

FEMALE PROFESSOR PROGRAMME OF THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL STATES



INITIALIZATION SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

General goal

According to the **“Female Professor Programme of the State and the Federal States”** (Professorinnenprogramm des Bundes und der Länder), the University of Erfurt announces initialization scholarship for female postdoctoral researchers.

This scholarship aims to fund female postdoctoral researchers that intend to apply for a third-party funding, or participate in the application process of a larger project at the University of Erfurt and who wants to gain experience in project management after the application for third-party funding has been successful.

The scholarship has no thematic restrictions. A subject-related connection of the project to the [Gotha Research Centre](#) or the [Centre for Transcultural Studies / Perthes Collection](#) would be preferable but is not required.

Duration and scope of funding

Initialization scholarships are granted for a maximum of 12 months.

Postdoctoral researchers receive a basic monthly grant of €1,600. If applicable, a family allowance can be paid, which amounts to €300 for one/the first child and €150 for any further child. Additionally, funding for research expenses up to €1,000 are provided.

In addition to financial support, the University of Erfurt offers its scholarship holders, among other things:

- fundings and start-up formats for organizing research structures and networking (depending on capacity) as well as advice in preparation of the application for external funding;
- an [„Academic Skills Training”](#) programme for researcher to provide workshops to further educations in academic skills and key competences as well as individual coachings;
- different funding and support measures by the Office for Equal Opportunity and Family Services
- platforms and opportunities to communicating your own research to the general public (e.g. Erfurt Science Slam).

We require the following from our fellowship holders:

- connecting their project to the University of Erfurt,
- regular presence at the University of Erfurt and active networking,
- attendance of at least one consultation appointment as part of the application advisory service and
- participation in at least one workshop or one coaching of the “Academic Career and Qualification” programme (free of charge).

Selection criteria

To receive the scholarship, female applicants must

- have completed their PhD-thesis with an excellent result,
- have completed their PhD-thesis within the past three years (date of issue of certificate, maternity and parental leave are taken into account),
- be renowned for above-average scientific accomplishments and aim at a career as an academic,
- either plan to submit a proposal for a third-party funded research project at the University of Erfurt, or participate in the conception of larger third-party funded projects.

Application documents

The application must contain the following documents in the given order:

1. a cover letter (max. 2 pages) that includes the following points
 - an explanation how your project fits into the [research profile of the University of Erfurt](#) and, if applicable, to scientific institutions of the university like the Gotha Research Centre or the Centre for Transcultural Studies / Perthes Collection;
 - information on how the project contributes to the further development of your academic career;
 - if relevant for your application (voluntary information): information on disabilities, chronic disease, family affairs, voluntary work, or other social criteria;
2. a CV in the German tabular format;
3. copies of relevant academic degrees:
 - postdoctoral researchers: PhD-certificate and, if appropriate, habilitation certificate;
 - doctoral candidates: Master-certificate and a letter of the Dean’s office confirming admission to the doctorate examination procedure,
4. a draft of your research project (max. 5 pages) with detailed information on
 - the main emphasis on the research project,
 - how the project fits into the University of Erfurt and
 - the planned project proposal for third-party funding;

5. a working schedule (max. 12 months) and preferred date of commencement of the scholarship;
6. a list of publications (only works that have been published at the time of application);
7. the declaration of willingness (Bereitschaftserklärung), issued by a University professor who will guarantee the linking of your project to the University of Erfurt (the [form sheet](#) has to be used);
8. the [signed consent to the processing of personal data](#) (please also note the translated information sheet on data protection at the end of the announcement).

Besides the above mentioned documents, a letter of recommendation or evaluation that is written by an university teacher (University of Erfurt or any other) in which they discuss the quality of your research project has to be submitted to the Research and Graduate Services; please note that the reviewer must submit the document separately via e-mail (please consider our [advice for reviewers](#)); please note that the declaration of willingness and the letter of recommendation or evaluation should be issued by different persons.

Submission of application

All application documents must be submitted as one complete PDF file with a size of no more than 5 MB. Join the documents in the above order, prefix a table of contents and email the application to Research and Graduate Services: nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de. You can also send your application documents in encrypted form. You can find information on this on the [website of the announcement](#).

Please note that applications which are incomplete, do not meet formal criteria or are submitted after the stated deadline cannot be considered for the selection procedure.

Deadlines and start of the funding period

All applications must be submitted by **31 March 2023**, 11:59 pm CET. Please estimate about six weeks for the process of evaluation of your application. Once an application is approved, the scholarship can be started with the beginning of each month.

The start of the scholarship has to be not later than **1 November 2023**.

Contact

For any inquiries about the application and selection process, please contact:
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Legal Framework

The scholarship statutory of the University of Erfurt ([Satzung der Universität zur Vergabe von Stipendien](#)) forms the legal framework for awarding initialization scholarships.

Privacy policy

Please refer to the [information sheet on data protection](#) ("Datenschutzhinweise für Bewerber*innen") in accordance with Art. 13 of the EU Data Protection Basic Regulation (EU DSGVO).