



University-internal tender in line with the Women Professors Programme II

Tender for Promotion of Women in Science at University of Rostock: Application Funding Line Post-Doc-Scholarships

1. Objectives

In order to promote female junior scientists in their post-doc phase¹ University of Rostock is tendering a funding programme for material resources in line with the Women Professors Programme II of the federal and state governments. The programme supports female junior scientists at the University of Rostock in their academic endeavors through short-term scholarships.

2. Who will receive funding?

Funds are allocated to female junior scientists in their post-doc phase who are members of University of Rostock and pursue an academic qualification at University of Rostock.

3. What will receive funding?

The funding line Post-Doc-Scholarships includes:

- Start-up financing: to enable female junior researchers who have received their doctoral to enter the post-doctoral phase. The scholarship serves to develop a post-doctoral project at the University Rostock and to prepare an application for long-term financing (DFG or the like).
- Late post-doctoral phase: to support female junior scientists on their path to becoming a professor. The scholarship can be used to complete the habilitation (or equivalent qualification) at the University Rostock. In the submitted documents it should be shown that the work can be completed within 6 months.
- Bridge financing to raise funds for a post-doctoral project at the University Rostock (e.g. after family-related leave from the academic qualification). The scholarship is to be considered as an interim measure until the start of long-term financing.
- It is also possible to receive funding to a maximum cover of 3 months for the time the proposal is reviewed (by DFG etc.).² In this case confirmation of receipt has to be submitted together with the application.

¹ Upon application, the thesis has to be submitted in the Doctoral Studies Office.

² up to 6 months after the date of submission of the application

4. Duration and Extent of Funding

Scholarships are usually allocated for the duration of six months.

The amount of funding is limited to:

Post-Docs: 1.750 €/ month

Child Supplements: 150 €/ month (first child) or 100 €/ month (for every additional child)

Granting of material resources is conditional and dependent on the availability of approved funds by the Women Professors Programme II of the federal and state governments. Any recourse to courts of law is excluded. There is no legal claim for the provision of funding.

If a scholarship in this line of funding is granted for a shorter period of time, an additional application for the remaining period is possible. If a scholarship (Post-Doc) in line of "Fund for the Advancement of Women in Science" has already taken place, an application for this line of funding is not possible.

5. Application Deadlines

Application **deadline** for the current tender is **16th May 2019**. The earliest possible starting date of funding is July 2019. The funds must be invoiced till 31th December 2019 (end of the project).

Applications based on acute social need are not bound to the designated application deadlines.

6. Application and Funding Criteria

Incoming applications will initially be reviewed with focus on formalities and their prospects of success. Applications that are selected for the shortlist will be reviewed by the [Commission of Equal Opportunities and Diversity](#). The Commission compiles a list with funding proposals before the Rectorate provides a final assessment.

Rejections will not be justified.

The simultaneous award of another scholarship, the employment of more than 10h/week in research and teaching or of 5h/week in other positions, as well as unemployment benefits of any kind are not reconcilable with this scholarship.

7. Required Documents

- Completed and signed [application form](#)
- Letter of motivation (maximum 2 pages)
- Brief overview of qualification project, including work plan/ time table (maximum 2 pages, no thesis, no bibliography, or similar)
- CV (tabular, no photo)
- Scientific report on the research project from the responsible professor of the department or supervisor of the post-doc project
- If applicable, proof of the membership at the University of Rostock
- If applicable, assurance that the research project will be based at University of Rostock
- If applicable, a statement on individual circumstances or evidence for exceptional hardships
- If applicable, additional explanations concerning employment

8. Conditions of Funding

Dissemination of the Application Documents/Publication of Funding Awards

The documents submitted by the applicants will be disseminated among the members of the responsible committee. Applicants who get funded consent to having their names and their research or project topic published in line with the reporting on the Women Professors Programme at University of Rostock. This includes, for example, any mention on the university's website and all related press articles.

Recognition of Funding Criteria, Withdrawal and Scholarship Agreement

With the submission of an application, applicants consent bindingly to the above mentioned funding criteria. They are free, at any time, to withdraw their application as well as to end or return approved funding. Such a withdrawal needs to take place in writing and must be addressed to the chair of the Commission of Equal Opportunities and Diversity.

Only a scholarship agreement signed by both parties displays the final approval of funding. As a consequence, the completion of a scholarship agreement between the applicant and the university is an obligatory requirement for the receipt of a scholarship/funding.

In line with the scholarship agreement, the following must be considered:

Time of Payment

The scholarship will be transferred on the 15th of the respective month to the account that is indicated in case of funding. The earliest possible starting date of funding is July 2019.

Reimbursement

If funding is approved on the basis of false claims, it can be cancelled immediately by University of Rostock. The allocated funds are to be paid back in their entirety within three months of time. Grossly negligent conduct that jeopardizes the completion of the qualification project will also lead to the cancelling of the funding.

Evaluation and Reporting Obligation

The required scholarship agreement also requires applicants to partake in the evaluation of the programme and to write a final report. The final report includes a brief outline of the achieved work progress and the funding goals. It must be submitted no later than one month after funding ends (1 page maximum) and must be signed by both the applicant and the responsible chair of the research or qualification project.

9. Contact

Please submit your application by mail to the [administration](#) of the Women Professors Programme:

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