

GRADUATE SERVICES | NEWSLETTER



Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs of the University of Erfurt,

we are pleased to send you the newsletter of the Graduate Services of the University of Erfurt! With our newsletter we inform you on a regular basis about current events, funding opportunities and qualification offers as well as upcoming changes at the University of Erfurt.

You will receive this newsletter at least once a quarter. Feel free to pass it on to other people interested in pursuing a doctorate, doctoral candidates, or postdoctoral researchers. You will find a link to subscribe and unsubscribe to the newsletter at the end of this issue.

We wish you a pleasant reading and look forward for further suggestions of yours!

Please note that where there was no official translation, the English Newsletter has been translated by DeepL.

Your team of the Research and Graduate Services.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Research and Graduate Services

We, the team of the Research and Graduate Services, develop strategies and concepts directing research, research funding and the promotion of early career researchers at the University of Erfurt. In close cooperation with the university governance and numerous researchers, we focus on ideas for research and fundings and transfer these into various programs, instruments, and events, which we implement and supervise. In addition, we support researchers at the University of Erfurt, who aim to receive external funding for their research projects.

The Research and Graduate Services is generally available for consulting at all career stages. In addition to comprehensive, personal consulting services, we offer doctoral candidates structural and financial support (e.g. by memberships in the Graduate Centers or by organizing workplaces, scholarships), a platform for discussions with other doctoral candidates or presenting your own research beyond your usual expert audience (e.g. the Christoph Martin Wieland Forum Discussions or the Erfurt Science Slam). You can find further information on those events and other offers on the [website](#).

Information on current internal and external offers can be found in the further course of the newsletter.

CAREER FUNDING | INTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

University of Erfurt announces initialisation scholarships

The University of Erfurt intends to award initialisation scholarships to female postdoctoral researchers from 1 June 2024 as part of the "Federal and State Programme for Women Professors" and the "Thuringian Programme for the Promotion of Young Women Researchers and Young Women Artists". The funding is aimed at excellent female researchers in the qualification phase who want to design a third-party funding application to carry out an independently planned research project as part of the scholarship.

The call for applications is open to all topics. A connection between the project and the Gotha Research Centre or the Forschungskolleg Transkulturelle Studien / Perthes Collection in terms of subject and content is desirable, but not a prerequisite. The duration of the scholarships is up to 12 months. Depending on the programme, funding includes a monthly stipend of 1,600 or 2,000 euros as well as a family allowance and, if applicable, an annual lump sum for research costs. In addition, the scholarship includes targeted support in the preparation of the third-party funding application, workshops as part of the "Academic Qualification Programme" and individual application coaching for the planned third-party funding project.

Detailed information on the call for applications and contact details can be found on the University of Erfurt website:

<https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/research/news/announcements>

The closing date for applications is **27 March 2024**.

Research Grants for Female Research Associates

From the budget for gender equality measures of the Equal Opportunity and Family Office, research grants can now be paid to (post)doctoral researcher associates of the University of Erfurt, e.g., for conference travel, for researcher funds, data access, additional equipment, etc.

Doctoral candidates can apply for support of up to 300€ and postdoctoral researchers can apply for support of up to 500€.

Informal applications with a breakdown of costs are accepted prior to travel via gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de. When applying for travel grants for conference travel, the certificate of acceptance of your own conference contribution must also be attached to the application.

Further information can be found on the [website of the Equal Opportunity Officers](#).

Reimbursement of Research Costs for Female Doctoral Scholarship Holders

From the budget for gender equality measures of the Equal Opportunity and Family Office, it is possible for female doctoral scholarship holders of the University of Erfurt to be reimbursed an additional 300€ per year for research costs. The funds can be applied for in addition to the existing funds for research and travel costs by membership in one of the Graduate Centers.

For the application, original invoices, proofs of payment as well as confirmations of participation or similar proofs for event participations and travels must be submitted.

Instructions for the reimbursement of research-related material and travel expenses as well as the application documents can be found on the [website of the Equal Opportunity Officers](#).

