

## GRADUATE SERVICES | NEWSLETTER



Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs of the University of Erfurt,

we are pleased to send you the newsletter of the Graduate Services of the University of Erfurt! With our newsletter we inform you on a regular basis about current events, funding opportunities and qualification offers as well as upcoming changes at the University of Erfurt.

You will receive this newsletter at least once a quarter. Feel free to pass it on to other people interested in pursuing a doctorate, doctoral candidates, or postdoctoral researchers. You will find a link to subscribe and unsubscribe to the newsletter at the end of this issue.

We wish you a pleasant reading and look forward for further suggestions of yours!

Please note that where there was no official translation, the English Newsletter has been translated by DeepL.

Your team of the Research and Graduate Services.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Research and Graduate Services**

We, the team of the Research and Graduate Services, develop strategies and concepts directing research, research funding and the promotion of early career researchers at the University of Erfurt. In close cooperation with the university governance and numerous researchers, we focus on ideas for research and fundings and transfer these into various programs, instruments and events, which we implement and supervise. In addition, we support researchers at the University of Erfurt, who aim to receive external funding for their research projects.

The Research and Graduate Services is generally available for consulting at all career stages. In addition to comprehensive, personal consulting services, we offer doctoral candidates structural and financial support (e.g. by memberships in the Graduate Centers or by organizing workplaces, scholarships), a platform for discussions with other doctoral candidates or presenting your own research beyond your usual expert audience (e.g. the Christoph Martin Wieland Forum Discussions or the Erfurt Science Slam). You can find further information on those events and other offers on the [website](#).

Information on current internal and external offers can be found in the further course of the newsletter.

## **CAREER FUNDING | INTERNAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Project Funding**

The University of Erfurt offers all its professors, postdoctoral researchers and doctoral candidates the opportunity to receive financial support from the university's own funds to carry out a project related to the University of Erfurt's research foci.

Funding of up to 5,000 euros per project is possible.

Applications for internal university project funding can be submitted in three rounds to the Research and Graduate Services ([forschungsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:forschungsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de)). The Commission for Research and Graduate Services decides on the awarding of funding. Postdoctoral researchers and doctoral candidates are requested to enclose a short informal declaration of consent from the holder of the cost centre through whose cost centre the funding is to be settled.

Further information and the necessary forms can be found on the following page: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/research/researching/in-house-research-funding/project-funding>

**Annual deadlines for submitting applications: 30 April, 31 July & 15 November**

### **Research Grants for Female Research Associates**

From the budget for gender equality measures of the Equal Opportunity and Family Office, research grants can now be paid to (post)doctoral researcher associates of the University of Erfurt, e.g. for conference travel, for researcher funds, data access, additional equipment, etc.

Doctoral candidates can apply for support of up to 300€ and postdoctoral researchers can apply for support of up to 500€.

Informal applications with a breakdown of costs are accepted prior to travel via [gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de). When applying for travel grants for conference travel, the certificate of acceptance of your own conference contribution must also be attached to the application.

Further information can be found on the [website of the Equal Opportunity Officers](#).

### **Reimbursement of Research Costs for Female Doctoral Scholarship Holders**

From the budget for gender equality measures of the Equal Opportunity and Family Office, it is possible for female doctoral scholarship holders of the University of Erfurt to be reimbursed an additional 300€ per year for research costs. The funds can be applied

for in addition to the existing funds for research and travel costs by membership in one of the Graduate Centers.

For the application, original invoices, proofs of payment as well as confirmations of participation or similar proofs for event participations and travels must be submitted.

Instructions for the reimbursement of research-related material and travel expenses as well as the application documents can be found on the [website of the Equal Opportunity Officers](#).

Please submit any queries to [gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de).

### **Promotion of projects with gender relevance**

The Equal Opportunity Advisory Board supports from the budget of the Equal Opportunity Officer up to three **projects of early-stage researchers on gender topics**. As a rule, **projects are supported with up to 300€**.

So far the following projects have been funded

- International workshops and conferences
- Guest lectures
- Publications
- Printing costs for flyers and posters

Informal applications with details of the concept, cooperation partners and target groups, as well as a total cost breakdown and, if applicable, other sponsors can be submitted on an ongoing basis at [gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de).

### **Max Weber Award for Young Researchers 2024**

The Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies at the University of Erfurt (Max-Weber-Kolleg) will once again be awarding the Max Weber Award for Young Researchers in 2024. This prize is intended to honour the outstanding work of a young researcher in the context of a Weberian research programme, i.e. in the field of interdisciplinary cultural and social studies with historical depth and/or interest in normative questions. Submissions can be made for dissertation or habilitation thesis written in English or German completed in the years 2022 to 2023.

The prize has a volume of 1,500 EUR. In addition, the Max-Weber-Kolleg pays the travel expenses within Europe for the journey to the award ceremony.

