doctorate have been assessed at least with "magna cum laude".
- + PhD students, who are not older than 37 and postdocs, who are not older than 42 years.

#### Not eligible are:

- Researchers, who are already publicly funded otherwise.
- Researchers, with sideline activities of more than 10 hours per week during the applied period of funding







# **Funding Programs** | PhD & Habilitation Back-to-Research Grants

### » Duration of funding:

- scholarship funding ends with the month in which the dissertation/habilitation thesis is submitted, maximum funding period of 12 months
- extension of funding up to six additional months is possible

### » Extent of funding:

- monthly grant rate for doctoral candidates: EUR 985
- monthly grant rate for habilitation candidates: EUR 1,285
- if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 100 per child

### Sideline activities

- Sideline activities with a maximum of 10 hours per week allowed
- The sideline activities have to be related to the PhD project and serve the purpose of the scholarship
- Minor teaching activity is Permitted
  - 2 hours per week for doctorates
  - 4 hours a week for habilitations







# Funding Programs | Habilitation

### Back-to-Research Grants

<u>Back-to-Research Grants for the resumption of scientific work of female postdocs to initiate an appointment to an university position</u> (Program line 2)

#### » 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
- + Researchers, who completed the doctorate at least with "magna cum laude".
- + Female postdocs, who are not older than 40 years.

#### » Duration of funding:

Maximum of 6 months

#### » Extent of funding:

- monthly grant rate for habilitation candidates: EUR 1,285
- if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 100 per child







# **Funding Programs** | PhD & Habilitation Back-to-Research Grants

### » Application:

- Submission of the application only via regular mail to: Graduate Academy of TU Dresden
- Submission of the application only in German
- Signed copy of the online proposal form

# Program line 1 2 letters of recommendation Statement of the faculty

# Program line 2

- ✓ Proof on a professional experience outside the university sector of at least three years
- Letter of intent to host the applicant and confirmation of financial need of the host professorship/institution

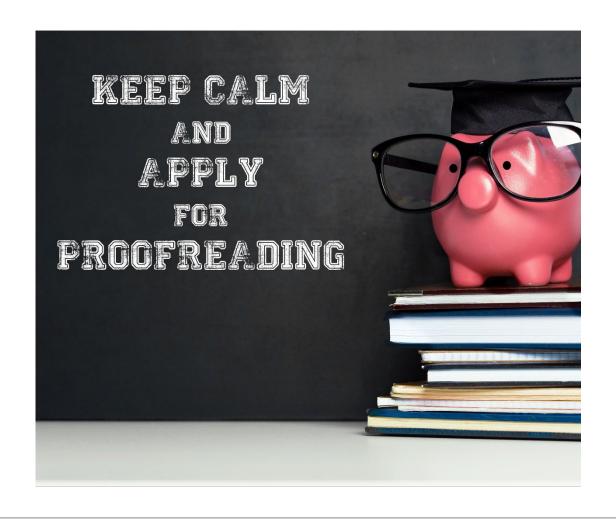






### » Aim of the program:

This grant aim to support the international visibility of the research achievements of doctoral candidates and postdocs. For this purpose the Graduate Academy of the TU Dresden grants allowances for proofreading services (German or English) for foreign-language publications from doctoral candidates and postdocs of TU Dresden.









### » Eligibility:

- + Eligible are doctoral candidates and postdocs of TU Dresden of all faculties
- + If the proofreading service is for joint publications, the applicant has to be at least secondary author.
- » Application deadline: Applications can be submitted at any time
- » Maximum funding: maximum EUR 300.00

#### Please note:

- Allowances can only be requested before the actual utilization of the proofreading service.
- The original invoice must be submitted to the Graduate Academy no later than four months after the positive decision.







### » Extent of funding for doctoral candidates:

- ✓ special chapters of the dissertation (release version to be submitted to a publishing house)
- ✓ article (full paper)
- ✓ extended abstracts
- ✓ exposés
- ✓ essays
- ✓ reviews in journals
- ✓ articles in compilations
- ✓ conference papers
- ✓ publications in connection with exhibits

### Important!

The planned publication has to have a comprehensible relevance for the doctorate and/or scientific career.







» Extent of funding for Postdocs:

✓ application for third-party funding (Application for own project only)









### » Application:

- The application is submitted
  - ✓ electronically
  - ✓ as one PDF

via e-mail to **graduiertenakademie@tu-dresden.de** with the subject "Proofreading Grant".

