

## GRADUATE SERVICES | NEWSLETTER



Dear doctoral candidates of the University of Erfurt,

we are pleased to be able to send you the newsletter of the Graduate Services of the University of Erfurt!

With our newsletter we would like to 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 to further suggestions of yours!

Your team of the Research and Graduate Services

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Research and Graduate Services**

First, we would like to give you a brief overview of the multifaceted field of work of the Research and Graduate Services as well as the various offers available for doctoral candidates at the University of Erfurt.

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 programmes, instruments, and events, which we implement and supervise. In addition, we support the scientists 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 support (e.g. by memberships in the Graduate Centres or by organizing workplaces), a platform for communication with other doctoral candidates (e.g. the Christoph Martin Wieland Forum Discussions and other events). 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

### Christoph Martin Wieland Doctoral Prize 2023

The Christoph Martin Wieland Doctoral Prize, donated by the University Society of Erfurt, is being offered for the third time. With its award, the University of Erfurt honours the outstanding performance of a doctoral candidate from each faculty and the Max-Weber-Kolleg

The prize is intended to honour excellent dissertations by young academics submitted to the University of Erfurt. The prize represents a significant addition to the promotion of young academics at our University and is also intended to draw the attention of the general public to the research achievements of the University. The prize money is EUR 3,000 and EUR 500 each for the second-placed work. The prize money is to be used for the student's own research.

Dissertations that have been awarded the highest grade (summa cum laude or comparable) may be proposed for the award.

The dissertations should be distinguished by

- scientific originality in the topic,
- quality of execution and presentation,
- application of an innovative methodological approach,
- gain in knowledge for the further development of the subject area, and
- significance for current research

distinguish themselves. They must have been completed between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2022 (date of the decision of the doctoral committee).

Each supervisor and each reviewer of a dissertation can submit a nomination proposal to the Dean's Office of the respective faculty or to the Board of Directors of the Max-Weber-Kolleg.

The following documents must be submitted to the Dean's Office or the Board of Directors together with the nomination:

- the completed [nomination form](#) (in German only),
- an electronic version of the proposed work
- a generally understandable summary of the most important results of the dissertation, to be written by the nominee,
- the expert opinion on the dissertation,
- a tabular curriculum vitae of the nominee with contact details, references to awards, scholarships, stays abroad, publications, etc.,
- the [data protection form](#) together with the declaration of consent of the doctoral candidate that he/she is being nominated.

The deadline and further information on the faculty- or college-internal submission can be obtained from the Dean's Office or the Directorate.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Nancy Weidl ([nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de)) in the Research and Graduate Services.

### **Research Grants for female Doctoral Candidates and female Postdoctoral Researchers**

candidates and postdoctoral researchers can now apply for research grants, which can be used among others for conference travel, researcher funds, data access, additional equipment and more.

Doctoral candidates can apply for support up to 300 euros and postdoctoral candidates for support up to 500 euros.

Informal applications with a statement of expenses are accepted via [gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de). When applying for travel grants for conference travel, the certificate of acceptance of one's own active conference contribution must also be attached to the application.

## **ACADEMIC CAREER PROGRAMME**

The programme "Academic Qualification and Continuing Education" brings university workshops, workshops on interdisciplinary key competences and coaching offers for postdocs and university lecturers under one roof. The regularly changing programme is aimed at all university staff and is free of charge.

### **Online-Coworking-Community**

In summer 2022, the online coworking community was offered for the first time by Dr. Anna Maria Beck as part of the Academic Qualification Programme.

From May to July, doctoral candidates had the opportunity to be members of the community. In addition to coworking with other doctoral candidates, other helpful formats such as group coaching, a joint start to the week, monthly reflection and planning and master classes were offered to support focused work on the dissertation.

Participants positively emphasised the opportunity to exchange ideas with other doctoral students and the support in structuring the writing process. Some participants would also have liked a longer duration. In summary, the online coworking community was evaluated very positively and will therefore be offered again in 2023. Further information will be available on the [website](#) by the beginning of February at the latest, together with the new overall programme.

### **careerMe-Mentoringprogramm**

The mentoring programme was initiated this year for the target group of postdocs and Career Track professors. The mentors are experienced professors.

We are looking forward to being able to offer a programme line for doctoral candidates in the final phase starting next year. By final phase, we mean that the acceptance as a doctoral candidates should have taken place at least two years ago at the time of application. In this programme line, professors and junior professors as well as post-doctoral researchers should also act as mentors.

It is not a matter of professional mentoring, but mentors offer ideal support in career planning.

Each mentoring round runs for one year and there is a small framework programme that is obligatory for the mentees.

Applications are open from February to April 2023. For more information, please visit the [website](#).

## EVENTS WINTER SEMESTER 2022/2023

### Forum Discussion

Once every semester, doctoral candidates and postdocs at the University of Erfurt are invited to hear directly from the Vice President for Research and Graduate Services and the members of the Research and Graduate Services about the latest developments in the context of graduate funding and to set their own impulses for the promotion of young academics at the University in a joint exchange.

The last forum meeting of the Christoph Martin Wieland Graduate Forum took place on 14 November 2022. The topics of the meeting included:

- Christoph Martin Wieland Doctoral Prize 2023
- Graduate Day 2023
- Academic Career Programme
- Review on the information event on doctoral scholarships financed by third-party funds
- Evaluation of EPPP 2023 - survey of members in the Graduate Centres
- Processing of applications for reimbursement of research costs from EPPP funds
- Vacation of House 38 - workplaces for doctoral candidates
- Budget - situation of the young researchers at the University of Erfurt?

If you have any questions on the topics discussed, please feel free to contact the unit by e-mail at [nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de).

