

# THURINGIAN PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF YOUNG WOMEN SCIENTISTS AND ARTISTS



## POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR FEMALE RESEARCHERS

### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### General goal

According to the **“Thuringian Programme for the Promotion of Young Women Scientists and Artists”** (Thüringer Programm zur Förderung von Nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen und Nachwuchskünstlerinnen), the University of Erfurt announces postdoctoral scholarships.

This scholarship aims to fund excellent and experienced female postdoctoral researchers, who specifically prepare for a career as professor or who do fulfill the requirements for a professorship. Within the scholarship female researchers shall be enabled to work on their habilitation or prepare applications for a larger third-party funded project. 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

Postdoctoral scholarships are granted for a maximum of 24 months.

Postdoctoral researchers receive a basic monthly grant of €2,000. If applicable, a family allowance can be paid, which amounts to €300 for one/the first child and €150 for any further child.

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 a postdoctoral scholarship, female applicants must

- have completed their PhD-thesis or habilitation with an excellent result,
- at least three years of working experience in academic context after completion of the PhD-thesis and
- be renowned for above-average scientific accomplishments.

#### 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;h its research foci;
  - information on your current career level and future career planning and how the proposed project contributes to the progress of your academic career;
  - an explanation to what extend the proposed project contributes to the progress 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: PhD-certificate and, if available, habilitation certificate;
4. a draft of your research project (max. 5 pages) with detailed information
  - 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. 24 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](mailto: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 October 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).