

GRADUATE SERVICES | NEWSLETTER



Dear doctoral candidates, dear 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 to further suggestions of yours!

Please be aware that the German and English Newsletter differ slightly from each other. External programmes promoted in German only, will appear exclusively in the German newsletter.

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 and postdocs 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 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 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

Doctoral Scholarships within the Structured Doctoral Programme of the University of Erfurt

The University of Erfurt awards scholarships from funds of the Thuringian State Graduate Support to doctoral candidates as part of its structured doctoral programme from 1 January 2024.

All scholarships will be awarded to candidates with excellent research projects. As a rule, doctoral candidates must become members of a certified Graduate Centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg relating to the "Erfurt Doctoral and Postdoctoral Programme" and participate in the Graduate Centre's or Max-Weber-Kolleg's coordinated doctoral programme.

Scholarships are awarded for three years and can be extended for another year upon request. They include a monthly stipend of €1.400 (plus family-allowance).

Application deadline is on **30 September 2023**. Start of funding is 1 January 2024 (at the latest 1 April 2024).

Please send your application documents to nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de

Further information on [The Christoph Martin Wieland Graduate Forum and the Graduate Centres](#) as well as the [announcement of the scholarships](#) can be found on the respective webpages.

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 Centres.

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

COMPETENCE-ORIENTED PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT FOR ACADEMICS

Workshop programme

The University of Erfurt's current offer in the area of competence-oriented personnel development for academics is aimed at all academics, i.e. those interested in doing a doctorate, doctoral candidates, postdoctoral researchers and lecturers or professors. It is divided into the following two programmes: [Academic Skills Training](#) (promotion of key competences, career coaching, careerMe mentoring) and the [Didactic Programme](#) with the possibility of obtaining a certificate in didactics.

As part of the Academic Skills Training, you can still register for the following workshops:

- [Firewall – Hass im Netz begegnen](#), online, 29.09.2023, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in German (for everyone responsible for maintaining social media channels)
Participants in this practical and interactive online workshop will be equipped with the necessary tools to counter hateful, misanthropic, and discriminatory content on the internet.
- [Go International! English Academic Writing](#), online, 09.10., 11.10., 17.10. & 26.10.2023, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., in English (for doctoral candidates and postdocs)
This workshop offers structured and pragmatic training in academic English for researchers from all academic fields. Participants will get first-hand experience in English academic writing through guided instructions, analysis, and active writing, and thus develop strategies for competent and successful texts in English.
- [Speed Reading](#), online, 10.10.2023, 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (for doctoral candidates and postdocs)
Aufgrund der großen Nachfrage wird dieser Kurs nun ein zweites Mal angeboten. Mithilfe des Impuls-Workshops und anschließend dem Auffrischkurs (zeitlich flexibel) soll das Lesetempo signifikant gesteigert und die Konzentrationsfähigkeit beim Lesen erhöht werden.
- [Disputationstraining](#), face-to-face workshop (N.N.), 19.10. & 20.10.2023, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in German (for doctoral candidates in the final phase of their doctorate)
The course is designed to provide optimal preparation for the disputation by providing participants with useful tips for the presentation and the subsequent discussion, as well as the opportunity to give their introductory presentation.
- [FAIR and efficient Research Data Management](#), online, 24.10.2023, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in English (for doctoral candidates and postdocs).
This workshop will address the handling of research data and the practical implementation of data management.
- [Einführung in die Drittmittelantragstellung](#), online, 03.11.2023, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., in German (for researcher without any third-party funding proposal experience)

Participants learn about suitable funding formats for their career stage and receive practical advice on how to write their first external funding proposal.