The next forum discussion is expected to take place at the beginning of the summer semester 2023. The invitation with details of the meeting date will be sent to all interested parties in good time.

If you are interested in participating the Forum Discussions, please send a short mail to [nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de). This way, we can add you to our mailing list and you will not miss any of the future session.

## INFORMATION FROM THE DOCTORAL REPRESENTATION

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. The term of office of the newly elected members began on 1 October 2022.

### WE CALL IT MUCKELIG - PhD Student Christmas Get-Together

The Committee of PhD Representatives of the University of Erfurt hereby warmly invites you to this year's PhD Student Christmas Get-Together. In a social, festive atmosphere, we would like to look together at the past year and let 2022 fade away in a pleasant way. Together we stroll through wintry Erfurt, visit various Christmas markets of the city, enjoy the culinary local landscape, and have interesting conversations in the numerous pubs that the Thuringian state capital offers.

We look forward to seeing you! Registration for this event is not needed. Just join us!

Date: 6 December 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Domplatz near 'tegut'

Contact: [promovierendenvertretung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:promovierendenvertretung@uni-erfurt.de)

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

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## EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

### Science Prize by the City of Augsburg for Intercultural Studies 2023

In 2023 the city of Augsburg is offering the Price for Intercultural Studies for the 25th time. The main prize is endowed with 5,000 euros and will be awarded to a relevant and outstanding dissertation or habilitation of any research field, who focus on intercultural topics and life in Germany.

Additionally an award for a bachelor, master, diploma, or state examination with the same research foci will be offered as well. It is endowed with 1,500 euros.

The deadline for applications is **9 December 2022**. Further information on the Science Prize 2023 can be found [here](#) (in German only).

### Foundation Education and Science | Completion Scholarships for Literary Studies and History

The foundation *Education and Science* offers doctoral candidates in Literary Studies and History (with a focus on economic and social history), whose funding has ran out or is about to run out an additional funding for up to one more year to finish their doctoral thesis successfully.

Application deadline: **15 January of each year**.

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

### Foundation BUND Research Award for Sustainable Development 2023

BUND is awarding the BUND Research Prize for Research on Sustainable Development for the seventh time.

With this award, BUND aims to stimulate scientific work for sustainable development, recognise outstanding achievements and contribute overall to a stronger orientation of the science system towards the major challenges facing society. This is also intended to lay and promote valuable foundations for practical nature conservation and environmental protection activities of BUND.

The prize is awarded in three categories:

- Student theses (Bachelor's thesis): 500 euros
- Student theses (Master's thesis): 1,000 euros
- Research work (dissertation): 2,500 euros

Interdisciplinary theses that can be related to the activities of BUND are particularly welcome. All theses written at a German university or research institution in German or English will be considered.

The prizes will be awarded at a public ceremony (probably in June 2023).

The deadline for applications for the BUND Research Award is 15 January 2023. Further information and application portal: [www.bund.net/forschungspreis](http://www.bund.net/forschungspreis) (in German only).

### **Call for Nominations German Study Award 2023 | Körber Foundation**

Nominations for the German Study Award 2023 are once again open. The competition is aimed at young academics from all disciplines who have submitted an excellent dissertation of particular social significance in 2022. With three top prizes of 25,000 euros each, it is one of the most highly endowed German prizes for young researchers.

The deadline for the current call for entries is 1 March 2023.

The German Study Award aims to encourage young scientists to confidently represent the social value of their research and to contribute to the public debate. The prize therefore honours doctoral graduates who have presented tangible results that are of outstanding interest to society. The patron of the award is the President of the German Bundestag, Bärbel Bas.

All information on how to participate can be found [here](#) (in German only).

### **“Writing-Fridays“ for Doctoral Candidates**

The *schreibzentrum.berlin* offers doctoral candidates free online writing-days. Each first Friday in a month from 9:30 to 12:00 am doctoral candidates meet each other and get additional support for their writing process by professional coaches. Doctoral candidates from all research fields are welcome to join, regardless of how much progression they have with their own thesis. Joining the writing-days is possible to any time.

Application and further information can be found [here](#) (in German only).

### **Scholarships by the Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates**

The big, publicly funded Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates promotes students and doctoral candidates (and sometimes postdoctoral 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.

Following we would like to 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: application deadline 31 March and 30 September
- Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst: application deadline 1 June and 1 December
- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung: Application possible at any time.
- Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit: application deadline 30 April and 31 October
- Hans-Seidel-Stiftung: application deadline 15 January and 15 July
- Hans-Böckler-Stiftung: application deadline 31 May and 2 November
- Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung: application deadline 1 March
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung: application deadline 15 January and 15 July
- Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung: application deadline 1 April and 1 October
- Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft: application deadline 31 January and 1 August
- 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](#)“.

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## **ON ONE'S OWN BEHALF**

### **Guide for Doctoral Candidates by ‚ZeitCAMPUS‘ 2022 (in German only)**

All doctoral candidates and those interested in beginning a doctorate can get a free copy of the latest 'Ratgeber Promotion von ZEITCAMPUS' (Guide for Doctoral Candidates' from ZEITCAMPUS) in the office of the Research and Graduate Services (administration building, right entrance, room 0.32).

On over 162 pages the guide informs you about different research areas for doctoral candidates, contains field reports and tips on organisations, planning the doctorate, fundings and more.

To make sure someone will be in the office to hand out the book to you, please send us a short e-mail to [nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de) beforehand.

### **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](#).

## CONTACTS AND AVAILABILITY

Due to different office hours, the easiest way to contact the staff members of the staff member remains by e-mail.

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

You can find all team members along with their contact details and their competences at our website, which will introduce you to the Vice President for Research and Graduate Services 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>

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