Applications can be sent by **15 June 2024**.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/university/current/news/news-detail/max-weber-award-for-young-researchers-2024-announced>

## **INFORMATION AND EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE RESEARCH AND GRADUATE SERVICES**

### **Framework Regulations for the Erfurt Doctoral and Postdoctoral Programme (EPPP)**

The EPPP forms the constitutional framework for the structured doctoral and postdoctoral programmes at the University of Erfurt. Within the framework of this programme, the university supports its researchers in the qualification phase in an idealistic and financial manner and at the same time ensures a high quality of education. The requirements of the EPPP are put into practice and implemented in the diverse subject-specific and interdisciplinary programme of the EPPP-certified Graduate Centres and the Max-Weber-Kolleg.

On 1 June 2024, a framework regulation for the EPPP (EPPP-RO) came into force, which consistently bundles the previous requirements and has further expanded the structured academic qualification phase for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers at the University of Erfurt by bindingly establishing the rights of the fellows, expanding opportunities for full membership and enabling access to research-related material and travel expenses for postdoctoral researchers.

The EPPP-RO can be viewed on the University of Erfurt's task and organisational statutes [page](#) (in German only). A link can also be found on the [Graduate Services page](#).

## COMPETENCE-ORIENTED PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT FOR ACADEMICS

Below you will find the workshops and events of the summer semester which are offered as part of the Academic Skills Training and in which places are still available:

- [Karriere innerhalb und außerhalb der Hochschule](#) (4 June 2024, 2 to 4 p.m., German):  
This two-hour online event is open to doctoral candidates, doctoral candidates, postdocs, and all other interested members of the University of Erfurt. In the event, four speakers will introduce themselves and give an insight into the course and steps of their respective careers. Two speakers work at universities and the two other speakers work in science administration or outside of universities.  
Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to ask them questions. A certificate of attendance cannot be issued.
- [Promotion – Ja oder nein?](#) (10 & 11 June 2024, each 2 to 5 p.m., German):  
This workshop is aimed at Master's students or those interested in doing a doctorate (with an interest in doing a doctorate at the University of Erfurt). The workshop offers an overview of all important aspects when deciding whether to do a doctorate. In addition to several trainer inputs, there will also be opportunities to ask questions, exchange ideas and reflect on decision-relevant issues.
- [FAIR and efficient Research Data Management](#) (14 June 2024, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., English):  
The workshop is aimed at doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers. The course deals with the practical implementation of data management. Topics include, among others, policies, guidelines and legal framework, data management plans or data publication and archiving.
- New: [Science Communication: Blogging and Social Media](#) (05.07.2024)
- [Stipendienbewerbungstraining](#) (02. & 03.09.2024)
- [Schreibwerkstatt](#) (17.09.2024)
- [Disputationstraining](#) (10. & 11.10.2024)
- [Professional Roles in the Academic World](#) (21. & 22.10.2024)
- [Best-Practice-Forum Wissenschaftskommunikation](#) (30.10.2024)
- New: [It's all about change – Preventing Conflicts and dealing with conflicts](#) (19.11. & 05.12.2024)
- [Wissenschaftlich publizieren - ein Überblick](#) (25.11.2024)

- [Work-Life-Balance für Wissenschaftler\\*innen mit Care-Aufgaben](#) (02. & 03.12.2024)
- [Good Research Practice](#) (16. & 17.01.2025)

You can find an overview of all offers of the Academic Skills Training [here](#).  
You can also find the University Didactic Programme on the [website](#).  
Be sure to check back regularly on the [pages](#) of the competence-oriented personnel development for academics, as new offers can be added all the time!

### **CareerMe mentoring programme**

The careerMe mentoring programme will enter its next round in October/November 2024. With this programme, the University of Erfurt aims to provide academics with the best possible support in their career planning and, in particular, on the path to a permanent professorship.

A programme line for postdoctoral researchers and tenure-track professors and a programme line for advanced doctoral researchers are offered.

**Postdoctoral researchers** can register as mentees in their programme line if they have submitted at least their dissertation, are affiliated with the University of Erfurt during the one-year programme period and can participate in the events. In addition, **tenure track professors** at the University of Erfurt can participate as mentees. In this programme line, the mentees are accompanied by experienced professors.

**Advanced doctoral candidates** can register as mentees in their programme line if they were accepted as a doctoral candidate at least two years ago at the time of application. In addition, participation in the programme is also conditional on remaining at the University of Erfurt for the duration of the programme and participating in the events. In the programme line for doctoral candidates, mentees are supported by postdoctoral researchers and (tenure track) professors for one year.

Applications are possible until **31/08/2024**.

Detailed information and the opportunity to apply can be found on our website at: [www.uni-erfurt.de/go/careerme](http://www.uni-erfurt.de/go/careerme).