- [Drittmittelantragstellung für Fortgeschrittene](#), face-to-face-workshop, 10.11.2024, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (for researchers after their doctorate with third-party funding proposal experience; a concrete application should be in preparation)
In this workshop, scientists with application experience have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of individual funding formats and to benefit from a confidential exchange of experiences with colleagues from other disciplines. The course will be tailored to the individual needs of the participants.
- [Wissenschaftlich publizieren - ein Überblick](#), online, 13.11.2023, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in German (for doctoral candidates)
In this workshop, you will gain insights into literature management programs, ORCID, (copyright) law, and publication workflows, among other topics.
- [Strategisches Netzwerken](#), online, 16.11. & 01.12.2023, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in German (for doctoral candidates and postdocs)
The event shows methods and strategies to explore, use more efficiently and develop one's own network in order to positively influence professional and personal development with the help of networks.
- Group Coaching „[Life-Work-Balance für Wissenschaftler:innen mit Care-Aufgaben](#)“, online, 27. & 28.11.2023, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., in German (for doctoral candidates and postdocs)
Through the exchange of ideas in case discussions, the participants can develop ideas and solutions to manage the compatibility of work and care tasks well and to clarify their own specific questions.
- [Career Opportunities after Doing your PhD](#), online, 07.12. & 08.12.2023, 1st day 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 2nd day 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in English (for doctoral candidates)
The workshop provides an overview of different fields of employment, company structures and career paths in industry, research and science after the doctorate.
- [Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis](#), online, 25.01.2024, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in German (for all researcher)
The content of the course follows the guidelines for ensuring good scientific practice of the German Research Foundation. It enables participants to meet the standards of scientific work with care and competence by teaching values, processes, and options for action.

To register, please use the online [registration form](#).

The offers of the Didactic Programme can be found [here](#).

More offers may be added. So check the [pages](#) of the competence-oriented personnel development for academics regularly!

IN-HOUSE EVENTS IN WINTER SEMESTER 2023/2024

7th Erfurt Science Slam

The 7th Erfurt Science Slam will take place this year as part of the ceremonial inauguration of the "World Relations" research building on **October 18, 2023**. In ten-minute pitches, the speakers will present their research projects in an entertaining and generally understandable way. The audience votes for the best contribution and thus chooses the winner of the Erfurt Science Slam Cup.

The event will take place in lecture hall 1 of the KIZ on the campus of the University of Erfurt. **Start time is 6 pm**. Admission is free. Due to a limited number of seats, we ask for a reservation of seats (max. 5 per person). You can register for this via the [Erfurt Science Slam homepage](#).

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 discussion took place on **15 May 2023, 14.00**. Following topics were discussed:

- Preparations for the Doctorate Day 2023
- Evaluation of the Graduate Centres
- Information on the newly created legal EPPP-framework

For information on those topics, please write a request to nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de.

The next Forum Discussions will take place on **January 10, 2024, 14.00**. The invitation with the details of the digital 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. 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, 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](#).

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

Expiration of the Energy Price Flat Rate for Students and Doctoral Candidates

Since March 15, 2023, students and enrolled doctoral candidates can submit applications for the energy price flat rate of 200 euros provided by the federal government. Applications for the one-time payment can be submitted **until September 30, 2023**.

All students and enrolled doctoral candidates who were enrolled at a university in Germany on December 1, 2022 and who have their residence or habitual abode in Germany are eligible to apply.

Further information can be found on the following page:

<https://www.einmalzahlung200.de/eppsg-de>

Postdoc Appreciation Week 2023 (PAW)

The PAW Week will take place from September 18 to 22, 2023, and is organized by institutions and universities from all over Germany.

More than 120 events will be offered, webinars and virtual workshops, but also individual on-site events in German and English.

Many of the events are one- or two-hour short formats. The topics of the offerings are very diverse, e.g., tips on appointment procedures, funding opportunities, career development, and much more.

The free program is open to all (prospective) postdocs in Germany.

Link to the website: <https://paw-germany.de/>

DAH | Calliope Prize for Practical Migration Research

The 2023 Calliope Prize for Practical Migration Research will be awarded for two achievements that build on each other:

Essay

- Award for a scientist, a department, or a division of a (non-)university research institution for an essay of up to ten pages on the question: "Providing orientation, remaining critical - what for and how to argue with migration history?"
- Endowed with 5.000€.
- Forms the basis for the cooperation project

Cooperation project

- Funding of a cooperation project, the idea of which was developed by the award winner, and which will be implemented jointly by the award winner and the German Emigration Center until 2025 in the form of an exhibition or a publication.
- Endowed with 15.000€.

Deadline: **September 22, 2023**

Further information: <https://www.dah-bremerhaven.de/en/kalliope-prize>
the websites ([congress travel](#) and for the [lecture](#)) are available in German only.

Daimler and Benz Scholarships for Postdoctoral Researchers

Each year, the Foundation awards a total of twelve fellowships (two of them in cooperation with the Reinhard Frank Foundation) to selected postdocs or junior professors in a leadership position. The aim is to strengthen the autonomy and creativity of the next generation of scientists and to pave the way for dedicated researchers during the productive phase after their doctorate.

