

Call for proposals of the University of Passau

Thesis starter grant

for doctoral candidates

Application deadline: 28.02.2023

Start of funding: 01.05.2023 at the earliest

The University of Passau considers the excellent support of its young academics to be an important building block for its excellence in research and teaching. In order to financially support the transition into a promising doctoral phase for particularly qualified graduates, the University of Passau awards a thesis starter grant.

The thesis starter grant is used to obtain funding for the completion of a doctorate at the University of Passau. In particular, it is intended to enable the preparation of an exposé for application to a doctoral funding organization or the acquisition of a third-party funded position.

Amount and duration of the funding

The thesis starter grant includes a contract as a graduate teaching and research assistant for **80 hours per month**. In case of funding, the contract is concluded **for six months**.

Subject to available budgetary funds, the funding can be **extended by a maximum of three months** to bridge the time until the start of funding by a promotional funding organization or another external funding source. In order to apply for an extension, **proof of an application** to a doctoral funding body or an external third-party funder must be submitted to the Graduate Centre office at least six weeks before the end of the funding period. There is no entitlement to an extension.

Who can apply?

- Students with above-average assessments in the final phase of a degree programme entitling them to a doctorate (graduation not after 31.09.2023) who are planning a doctorate at the University of Passau, and
- -Graduates (degree not before 30.04.2022) with above-average performance who are planning a doctorate at the University of Passau.

Funding is not possible if you are employed by the University of Passau during the planned funding period.

The funding can be started at the earliest as soon as all examination results for the completion of the studies have been achieved. A later start is possible in exceptional cases, but no later than twelve months after the completion of your studies.

Selection criteria:

- Scientific qualification and performance of the applicant, proven in particular by outstanding academic achievements, prizes or other awards for previous assessments during the studies

- Scientific quality and comprehensibility of the doctoral project
- Comprehensibility of the personal motivation for the doctorate and the contribution to further career planning

Application Materials:

- Application for a thesis starter grant
- Certificates of all university degrees obtained or proof of previous study and examination achievements, if the certificate is not yet available when the application is submitted
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of the designated supervisor of the doctorate at the University of Passau

All documents must be submitted to the Graduate Centre by **28.02.2023** at the latest:

- Submission by the applicant: Electronic submission of the application form including all required appendices by the applicant AND.
- Submission by the designated supervisor: statement of the designated supervisor by e-mail to Graduiertenzentrum@uni-passau.de or in original to the address Universität Passau, Graduiertenzentrum, Nikolastraße 12, 94032 Passau.

A detailed step-by-step guide to the application process can be found on our website under the tab: "Funding programmes/Starter Grant".

Frequently asked questions about the thesis starter grant are answered on our FAQ page. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Graduate Centre office.

For the rest, the general conditions apply, which are regulated in the guidelines of the University of Passau on the granting of a thesis starter grant.