



Back-to-Research Grants for PhD students and postdocs (program line 2)

The Free State of Saxony provides annually Back-to-Research Grants for young researchers. In accordance with the »Richtlinie des Sächsischen Staatsministeriums für Wissenschaft und Kunst 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 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:

- 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.

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 (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 6 months**. An extension is not possible.

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

- EUR 1,285.00 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:** Upon completion of the grant, the scholarship holder must prove that the intended measure (for example, the application for funding or a scholarship) has been carried out. If proof cannot be provided at the latest two months after the date of expiry, the funds granted may be reclaimed.*

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 PhD certificate**
(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
- The serious interest in creating the prerequisites for an appointment to a university must be demonstrated in the application. To this end, the intended scientific project and the measures envisaged to secure this project, for example **the application for funding from third parties or a postdoctoral/habilitation fellowship**, must be specifically stated in the application.
- Letter of intent to host the applicant and confirmation of financial need*** of the host professorship/institution and statement of the Faculty that the intended project is of a special scientific interest for the university and that for the implementation of the project all necessary basic equipment will be provided.
- Proof on a professional experience** outside the university sector of at least three years
- 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 / teaching activity will not exceed 10 hours per week / 4 hours per week 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

** Document 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 Equal Opportunities Officer of TU Dresden as well as the Equal Opportunities Officers of the respective faculty on the basis of the application handed in. The Back-to-Research Grants for 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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