The funding per fellowship amounts to 40,000 euros for a period of two years and can be used flexibly, for example, to finance scientific assistants, technical equipment, research trips or participation in conferences.

The Daimler and Benz Foundation also promotes the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas through regular meetings of the young scientists in this steadily growing network of scholarship holders in Ladenburg. The funding program is open to applicants from all scientific disciplines; there are no thematic restrictions. The Foundation is particularly pleased to receive applications from the humanities, social sciences, and cultural studies, which have been underrepresented to date.

Application deadline: **October 01, 2023**

You will find the announcement and access to the online application portal via the following link: <https://www.daimler-benz-stiftung.de/cms/en/promote/scholarship-program/postdoctoral-program.html>

Joachim Herz Stiftung | Joachim Herz Award

Interdisciplinary research makes a major contribution to the future viability of Germany as a center of science and technology. Our direct research funding deliberately aims to support innovative, original and as yet unproven projects that tend not to be considered in existing public funding structures or by venture capital in start-up funding because they are too risky. The award enables researchers to deepen their socially relevant interdisciplinary research or to pursue the transfer of a research project into practice. The prize money can be used to advance a research project - but also gives researchers the freedom to explore and develop transfer potential in new ways.

In the current call for proposals for the Joachim Herz Prize 2024, interdisciplinary projects from the field of economics can be submitted.

For the prize, we are looking for a project that contributes to the achievement of the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- Health and Well-being (SDG 3).
- Quality education (SDG 4)
- Industry, innovation and infrastructure (SDG 9)
- Sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11)
- Climate action (SDG 13)

The prize of 500,000 euros is aimed at young scientists who work in an interdisciplinary field and whose doctorate was generally awarded no more than six years before the closing date for applications. The six-year period is extended accordingly for periods of absence (e.g. illness, nursing care, etc.) and childcare. Another prerequisite for selection is that they demonstrate outstanding scientific potential in their field, even by international standards.

Deadline: **October 04, 2023**

Further information: <https://www.joachim-herz-stiftung.de/en/about-us/prices/joachim-herz-award>

Research in Europe" for Young Scientist, October 12, 2023 – Doing Research in Europe

Together with KoWi (Kooperationsstelle EU der Wissenschaftsorganisationen), the University of Göttingen is organizing the information day "Research in Europe" for young scientists on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 9:00 - 17:00. This is a supra-regional event, registrations from interested parties outside the University of Göttingen are explicitly welcome. The event will be held in English and is free of charge.

"Research in Europe" provides a compact overview of current funding opportunities in science at national and international level. Various research and funding organizations will present their programs and facilities on-site and provide tips on how to successfully apply for funding.

Further information:

<https://www.uni-goettingen.de/en/675762.html>

Daimler and Benz Foundation | Postdoctoral Scholarship Program 2024

Each year, the Foundation awards twelve scholarships (two of them in cooperation with the Reinhard Frank-Foundation) to selected postdoc researchers, junior professors, and heads of junior research groups. The objective is to reinforce the autonomy and creativity of the up-and-coming generation of scientists and to pave the way for the committed researchers' careers during their productive postdoc phase.

The funding amounts to €40,000 per scholarship for a period of two years and can be used for various purposes, for example to finance scientific assistants, technical equipment, research trips or participation in conferences.

With its regular meetings of young scientists in this steadily growing network of scholarship-holders in Ladenburg, the Daimler and Benz Foundation also promotes the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas. The funding program is open to applicants from all scientific disciplines; there are no restrictions regarding subject area. The Foundation is particularly pleased to receive applications from the hitherto underrepresented fields of the humanities, social sciences, and cultural studies.

Deadline for submission: 1 October 2023

Further information and application documents: <https://www.daimler-benz-stiftung.de/cms/en/promote/scholarship-program/postdoctoral-program.html>

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 a 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](#)“.

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

Change in staff

There have been two personnel changes in the department Research and Graduate Services

Nancy Weidl has left the department Research and Graduate Services as of July 7, 2023. The activities of Mrs. Weidl are currently being overseen by Mr. Lucas Rischkau on a deputy basis.

We would like to welcome Dr. Daniel Albrecht, who has been working for the department since July 1, 2023, especially in the areas of graduate funding and scholarships.

Guide for Doctoral Candidates by ‚ZeitCAMPUS‘ 2023 (in German)

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 292 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 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](#).

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 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>

E-Mail: nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de

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