

Bavarian Equal Opportunities Funding Programme

Scholarships for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities for Women in Research and Teaching

Information on project funding for female postdoctoral researchers

1. Funding objective

Since the 2008 budget year, the Free State of Bavaria has been providing all Bavarian universities with funding for the promotion of equal opportunities for women in research and teaching. The aim of the programme is to increase the number of women in research and teaching, especially in leadership positions or professorships. The project funding for female postdoctoral researchers aims to enable women who have completed their doctorates to begin, continue and/or complete a project that will enable them to pursue a university career (assistant professorship or habilitation). This call for proposals is subject to budget approval.

2. Scholarship

Stipend (amount): €2,400 per month (full-time scholarship) or €1,200 per month (part-time scholarship)

Childcare allowance: €300 per month for one child, plus a further €100 per month for each additional child under the age of 18

Application deadline: 08 April 2024

Funding period: up to 12 months; in justified cases, up to two extensions may be possible.

Prerequisites: Applicants should generally have completed their doctorate with at least the grade "good" ("gut", magna cum laude); the duration of doctoral study should not usually exceed four years (adjusted accordingly for any time spent raising children).

Application documents

- The application form can be accessed from the [University Women's Representative's website](#).
- Chronological curriculum vitae
- Copies of your degree certificates and transcripts as well as your secondary school leaving certificate and report card(s)
- An evaluation report by a professor of the University of Passau; this report must meet the [formal report requirements \[the file linked to is in German\]](#)
- A further independent evaluation report by a professor who is not a member of the University of Passau; this report must meet the [formal report requirements \[the file linked to is in German\]](#)
- A description of the envisaged research project conforming to academic conventions (topic, concept and objective, research methods used, preliminary work, detailed work plan for the proposed funding term) and an overview of how the scholarship fits into your overall career plans. (12 pages maximum)
- List of your previous publications and lectures
- If applicable, copies of your children's birth certificates

Please note:

- All documents must be submitted in German or English language.
- Referees must send their reports directly to Women's Office (*Frauenbüro*) by post or email (frauenbuero@uni-passau.de).

3. Guidelines

3.1 Selection process

The funding decision rests with the awards committee for the scholarships for the Promotion of Equal Opportunities for Women in Research and Teaching, which is chaired by the Women's Representative. Funding/grant recipients are selected in a two-step process including a vote from the relevant faculty.

3.2 Employment; paid teaching activity

The academics receiving the scholarship are expected to work full-time on their research projects. Notwithstanding this, scholarship recipients may work in paid teaching positions for up to four contact teaching hours per week (*Semesterwochenstunden*; SWS). The scholarship may be offered as a part-time scholarship in combination with part-time employment (up to 50% full-time equivalent + 50% part-time scholarship) or with parental leave (parental leave + 50% part-time scholarship).

You must not be in receipt any other scholarships during the time you receive funding from the Bavarian Equal Opportunities Funding Programme (although non-financial support is exempt) or parental benefit (*Elterngeld*). Double funding is excluded.

3.3 Social security

Scholarships from the Bavarian Equal Opportunities Funding Programme do not constitute an employment relationship. The payments are thus not a salary and therefore not subject to social security. Accordingly, the scholarship does not include any social security contributions, including health insurance.

3.4 Research visits abroad

Within the scope of the scholarship, temporary research visits abroad are possible. The scholarship can continue to be paid during field research abroad, provided your supervisor confirms that your foreign travel is in aid of the academic qualification for which the scholarship is received.

3.5 Applicants with foreign nationality/citizenship

Applicants who hold a foreign citizenship must show that their current main place of residence is Germany and that they are aiming to start an academic career (especially a professorship) in Germany. International applicants who receive financial support from their home country are not eligible for funding under this programme.

3.6 Final report

You must submit a final report no later than two months after the end of funding, even if you are not reminded to do so; furthermore, you must also present an evaluation from your supervisor of your work, as laid out in your final report.

3.7 Maternity leave

If maternity leave falls within the funding period, the duration of the scholarship is extended by the duration of statutory maternity leave. Scholarship payments will continue throughout any periods of maternity leave.

3.8 Interruption of the scholarship; illness

The scholarship is said to be interrupted if the purpose of the scholarship cannot be pursued for a specified period of time. A scholarship can be interrupted for a maximum period of six months. Illnesses of up to six weeks in duration do not affect scholarship payments; if you are ill for more than six weeks, you have to inform us without delay and submit a medical certificate.

Resumption of the remaining term or extension for interruption due to illness cannot be guaranteed and is subject to budgetary constraints. Decisions on this are made on a case-by-case basis.

3.9 Application for extension

Applications for extension must be submitted to the Women's Office at least two months before the end of the approved scholarship period, otherwise processing cannot be guaranteed.

Alternatively, you can submit a new scholarship application to secure an extension; however, please note that this new application will be in competition with the other applicants' scholarship applications – both first-time and follow-up applications – and the funding decision will therefore be subject to the availability of funds.

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