



FAST FORWARD Qualification program

Our exclusive FAST FORWARD qualification program is explicitly designed to meet the needs of researchers in this qualification phase.

The program's objective is to impart valuable knowledge and interdisciplinary skills in a compact way, especially in the context of limited time resources, so that the next career step towards a professorship will be successful.

Networking events

In addition to the workshops, various event formats offer an excellent opportunity to strategically and interdisciplinarily expand one's scientific network and to exchange ideas with fellow scientists.



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TUD Young Investigator

Our aim

The “TUD Young Investigator” status strengthens excellent, **independent junior research group leaders** by fostering their integration into the faculties and offering a qualification program tailored to their particular needs.

The aim of this scheme is to counteract the structural disadvantages sometimes experienced by this group of researchers due to their lack of defined status and inadequate or nonexistent connection to a Faculty.

Your rights

Every “TUD Young Investigator” will

- be given a TUD university professor as a mentor and direct contact,
- be accepted by the Faculty as an assessor and examiner in doctoral procedures, particularly concerning the dissertations they (co-)supervise,
- participate in teaching,
- be integrated into their respective Faculty, including the possibility to attend public parts of Faculty Council meetings as a guest,
- get the opportunity to participate in a range of training specially designed to address the needs of academics in this qualification phase.

The “TUD Young Investigator”-Status is awarded for a **limited period** and is bound to the duration of the independent junior research group's duration or ends with leaving the TU Dresden or the appointment to a professorship.



I am truly honored to receive this award. Through this the TUD shines a spotlight on the roles that early career researchers take on and expresses its appreciation for their work.

Dr. Solvejg Nitzke

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Your application

Who can apply? Junior research group leaders with fixed-term contracts with the TU Dresden or a partner institution of the DRESDEN concept

- with own budget and staff responsibility,
- who are academically independent and without affiliation to a professor,
- who head a research group with at least two academics (excluding the head).

In addition to a completed doctorate with a grade of at least very good, evidence of performance suitable for postdoctoral lecturer qualification (habilitation equivalent) is necessary.

Approval of the Faculty

The application to the Rectorate for the award of the status TUD Young Investigator requires the support of the respective Faculty.

An **extension** for (a maximum of) one additional year is possible with the Faculty's consent and written application.

For all further information and application forms, please visit our website.