Please submit any queries to gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de

Max Weber Award for Young Researchers 2024

The Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies at the University of Erfurt (Max-Weber-Kolleg) will once again be awarding the Max Weber Award for Young Researchers in 2024. This prize is intended to honour the outstanding work of a young researcher in the context of a Weberian research programme, i.e. in the field of interdisciplinary cultural and social studies with historical depth and/or interest in normative questions. Submissions can be made for dissertation or habilitation thesis written in English or German completed in the years 2022 to 2023.

The prize has a volume of 1,500 EUR. In addition, the Max-Weber-Kolleg pays the travel expenses within Europe for the journey to the award ceremony.

Applications can be sent by **15 June 2024**.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/university/current/news/news-detail/max-weber-award-for-young-researchers-2024-announced>

COMPETENCE-ORIENTED PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT FOR ACADEMICS

Below you will find the workshops and events of the summer semester which are offered as part of the Academic Skills Training and in which places are still available:

- [Führung von Mitarbeiter*innen in der Wissenschaft](#) (8 April 2024, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in German):
The workshop aims for advanced postdocs and (junior) professors. In the workshop, you will learn the basics of (appreciative) personnel management, reflect on your leadership role and your own leadership actions and further develop your individual leadership skills. The challenges you face in everyday management are discussed in a practice-oriented manner.
- [Karriere innerhalb und außerhalb der Hochschule](#) (4 June 2024, 2 to 4 p.m., German):
This two-hour online event is open to doctoral candidates, doctoral candidates, postdocs, and all other interested members of the University of Erfurt. In the event, four speakers will introduce themselves and give an insight into the course and steps of their respective careers. Two speakers work at universities and the two other speakers work in science administration or outside of universities.
Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to ask them questions. A certificate of attendance cannot be issued.
- [Promotion – Ja oder nein?](#) (10 & 11 June 2024, each 2 to 5 p.m., German):
This workshop is aimed at Master's students or those interested in doing a doctorate (with an interest in doing a doctorate at the University of Erfurt). The workshop offers an overview of all important aspects when deciding whether to do a doctorate. In addition to several trainer inputs, there will also be opportunities to ask questions, exchange ideas and reflect on decision-relevant issues.
- [FAIR and efficient Research Data Management](#) (14 June 2024, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., English):
The workshop is aimed at doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers. The course deals with the practical implementation of data management. Topics include, among others, policies, guidelines and legal framework, data management plans or data publication and archiving.

Further workshops and events of the Academic Skills Training will take place in the winter semester. You can find an overview of all offers [here](#).

You can also find the university Didactic Programme on the [website](#).

Be sure to check back regularly on the [pages](#) of the competence-oriented personnel development for academics, as new offers can be added all the time!

IN-HOUSE EVENTS IN WINTER SEMESTER 2023/2024

Forum Discussion

Once a semester, doctoral candidates and postdocs at the University of Erfurt are invited to hear directly from the Vice President for Research and Academic Careers and the Research and Graduate Services about the latest developments in graduate support and to discuss new ideas for supporting academics in the qualification phase at the university.

The next forum discussion will take place on **15 April from 3 to 5 p.m.** in the President's meeting room as part of a Get-Together event and will provide an opportunity to meet the new Vice President for Research and Academic Careers, Prof. Dr. André Brodocz, and to get to know and network with other doctoral candidates and postdocs

If you are interested in participating, please register by **5 April, 2024**, via nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de.

If you are generally interested in the forum discussions, you can contact us at nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de so that we can add you to the mailing list. This way, you will be informed about all future forum dates and will never miss a forum meeting again.

INFORMATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PHD REPRESENTATIVES

The doctoral representation is the joint representation of the doctoral candidates at the University of Erfurt. It promotes the interdisciplinary, cooperative, and international doctoral culture at the University of Erfurt and campaigns for the interests of doctoral candidates in the university's internal committees. With various events, it also provides information on topics relevant to doctoral studies and contributes to interdisciplinary and inter-faculty exchange and networking among doctoral students.