## **INFORMATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PHD REPRESENTATIVES**

The doctoral representation is the joint representation of the doctoral candidates at the University of Erfurt. It promotes the interdisciplinary, cooperative and international doctoral culture at the University of Erfurt, and campaigns for the interests of doctoral candidates in the university's internal committees. With various events, it also provides information on topics relevant to doctoral studies and contributes to interdisciplinary and inter-faculty exchange and networking among doctoral students.

The doctoral student representation is made up of one member and one deputy per faculty and the Max-Weber-Kolleg. The term of office is one year, and the term of office starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October each year.

You can find all other information from the doctoral representation as well as useful information for doctoral candidates on our [website](#).

### **Committee election 2024: Election of the PhD representatives**

All doctoral students at the University of Erfurt are invited to vote for a new PhD representative body. The elections will take place from 17 June 2024 (12.00 noon) to 21 June 2024 (12.00 noon) as an internet-based online election. The deadline for submitting nominations ended on 30 May 2024.

Participation in the election is via the link <https://idmweb.uni-erfurt.de/Gremienwahl>. You can use the registration mask that appears there to log in with the usual access data for the intranet (university account) and will then be redirected to the page for the committee election. Information on all other regulations, data protection and the authorised election proposals can be found on the page for the 2024 committee election: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/interner-service/aktuelles/news-und-veranstaltungen/wahlen/gremienwahlen-2024>



## EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

### Rowena Morse Mentoring Programme 2024

In November, the Thuringia-wide Rowena Morse Mentoring Programme (RMMP) will enter its seventh round: female doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at Thuringian universities can apply for the programme by 18 August 2024.

The interdisciplinary programme supports female doctoral candidates in the final phase of their doctorate and female postdocs in the orientation phase on their individual career paths. During the **programme duration of 12 months**, specific workshops are offered for further qualification in addition to the placement of mentors. As part of peer mentoring, the mentees network with (junior) academics from other Thuringian universities and are supported in group mentoring sessions by experienced professors from Thuringian universities. The programme is organised by the Thuringian Competence Network for Gender Equality.

Please submit applications by e-mail to [gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de).

#### **Application documents to be submitted:**

- Curriculum vitae in tabular form
- Letter of motivation
- Letter of recommendation from a supervisor or mentor

#### **Application deadline is 18 August 2024.**

Further **information on the call for applications and the application procedures** can be found on the website of the Thuringian Competence Network for Gender Equality: <https://www.tkg-info.de/foerderungen/rowena-morse-mentoring-program/>

### Research Career: Information by the DFG

The German Research Foundation (DFG) offers a wide range of funding opportunities for postdoctoral researchers in the early career phase. The DFG regularly provides information about these opportunities in the online discussion series "Prospects". Throughout the year, specific funding instruments and programs for the time after the doctorate are presented in various online seminars. Also interesting for doctoral candidates!

The next events in the Prospects series are:

- 07 June 2024, 14.00-15.30 – DFG Funding programmes for academic career
- 13 June 2024, 14.00-15:30 – Emmy Noether Programme
- 29 August 2024, 16:00-17:30 - DFG Funding Opportunities for Postdocs (in English)

Further information on the event and the slides of past lectures in the Prospects series can be found at: <https://www.dfg.de/en/research-funding/funding-opportunities/research-careers/info-talks>

### **Career goal of a professorship at a university of applied sciences (HAW)**

The Ravensburg-Weingarten University of Applied Sciences (RWU) is offering an information event on 20 June 2024 on the topic of "HAW professorship as a career goal". The online event will provide information on appointment requirements, appointment procedures and support on the path to a professorship. RWU professors will talk about their path to a professorship and provide exciting insights into their profession.

Registration is not required. Further information can be found on the RWU homepage: <https://www.rwu.de/en/university-uas/working-rwu/pathways-professorship>

### **DAAD Information Session PRIME (Postdoctoral Researchers International Mobility Experience)**

PRIME offers temporary employment at a German university and is not a conventional scholarship. The 18 months of funding include a mandatory yearlong stay abroad. The program is open to all those who have completed their doctorate at the start of the funding period and have at least one published publication to show by the application deadline. The target group of the program are young scientists who see their professional career in Germany in the long term.

The most important dates of the program process:

Opening of the application portal:	May 2024
Application deadline:	<b>31 August 2024</b>
Selection result:	Beginning of March 2025
Start of funding:	1 June 2025 – 1 November 2025

For further Information: <https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/postdoctoral-researchers-international-mobility-experience/>

### **Call for Papers: "Knowledge creates change - ideas, processes and theories from research"**

The theme of this year's DocColloq interdisciplinary graduate conference is **"Knowledge Creates Change - Ideas, Processes and Theories from Research"**. The conference will take place digitally on 5 & 6 December 2024. Doctoral candidates, regardless of their doctoral status, are invited to submit abstracts and contribution proposals on the topic of change in order to present and discuss their topics in front of an interdisciplinary audience.