### » Application documents:

- Application form
- Tabular resume (CV) incl. list of publications
- Text for proofreading

### » Awarding criteria:

- Importance of the publication for the doctorate / academic career
- Reputation of the journal, book series, conference, exhibition etc.
- Need of proofreading
- Previous funding of the applicant for the use of proofreading services (plurality demand)

A fundamental legal right to claim an allowance for proofreading services does not exist.



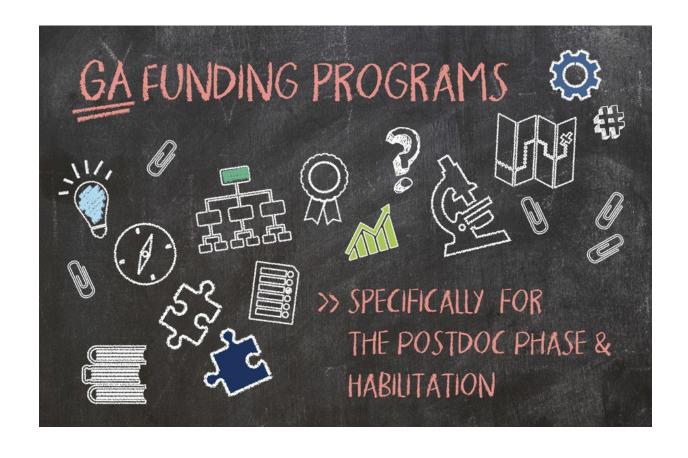




### **Funding Programs**

### Specifically for the Postdoc phase & Habilitation

- Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Postdoc Starter Kit







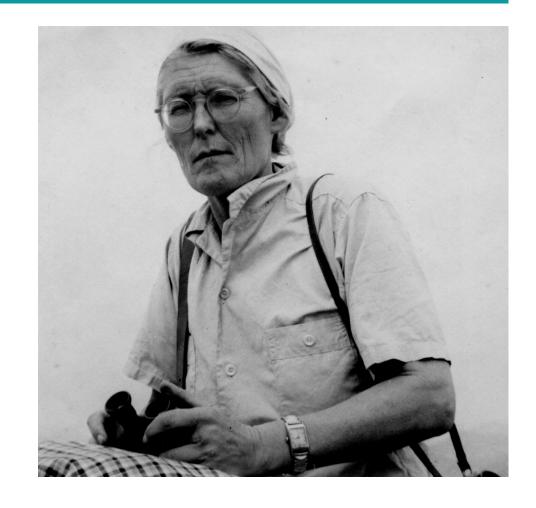


# **Funding Programs** | Postdoc phase & Habilitation Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships

#### » Aim of the program:

Support of 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.

» Application deadline: 30th April









# Funding Programs | Postdoc phase & Habilitation Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships

### » 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 who are already being funded by other institutions (e.g. private foundations, industrial companies) for the same purpose







# **Funding Programs** | Postdoc phase & Habilitation Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships

#### » Duration of funding:

up to 24 months

#### » Extent of funding:

- monthly grant rate: EUR 2,670
- if applicable, a monthly family allowance of EUR 400 for the first and EUR 100 for each additional child
- Subsidies for the basic equipment of the workplace at the respective professorship/research institution of the TU Dresden
- Maria Reiche Starter Kit: max. EUR 10,000

#### » Start of funding:

- Earliest start of grant: 1st October
- Latest possible start of grant: 1st January of the following year



Sideline activities with a maximum of 10 hours per week are allowed







# **Funding Programs** | Postdoc phase & Habilitation Postdoc Starter Kit



### » Aim of the program:

The aim of the **Postdoc Starter Kit** program is to support outstanding early career researchers (postdocs) at an early stage in their research career in developing and sharpening their scientific profile and to qualify them for further scientific career paths.

- » Application deadline & start of funding:
  - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024
     Start of funding: between 01<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025









# **Funding Programs** | Postdoc phase & Habilitation Postdoc Starter Kit

#### » Eligibility

Eligible are:

Postdocs of the TU Dresden with a full membership at the Graduate Academy according to the current rules and regulations of the Graduate Academy.