The doctoral student representation is made up of one member and one deputy per faculty and the Max-Weber-Kolleg. The term of office is one year, and the term of office starts on the 1st of October each year.

You can find all other information from the doctoral representation as well as useful information for doctoral candidates on our [website](#).

BUNDESVERBAND PROMOVIERENDE

The "Bundesverband Promovierende" (Federal Association of Doctoral Candidates) cordially invites all doctoral candidates to a general meeting on **8 April, 2024**.

In addition to the admission of new members, one of the main purposes of the upcoming general meeting will be the re-election of two board positions, namely the secretary and the membership representative.

This is also an excellent opportunity to become a member of the German Association of Doctoral Candidates via this [link](#).

Membership will greatly help the Bundesverband Promovierende to demonstrate its wide reach across universities. If the elected representatives manage to unite all votes, they will be able to represent 2/3 of the doctoral candidates in Germany, while the remaining third does not (yet) have an elected doctoral candidate representative.

You can take part in the meeting via the following Zoom link: <https://fau.zoom-x.de/j/65639414830?pwd=THdETXhpT3doSkNOV0t0c3NDNHRJQT09>

Please let the association know in advance that you will be attending the meeting and whether you would like to stand for one of the two positions.

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

Completion Scholarship for Doctoral Candidates by Stiftung Ettersberg

The "Stiftung Ettersberg" (Ettersberg Foundation) is awarding a scholarship to complete a doctorate by 1 July 2024. Funding is provided for doctoral projects that make a scientific contribution to the history of the European dictatorship and its overcoming.

The funding includes a scholarship of 1,150.00 euros per month and has a duration of six months.

The deadline for submission is **15 March, 2024**.

Further information on the call for applications can be found [here](#) (in German only).

Further information on the Stiftung Ettersberg can be found via the following link: <https://stiftung-ettersberg.de/>

Research Career: Information by the DFG

The German Research Foundation (DFG) offers a wide range of funding opportunities for postdoctoral researchers in the early career phase. The DFG regularly provides information about these opportunities in the online discussion series "Prospects". Throughout the year, specific funding instruments and programs for the time after the doctorate are presented in various online seminars. Also interesting for doctoral candidates!

The next events in the Prospects series are:

- 20 March 2024, 14.30-16.00 - Emmy Noether Program
- 9 April 2024, 10:00-11:30 a.m. - Heisenberg program
- 16 May 2024, 16:00-17:30 - Walter Benjamin Program (in English)

Further information on the event and the slides of past lectures in the Prospects series can be found at: <https://www.dfg.de/en/research-funding/funding-opportunities/research-careers/info-talks>

The DFG offers a wide range of funding opportunities for all career stages between doctorate and professorship. In the online discussion series "Perspectives", you can find out more about the programs suitable for postdocs. They offer an overview of all funding instruments for the period after the doctorate as well as specific focus discussions on various programs.

More information regularly:

https://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/funding_opportunities/research_careers/info_talks/

Awarding of Prizes for Scientific Work in Business or Vocational Education by the Käthe and Ulrich Pleiß Foundation

The Käthe and Ulrich Pleiß Foundation awards annual prizes for excellent Master's theses and for outstanding dissertations or postdoctoral theses in the field of business or vocational education. The first or second supervising professors are entitled to nominate candidates.

The prizes are presented at a ceremony during the annual conference of the Vocational and Business Education Section of the German Educational Science Association.

The deadline for submission is **1 April 2024**.

Further information can be found here: <https://kaethe-und-ulrich-pleiss-stiftung.de/preise/>

The Krupp-Foundation Fellowship for Visiting Student Researchers at Stanford

The Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation is offering up to three research scholarships to German doctoral students in the humanities to enable them to spend 3 to 6 months at Stanford University in California (USA). The scholarship is due to start at the beginning of January 2025. Scholarship holders will receive 3,000 euros per month as well as a one-off lump sum of 3,000 euros for travel expenses and visa fees.

