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

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OBJECTIVE:
The objective of the University of Rostock's Hermes Programme is to support early career researchers at the University of Rostock and to strengthen the University of Rostock's international networks. It thus complements the Hermes Junior Programme, which is aimed at students.

FOCUS:
The programme funds early-career researchers' periods of research abroad to prepare future projects and publications. Periods of stay abroad for the sole purpose of attending conferences or giving presentations are not eligible for funding.
If possible, the period of research should take place at a renowned foreign scientific institution, with which a new partnership is to be established or an older partnership revitalised.

TARGET GROUP:
Applicants can be:

1. Early-career postdoc researchers at the University of Rostock, whose doctorate was generally awarded no more than three years ago
2. Doctoral candidates at the University of Rostock

The applicants should not have lived, worked or studied in the country of the host institution for more than twelve months in the last three years.

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.

Grants are provided for periods of research abroad of up to 3 months for early-career researchers from the University of Rostock. The period of research shall take place within one year after the funding is granted.

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 period of research

If the foreign partner institution covers the costs of the stay, the University of Rostock can cover a possible subsequent period of research by an early-career researcher from the foreign partner at the University of Rostock.

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
- Depiction and feasibility of the period of stay abroad
- Previous academic achievements
- Reference to the profile lines/profile elements
- 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 (max. five pages)
- Status of own preparations
- Work schedule for the funded period of stay abroad
- CV/résumé and list of publications
- Planned budget
- Invitation letter from the host

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

REPORTING DUTY

No later than two months after completion of the project, an informal report on the results of the international collaboration 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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