- » Extent of funding: maximum EUR 10,000.00 per project for maximum 18 months (up to June, 30th 2026)
- » Type of funding: Eligible measures and activities are, for example:
  - Developing collaborations and participating in conferences
  - Consumables and publication costs
  - Invitation of international guest speakers
  - Organization of scientific events
  - Personnel funds for student assistants (SHK)
  - Participation in demand-oriented professional and multi-disciplinary training







# **Funding Programs** | Postdoc phase & Habilitation Postdoc Starter Kit



#### » Application documents

- Confirmation of participation in a coaching session for professional assessment at the Graduate Academy
- A signed and scanned copy of the online application form
- Tabular resume
- Copy of the doctoral certificate
- Outline of the academic development plan
- Cost calculation per requested funding year (overview)
- Letter of support from your superior

### Important!

Professional assessment coachings will take place between

 $15^{th}$  January 2024 and  $31^{st}$  August 2024.

Please make an appointment at <u>graduiertenakademieatudresden.de until 31st July</u>
2024 | subject "Postdoc Starter Kit - Professional assessment coaching".

The application has to be submitted only electronically, within the deadline and as **one PDF** (exception: Letter of Support) via e-mail to **graduiertenakademie@tu-dresden.de** with the subject "Postdoc Starter Kit". The application can be submitted in **German or English**.







### **GA Funding Programs**

### Mobility & Networks

- Travel Grants for Short-term
   Research Stays and Summer/Winter
   Schools within Germany and Abroad
- Travel Awards for Congresses, Conferences, Symposia and Workshops
- Lab2Lab

Eligiblity: PhDs, Postdocs, TUD Young Investigators and Junior Professors of TU Dresden









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

### » Aim of the program:

Supporting early-career researchers with travel allowances for short-term research stays and summer/winter schools within Germany and abroad.

### » Eligibility:

Eligible are doctoral candidates, postdocs, Young Investigators and Junior Professors of all faculties of TU Dresden

### » Duration of funding:

Short-term research stays: max. 3 months & min. 2 weeks









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

### » Type of funding:

Research stay support of:

- experimental work
- fieldwork
- library and archival research
- expertise exchange
- acquisition of new knowledge and skills

### » Funding Periods & Application Deadlines:

■ **30**<sup>th</sup> **September 2024:** Funding period: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

■ 31st March 2025: Funding period: 1st April 2025 until 31st December 2025

### Please note!

In case of grant approval:
Postponement of the funding
Period only Possible within the
eligible period.







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

### » Extent of funding:

- Maximum funding amount of:
  - ✓ **EUR 3,600** for short-term research stays within Germany and Europe (max. EUR 1,200 per month)
  - ✓ EUR 4,500 for short-term research stays outside of Europe (max. EUR 1,500 per month)
  - ✓ EUR 1,000 for the participation in a summer/winter school
- childcare allowance for children accompanying the applicant during the research stay abroad and within Germany
  - ✓ max. EUR 500 on the basis of evidence (for the entire duration of the research stay)

### Please note!

- SächsRKG Reimbursement process: application form for travel trips and respective reimbursement form
- Collecting receipts for all meals!!!
- Only one application for a Travel Grant is possible per application deadline







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



#### » Application documents:

- NEW! Online application at PROMOVENDUS with outline of the added value and relevance of the research stay/participation in the summer/winter school for your doctorate/research
- Summary of your research project including a work and time schedule
- Letter of invitation from the host institution (or equivalent) for the research stays abroad
- Confirmation of participation of the summer/winter school (can be handed in later)
- For doctoral candidates & postdocs: 1 Letter of recommendation
- For TUD Young Investigators and Junior Professors: Confirmation of Demand of the Faculty







# **GA Funding Programs** | Mobility & Networks Travel Awards for Congresses, Conferences, Symposia and Workshops

## » Aim of the program:

Supporting early-career researchers with travel allowances for congresses, conferences, symposia and workshops within Germany and abroad

### » Eligibility:

Eligible are doctoral candidates, postdocs, Young Investigators and Junior Professors of all faculties of TU Dresden

Funding is provided for <u>active participation</u> at events in the form of a poster contribution and/or a presentation.









# **GA Funding Programs** | Mobility & Networks Travel Awards for Congresses, Conferences, Symposia and Workshops

## » Extent of funding:

Maximum funding amount per event:

- **EUR 300** for the participation in digital/online events
- EUR 750 for the participation in events within Germany and Europe
- **EUR 1,500** for the participation in events outside of Europe

### » Funding Periods & Application Deadlines:

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- NEW! Online application at PROMOVENDUS with outline of the added value and relevance of the participation in the applied event for your doctorate/research
- Abstract (incl. "TU Dresden" in the author's address, can be handed in later)
- Copy of the acceptance of your participation and contribution (can be handed in later)
- Program of the event (can be handed in later)
- For doctoral candidates & postdocs: 1 Letter of recommendation
- For Young Investigator & Junior Professors: Confirmation of Demand of the Faculty







# » Aim of the program:

Promotion of the exchange and joint cooperation of early-career researchers on the basis of international cooperation between working groups (AGs).