Application deadline: **2 April 2024**

Further information on application requirements, documents to be submitted and the selection process can be found at: <https://www.krupp-stiftung.de/the-krupp-foundation-fellowship-for-visiting-student-researchers-at-stanford>

“Rolle und Macht im System Hochschule” – Workshop organized by the Office for Equal Opportunity and Family Services

This workshop invites you to take an analytical look at the topic of power and teaches you how to analyse explicit and implicit power constellations in the university context. The space for a constructive examination of one's own approaches to the power associated with (guided) tours in academia makes it possible to reflect on one's own attitude to power in the university context. The reflection serves to develop appropriate strategies for dealing with positive and negative, functional or destructive exercises of power in order to expand one's own repertoire of action.

The workshop is aimed at professors & habilitated employees, doctoral students & postdocs. We work in homogeneous status groups in the morning and deepen the topic in the afternoon with both groups in transfer.

The workshop will take place on **22 April 2024**. Registrations are possible by e-mail at gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de until **14 April 2024**

The event language will be German.

Further information can be found [here](#).

DAAD Information Session PRIME (Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience)

PRIME offers temporary employment at a German university and is not a conventional scholarship. The 18 months of funding include a mandatory yearlong stay abroad. The program is open to all those who have completed their doctorate at the start of the funding period and have at least one published publication to show by the application deadline. The target group of the program are young scientists who see their professional career in Germany in the long term.

The most important dates of the program process:

Opening of the application portal: May 2024

Application deadline: **31 August 2024**

Selection result: Beginning of March 2025

Start of funding: 1 June 2025 – 1 November 2025

For further Information: <https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/postdoctoral-researchers-international-mobility-experience/>

“Writing Friday” for Doctoral Candidates

schreibzentrum.berlin offers doctoral candidates free online writing days. Every 1st Friday of the month, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, doctoral candidates meet with like-minded people and are supported in their writing by experienced writing coaches with the help of moderation techniques and writing exercises.

The offer is aimed at doctoral candidates of all subjects and all writing phases.

Participation is possible at any time.

Registration and further information:

<https://www.schreibzentrum.berlin/veranstaltungen/formate/schreibzeiten/schreibfreitag/>

FAZIT Foundation

The FAZIT Foundation is a non-profit publishing company that specifically promotes science and research by awarding doctoral scholarships and grants for printing and travel costs.

Applications for a two-year doctoral scholarship as well as grants for printing costs and travel expenses are possible at any time.

The foundation provides information on further requirements and documents to be submitted on its website: <https://www.fazit-stiftung.de/bewerbung.html>

Leopoldina Postdoc Scholarship

The German National Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina) awards two-year postdoctoral fellowships to postdoctoral researchers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland who completed their doctorate no more than seven years ago for a research stay abroad. The scholarship includes a basic scholarship of 1,750.00 euros per month and monthly material resources of 250.00 euros.

Applications can be submitted on an ongoing basis. Award decisions are made three times a year.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.leopoldina.org/en/funding/leopoldina-fellowship-programme/leopoldina-postdoc-scholarship/>

Scholarships by the Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates

The 13 publicly funded Initiatives for Academically Gifted Students and Doctoral Candidates promotes students and doctoral candidates, who stand out for their excellent performance as well as their social commitment. Each initiative has a specific ideological, religious, or political focus. Usually, applications are possible twice year, sometimes all through the year.

It is usually possible to apply for a scholarship once or twice a year. Some foundations also offer the opportunity to submit applications for funding throughout the year.

You can find general information about the scholarship organizations here:

https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/de/bildung/begabtenfoerderung/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke_node.html

New Framework Conditions for Scholarship by the Initiatives

The 13 large, publicly funded organizations for the promotion of gifted students award scholarships to students and doctoral candidates who stand out for their excellent performance as well as their social commitment. They reflect the diverse ideological, religious, political, economic or trade union-oriented currents in Germany.

It is usually possible to apply for a scholarship once or twice a year. Some foundations also offer the opportunity to submit applications for funding throughout the year.

