

FEMALE PROFESSOR PROGRAMME OF THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL STATES



INITIALISATION SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

General aim

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

This scholarship is meant to finance postdoctoral researchers that intend to apply to third-party funding, or participate in the application process of larger projects at the University of Erfurt. 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

Initialisation 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 per year are provided.

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

- support and start-up formats for research and networking with other academics (depending on capacity) as well as advice in the preparation of the application for external funding;
- an [„Academic Skills Training”](#) programme to promote interdisciplinary academic expertise and coachings, which involves free participation;
- a platform for communicating the own research to the general public (e.g. Erfurt Science Slam).

We require the following from our fellowship holders:

- linking of the 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 Skills Training” programme (free of charge).

Selection criteria

- To receive a postdoctoral 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 in academia,
 - 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

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

1. a cover letter (max. 2 pages) that shall include the following points
 - an explanation how your project fits into the research profile of the University of Erfurt with its [research foci](#);
 - an explanation to what extent the proposed project contributes to the progress of your academic career;
 - if you deem it relevant for your application (voluntary information): information on special concerns, such as 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 its content,
 - on its realization at the University of Erfurt and
 - on the planned project proposal for third-party funding;
5. a working schedule (max. 12 months) and preferred date of commencement;
6. a list of publications (only works that are published at the time of application);
7. a 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](#) (you can find the translated document [here](#)).

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 letter of recommendation or evaluation separately via e-mail (please consider our [advice for reviewers](#)); please note also, that the declaration of willingness and the letter of recommendation or evaluation should be issued by different university professors.

Submission of application

All application documents must be submitted in the form of 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 PDF 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 27 March 2024, 11:59 pm CET.

Please estimate about six weeks for the process of evaluation and decision of your application. Once an application is approved, financing starts at the beginning of the following month.

The beginning of the scholarship must be not later than 1 November 2024.

Contact

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

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Legal Framework

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

Privacy policy

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