What is the *DocColloq*? The *DocColloq* doctoral student colloquium was founded at Trier University in 2018 and is organising a conference for doctoral students and those interested in doing a doctorate in German-speaking countries for the sixth time this year. The aim of the interdisciplinary conference is to give doctoral candidates the opportunity to present their research to a non-specialist audience in a low-threshold conference setting and to contribute to exchange and networking between the disciplines.

Abstracts can be submitted until **21 July 2024**.

Further information - including on past graduate conferences - can be found on the DocColloq website: <https://www.uni-trier.de/index.php?id=68047>

### **“Writing Friday” for Doctoral Candidates**

*schreibzentrum.berlin* offers doctoral candidates free online writing days. Every 1st Friday of the month, from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, doctoral candidates meet with like-minded people and are supported in their writing by experienced writing coaches with the help of moderation techniques and writing exercises.

The offer is aimed at doctoral candidates of all subjects and all writing phases.

Participation is possible at any time.

Registration and further information:

<https://www.schreibzentrum.berlin/veranstaltungen/formate/schreibzeiten/schreibfreitag/>

### **FAZIT Foundation**

The FAZIT Foundation is a non-profit publishing company that specifically promotes science and research by awarding doctoral scholarships and grants for printing and travel costs.

Applications for a two-year doctoral scholarship as well as grants for printing costs and travel expenses are possible at any time.

The foundation provides information on further requirements and documents to be submitted on its website: <https://www.fazit-stiftung.de/bewerbung.html>

### **Leopoldina Postdoc Scholarship**

The German National Academy of Sciences (Leopoldina) awards two-year postdoctoral fellowships to postdoctoral researchers from Germany, Austria and Switzerland who completed their doctorate no more than seven years ago for a research stay abroad. The scholarship includes a basic scholarship of 1,750.00 euros per month and monthly material resources of 250.00 euros.

Applications can be submitted on an ongoing basis. Award decisions are made three times a year.

Further information can be found at:

<https://www.leopoldina.org/en/funding/leopoldina-fellowship-programme/leopoldina-postdoc-scholarship/>

### **Scholarships by the Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates**

The 13 publicly funded Initiatives for Academically Gifted Students and Doctoral Candidates promotes students and doctoral candidates, who stand out for their excellent performance as well as their social commitment. Each initiative has a specific ideological, religious, or political focus.

It is usually possible to apply for a scholarship once or twice a year. Some foundations also offer the opportunity to submit applications for funding throughout the year.

You can find general information about the scholarship organizations here:

[https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/de/bildung/begabtenfoerderung/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke\\_node.html](https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/de/bildung/begabtenfoerderung/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke_node.html)

### **The Initiatives:**

Following we show you the next application deadlines of each initiative (please note that all dates are subject to correction):

- [Avicenna-Studienwerk](#), application deadline: 1 April and 1 October
- [Cusanuswerk](#), application deadline: 1 June and 1 November
- [Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich-Studienwerk \(ELES\)](#), application deadline: 31 March and 30 September
- [Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst](#), application possible from 1 March to 1 June and 1 September to 1 December
- [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung](#), Application possible at any time.
- [Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit](#), application possible from 1 to 30 April and 1 to 31 October
- [Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung](#), application possible from 15 December to 15 January and 15 June to 15 July
- [Hans-Böckler-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 31 May and 2 November
- [Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 1 March and 1 September
- [Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 15 January and 15 July
- [Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung](#), application deadline: 1 October (applies for 2024/2025)
- [Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft](#), application deadline in 2024: 15 May to 17 July
- [Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes](#), application possible at any time

Further information on the Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates as well as the Lectures of Confidence of the University of Erfurt can be found [here](#).

External calls for application will be regularly updated on the website „[News for Early Stage Researchers](#)“.

***Editor's note: The Research and Graduate Services cannot be hold accountable for any of the external website's content. Accountable for the respective website is the responsible person / institution. All content in the newsletter is subject to correction.***

## **ON ONE'S OWN BEHALF**

### **Registration for (Inter)national Research Funding News**

If you would like to receive information about national and European calls for proposals once a month in addition to the Graduate Service Information, we recommend subscribing to the Research Funding News.

Information on how to subscribe as well as the previous issue of the „Fördernews“ can be found [here](#).

### **Participation in Defensiones**

If you are interested in participating in a defensio to get an insight into the possible procedure of defending your own dissertation, then take a look at the page "[News for Early Stage Researchers](#)" from time to time. Here you will find a list of all current defenses and disputations that have been reported to the Research and Graduate Services. