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University-internal tender in line with the Women Professors Programme II Tender for Promotion of Women in Science at University of Rostock: <u>Application Funding Line Scholarships</u>

# 1. Objectives

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In order to promote (junior) female scientists in their qualification phase 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 (junior) female scientists at the University of Rostock in their academic endeavors through short-term scholarships.

# 2. Who will receive funding?

Funds are allocated to (junior) female scientists who are members of University of Rostock and pursue an academic qualification at the University of Rostock.

# 3. What will receive funding?

The funding line Scholarships includes:

- Financing for the completion of PhD or postdoctoral qualification
- Re-entry scholarship after family-related leave from the academic qualification
- Start-up or bridge financing for the procurement of grant funds for personal research projects (PhD/Post-Doc). For Post-Docs it is also possible to receive funding for the time the proposal is reviewed (by DFG etc.).<sup>1</sup> In this case confirmation of receipt has to be submitted together with the application.

# 4. Duration and Extent of Funding

Scholarships are usually allocated for the duration of three months.

The amount of funding is limited to:

PhD candidates:	1.200 €/ month
Post-Docs:	1.500 €/ month
Child Supplements:	150 €/ month (first child) or 100 €/ month (for every additional child)

<sup>1</sup> up to 6 months after the date of submission of the application

If a scholarship in line with the programme is granted for a shorter period of time, an additional application for the remaining period is possible. The limited time period of funding applies to all three scholarship tracks as a whole. Multiple funding across more than one scholarship track can only be granted for a total of three months.

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.

## 5. Application Deadlines

Application **deadline** for the current tender is **16<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. The earliest possible starting date of funding is July 2019. The funds must be invoiced till 31th October 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 <u>Commission of Equal Opportunities and</u> <u>Diversity</u>. The Commission compiles a list with funding proposals before the Rectorate provides a final assessment.

Rejections will not be justified.

Female scientists that were granted funding in an earlier tender round can apply again. However, priority will be given to new applicants.

Funding is only possible if the application is submitted within one of the three scholarship tracks and if evidently no alternative funding options exist. This needs to be explicated and justified in the application. Multiple funding from intramural youth development programmes that go beyond regular funding is excluded.

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, including vote of the responsible chair
- Letter of motivation (maximum 1 page)
- CV (tabular, no photo)
- Brief overview of qualification project, including work plan/time table (maximum 1 page, no thesis, no bibliography, or similar)
- Proof of the membership at the University of Rostock
- If applicable, a statement on individual circumstances or evidence for exceptional hardships
- For start-up or bridge financing: evidence for the planned continued funding after expiration of the scholarship
- For completion scholarships: assessment of the responsible chair that clarifies if the project can be completed during the funding period

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### 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 <u>administration</u> of the Women Professors Programme:

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