



Back-to-Research Grants for PhD students and postdocs (program line 1)

The Free State of Saxony provides annually Back-to-Research Grants for young researchers. In accordance with the »Richtlinie des Sächsischen Staatsministeriums für Wissenschaft, Kultur und Tourismus über die Vergabe von Stipendien zur Förderung des Wiedereinstiegs in die wissenschaftliche Arbeit (FördRL Wiedereinstieg) vom 23.09.2005«, published in the Sächsische Amtsblatt No. 42 from 20th October 2005 funding priority will be given to the scientific-technically fields (MINT).

The funding program aims at enhancing the percentage of women pursuing a doctorate or habilitation and raising the percentage of women in leading positions in research institutions and teaching, but also to meet the needs of the promotion of women at Saxon universities.

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 doctorates and habilitations. The thesis has to be already at an advanced stage.
- Researchers, who completed in case of doctoral project the last university degree with an overall grade of at least „good“ and in case of 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.

Note: *Sideline activities as a research assistant (WHK) with a maximum of ten hours per week or a minor teaching activity (doctoral candidates max. 2 SWS / postdoctoral candidates max. 4 SWS) can usually be combined with the funding. The particular sideline activity should be related to the scientific work and serve the purpose of the scholarship. Furthermore, the previous approval of the funding authority must be obtained before start of the sideline activity.*

Duration & Extent of funding

The funding of Back-to-Research Grants 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 12 months. The scholarship funding ends with the month in which the dissertation thesis is submitted. For family reasons, the scholarship can also be taken as a part-time scholarship with a correspondingly extended term. The amount of the scholarship is reduced according to the part-time period.

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

- EUR 985.00 for PhD students,
- EUR 1,285.00 for Postdocs and
- if applicable, a family allowance of EUR 400.00 for the first and EUR 100.00 for each additional child.

Funding start:

- **01st July** (Deadline: 31st March)
- **01st January** (Deadline: 30th September)

***Note:** If the scientific project is not completed within the approved funding period for objectively professional reasons which are not in the responsibility of the scholarship holder, an extension of up to six additional months may be granted subject to the available budgetary resources.*

Application & Deadline

The application has to be submitted on paper only via regular mail due in time at the Graduate Academy. Please send your application in the following mentioned order without a folder, nor tacked or clamped to:

TU Dresden
Graduate Academy | Funding Programs
Mommsenstraße 7
01069 Dresden

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.
(The date of receipt at the central mail service of the TU Dresden is valid.)*

Note: Additional supplements are only possible within the application period. Incomplete applications, applications sent by e-mail or applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Please ensure that the required letters of recommendation will reach in due time, too.

Approximately one week after the application deadline you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Notification of funding is generally made after about twelve weeks of the respective deadline for applications. Please refrain from telephone inquiries in this time. The Studentenwerk Dresden (student administration office), Division of Student Financing, will be responsible for all further processing of your application after the funding decision of TU Dresden.

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
- Copy of the latest university degree**
(if applicable, a copy of a certified English translation of the certificate if it is in a foreign language)
- Letter of motivation** (max. 2 pages)
- Description of research project** (max. 5 pages) incl:
 - Problem statement, explanation and aim of the planned project
 - Previous / completed work
 - Detailed explanation of the single work packages and a time schedule for the requested funding period
- Letter of Recommendations*** of two supervisors to the scientific results, the quality of the project and the applicant, under special consideration of the scientific work before the suspension period
- Statement of the faculty*** that the project is of a special scientific interest
- For doctoral candidates: **Certificate of enrollment** or confirmation letter of acceptance as a doctoral candidate by the faculty
- If applicable, **documents relating to a current grant/funding/work contract**
- In case of a sideline activity** during funding period: confirmation that the sideline activity will not exceed 10 hours a week (teaching activity 2 hours a week for doctorates and 4 hours a week for habilitations) and that incidentally, the applicant will be fully dedicated to the progress of the PhD project.

- If applicable, **statement of family situation:**
 - Copy of child tax benefit notice
 - Declaration of resident's registration office that the children are living with the applicant in a common household (if no claim for child tax benefit exists due to citizenship)
 - Statement if the other parent receives any scholarship and if so, which scholarship

** Documents as downloads available online on the GA program website.*

Note: *The application documents have to be submitted in German only or with a certified translation in German. Documents in English will not be accepted according to the requirements of the funding authority. Exception: Letter of Recommendation and last university certificate can be submitted in English.*

Selection procedure

The selection takes place by the executive committee of the Graduate Academy and the Gender Equality Commissioner of TU Dresden as well as the Equal Opportunities Officer of the respective faculty on the basis of the application handed in. The Back-to-Research Grants for PhD students and postdocs are awarded in a competitive process.

The **selection criteria** are:

- Qualification of the applicant (academic performance, publications, prizes/awards)
- Projects in the MINT-field
- Quality of the Letter of Recommendation
- Consideration of life circumstances
- Application submitted completely and within the deadline

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 graduiertenakademie@tu-dresden.de.
We look forward to receiving your inquiry!

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