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Call for Proposals
HERMES Junior Programme
of the Pro-Rector for Research, Talent Development and Equal Opportunities

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OBJECTIVE:
The objective of the Hermes Junior Programme at the University of Rostock is to stimulate and retain early career researchers at the University of Rostock from an early stage and to strengthen the University of Rostock's research networks. It thus complements the Hermes Programme.

FOCUS:
The Hermes Junior Programme introduces students at the University of Rostock to the topics and methods of research at an early stage of their academic qualification. The programme promotes independent and scientifically autonomous work, combined with a stay at a national or international research institution.
The research funding programme not only intends to consolidate students' knowledge in the fields of their own studies, but also to make it possible for them to gain knowledge in the areas of expertise and research topics in the academic specialisation of the institute/faculty, as well as to enable networking with colleagues from the same field, which is so crucial for science, through mobility measures. Periods of stay for the sole purpose of attending conferences or giving presentations are not eligible for funding.

TARGET GROUP:
The programme aims to fund research projects of full-time students on master's or bachelor's degree courses and the teacher training courses at the University of Rostock. A project proposal can be conceived and realised as individual or group work. No funding will be provided for final dissertations.
The group/the student will be supervised by a postdoc at the University of Rostock, in particular with regard to the academic and administrative aspects.
The applicant and grant recipient in the Hermes Junior Programme is the academic supervisor, who is also responsible for the overall application and ensuring the project is duly realised.

FUNDING AMOUNT:
The maximum funding amount per grant is € 5,000.00.
The overall budget for the Hermes and Hermes Junior Programme amounts to € 25,000 p.a. Projects may be granted every year until the overall budget has been used up.

Funding is provided for the following costs:

- Mobility and accommodation costs
- Material costs required for implementing the project if they are not already covered by the partner organisation
- Publication costs for publications that result from the Hermes Junior project

The maximum funding period is one year.

The funds are paid out to university cost centres and must be spent in accordance with legal requirements (e.g. state law on travel expenses) and university regulations.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Applications can be submitted **at any time**. Please note that applications must be submitted in good time; however, **at least two months prior to the planned start of the project.**

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The following criteria are assessed:

- Originality / topicality of the research topic
- Scope of networking activities (e.g. search for contacts, activities to keep in contact)
- Completion of the application form
- Previous academic record of the students
- Adequacy of the requested funds

The Office of the Pro-Rector for Research, Talent Development and Equal Opportunities shall decide on the funding application in consultation with a reviewer from the subject area. There is no legal entitlement to funding.

PROCEDURE:

The application must be submitted in electronic form to the contact named below and must contain the following information:

- Project description incl. work schedule and timeline (max. five pages)*
- Previous research-related achievements of the students*
- Planned budget*
- Declaration of willingness to supervise the project and short subject-specific assessment of the proposed project by the academic supervisor.
- Invitation from the host

*These application components must be produced independently by the student/s with the guidance or in consultation with the academic supervisor.

The DFG template 54.01 for preparing proposals can be used for structuring the application form for Hermes Junior funding.

REPORTING DUTY

No later than two months after completion of the project, an informal report on the results of the project as well as proof of use of the funds must be produced and submitted to the University and Quality Development Office via the contact details below.

CONTACT

If you have any questions about the Hermes Programme at the University of Rostock, please contact

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