- » Duration of funding:up to max. 18 months
- » Extent of funding:
  up to max. EUR 10,000.000 per project









## » Eligibility

Professors and Young Investigators of TU Dresden together with a professor from the working group abroad and an early-career researcher (doctoral candidate or postdoc) as the main contact person within the working group at TU Dresden.

In order to be eligible for a project application, you have to fulfill the following requirements:

- The project application has to be a joint request.
- A cooperation between the working groups has to exists already (demonstrated by, e.g. first contact initiation, joint publications, cooperation agreements)
- At least one early career researcher from each working group must be involved in the project. Level and type of participation may vary depending on the individual needs.
- At least one doctoral candidate or postdoc of TU Dresden has to be involved in the project as a main applying contact and has to travel.







## » Type of funding:

Multiple projects can be funded per application!

- The mandatory module for all project applications is a research stay of a doctoral candidate or postdoc of the TU Dresden in the working group abroad (outgoing; minimum two weeks up to maximum three months)
- Further flexible modules can be added to the project application:
  - Research stays of further doctoral candidates, postdocs and professors/Young Investigators of the participating working groups (incoming and outgoing; up to maximum three months)
  - Joint meetings of the partner groups, organized by the involved early career researches and professors/Young Investigators, at TU Dresden or abroad (maximum five days).











# » Application documents:

- Application form
- Per project member a CV
- Description of the project (max. 5 pages) including as well an outline of the planned results and perspectives for future cooperation
- Conclusive cost calculation per requested funding year (overview) taking into account all applied for short-term research stays and/or meetings of the working group (incl. name of travelling researchers, specific travel periods and estimated costs/applied funds)
- Written confirmation letter on the project cooperation submitted by the international partner(s)







# **General Information: Application documents Mobility Grants**

- Application documents to be submitted: see call for applications, website and FAQ for further information
- Travel Grants for Short-term Research Stays & Travel Awards: NEW! Online application at PROMOVENDUS
- Incomplete applications or delayed applications cannot be considered in the selection process (formal rejection)
- No legal claim for funding!







# **General Information: Selection Process Mobility Grants**

#### » Selection Process:

- By the Executive Committee of the GA
- In a competitive selection process

#### » Selection Criteria:

- Qualification of the applicant (academic performance, publications, prizes/awards)
- Quality of the research project/benefit of the participation in the e.g. applied event for the research project
- Quality of the letter of recommendation
- Social criteria (e.g. children, family members in need of care)

# Info!

Maximum of 3 mobility grants per qualification phase (doctoral/postdoc phase)!





# **Advice & Service**

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Förderprogramme Funding Programs



# **Advice on funding opportunities:**

upon individual appointment

#### Website:

https://tu-dresden.de/ga/finanzierung

#### **Brochure:**

**GA Funding Programs (Hyperlink)** 

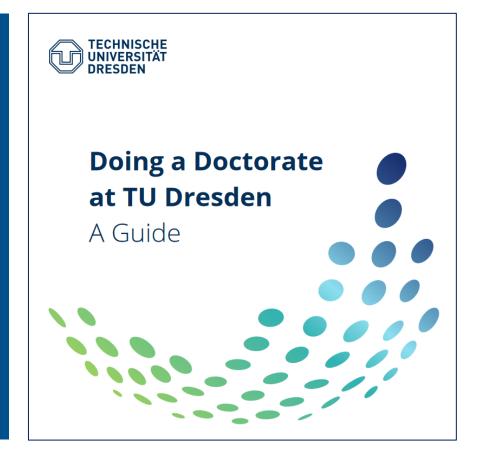








# **Advice & Service**



## **General advice on doctoral studies at TU Dresden**

Brochure:

Doing a doctorate at the TU Dresden. A Guide (Hyperlink)









# **Advice & Service**





**Graduate Academy** 

## Advice Coaching



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# Further topics of <a href="Advice">Advice</a> & Coaching (Hyperlink):

- Career counselling
- Conflict counselling
- Writing advisory service









# Thank you very much for your attention!



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