



Lab2Lab

The GA funding program aims at supporting the exchange and lively collaboration of early career researchers based on the cooperation of international working groups.

The program Lab2Lab is supported by financial means within the Excellence Strategy from the Federal Government and the Federal State of Saxony.

Eligibility

Eligible are:

- Professors / 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.

Note: The membership at the Graduate Academy is mandatory for all project participants (involved early career researchers as well as the applying professor / Young Investigator) from TU Dresden. 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 application at the Graduate Academy.**

Further information on GA membership is available at: www.tu-dresden.de/ga

In order to apply the following requirements must be met:

- The project application has to be a joint request.
- A cooperation between the working groups has to exist 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

The grant supports the cooperation between researchers (doctoral candidates and/or postdocs) of two (at least one TU Dresden and one international) or more working groups.

The project applications can be composed either of the mandatory module only or of the mandatory module combined with further flexible modules.

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 and/or postdocs of the participating working groups (incoming and outgoing; up to maximum three months)
- research stays of professors and TUD Young Investigators of the working groups (incoming and outgoing; up to maximum three months)
- joint meetings of the partner groups, organized by the involved early career researchers and professors / TUD Young Investigators, at TU Dresden or abroad (maximum five days). Examples of the character of joint meetings: workshops of the working groups, strategy meetings for detailed planning of the individual project components, coordination meetings for planning joint publications and/or applications for third-party funding.

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 **maximum funding period is 18 months**. Extensions are not possible. The approved funds must be spent within the respective calendar years for which they were requested.

The extent of funding per project application is up to maximum EUR 10,000.00.

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

Application & Deadline

Complete applications can be submitted **at any time** electronically as **one PDF-file** via e-mail to **graduiertenakademie@tu-dresden.de** with the subject "**Lab2Lab**".

Note: The funding decision will take place about **six weeks after the submission** of the application to the Graduate Academy.

Application documents

Checklist for a complete application:

- Application form***
- Per project member a CV** (max. 2 pages/person) incl. the scientific background and a brief description of the research focus/main focus of the doctorate and selected publications
- Description of the project** (max. 5 pages) including:
 - Description of the participation of at least one early career researcher from each participating working group (the way of participation can vary from person to person)
 - 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)

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

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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 **content-related selection criteria** are:

- Quality of the previous cooperation(s) of the applicants.
- Qualification of the early career researchers (academic performance, publications, prizes, awards, social criteria).
- Convincing concept of
 - how the early career researchers are involved and supervised in the project to benefit the best from the expertise of both/all involved sides,
 - the planned concrete results (e.g. joint applications/publications) and
 - perspectives (development of a long-lasting exchange, involvement of other groups).

The **formal selection criteria** are:

- Application documents completed in full.

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

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Get your questions answered!

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

We look forward to receiving your inquiry!