General information about the foundations for the promotion of gifted students can be found here: https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/de/bildung/begabtenfoerderung/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke_node.html (in German only)

The Initiatives:

Following we show you the next application deadlines of each initiative (please note that all dates are subject to correction):

- [Avicenna-Studienwerk](#), application deadline: 1 April and 1 October
- [Cusanuswerk](#), application deadline: 1 June and 1 November
- [Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich-Studienwerk \(ELES\)](#), application deadline: 31 March and 30 September
- [Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst](#), application possible from 1 March to 1 June and 1 September to 1 December
- [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung](#), Application possible at any time.
- [Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit](#), application possible from 1 to 30 April and 1 to 31 October
- [Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung](#), application possible from 15 December to 15 January and 15 June to 15 July
- [Hans-Böckler-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 31 May and 2 November
- [Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 1 March and 1 September
- [Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 15 January and 15 July
- [Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 1 October (applies for 2024/2025)
- [Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft](#), application deadline in 2024: 15 May to 17 July
- [Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes](#), application possible at any time

Further information on the Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates as well as the Lectures of Confidence of the University of Erfurt can be found [here](#).

External calls for application will be regularly updated on the website „[News for Early Stage Researchers](#)“.

Editor's note: The Research and Graduate Services cannot be hold accountable for any of the external website's content. Accountable for the respective website is the responsible person / institution. All content in the newsletter is subject to correction.

ON ONE'S OWN BEHALF

Election of the members of the University of Erfurt's Awards and Grant Commission

The Awards and Grant Commission is a central body of the University of Erfurt and is elected by the Senate. Its task is to determine whether the requirements for the award of a scholarship have been met. Scholarship extensions are also assessed by the Awards and Grant Commission. In addition, it fulfils conceptual tasks in the scholarship system and forwards proposals in this regard to the Executive Board and the Senate.

New representatives are to be elected for the Awards and Grant Commission. This also applies to members from the graduate group. We would like to encourage scholarship holders at the University of Erfurt to participate in the Awards and Grant Commission and stand as candidates for election at the Senate meeting on 12 June 2024. This is a great opportunity to gain practical experience with the work of an internal university committee and to be able to actively participate in it.

The **term of office** is two years: 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026. Our call is therefore aimed at scholarship holders whose regular funding phase roughly corresponds to this period. We hope to be able to recruit you for the interesting work in the Awards and Grant Commission and would be delighted if you would stand for election as a candidate.

Please let us know whether you would like to stand as a **main member OR a deputy**. We are looking for two main members and two deputies.

We also need a short CV from you for the nomination.

If you are interested, please contact us by e-mail at nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de by Wednesday, **27 March 2024** at the latest.

If you have any specific questions about the Awards and Grant Commission or the election process, please do not hesitate to contact us.

You can find further information on the Awards and Grant Commission, its current members and tasks as well as the legal basis here:

<https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/research/committees-and-bodies/awards-and-grant-commission-in-accordance-with-thuergfvo>.

Registration for (Inter)national Research Funding News

If you would like to receive information about national and European calls for proposals once a month in addition to the Graduate Service Information, we recommend subscribing to the Research Funding News.

Information on how to subscribe as well as the previous issue of the „Fördernews“ can be found [here](#).

Participation in Defensiones

If you are interested in participating in a defensio to get an insight into the possible procedure of defending your own dissertation, then take a look at the page "[News for Early Stage Researchers](#)" from time to time. Here you will find a list of all current defenses and disputations that have been reported to the Research and Graduate Services. Participation is usually possible after registration in the respective dean's office.

CONTACTS AND AVAILABILITY

Due to different office hours, the easiest way to contact the staff members of the Research and Graduate Services remains by e-mail.

Hence, for any request please use our central e-mail address.

You can find all staff members along with their contact details and their competences at our website, which will introduce you to the Vice President for Research and Academic Careers and the staff unit of the Research and Graduate Services in general.

Website: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/research/advice-and-services/vice-president-and-staff-unit>

E-Mail: nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de

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Information about data protection can be found here: https://www.uni-erfurt.de/fileadmin/Hauptseiten/Forschung/Graduiertenfoerderung/Datenschutzhinweis_Newsletter_2022-04-07.pdf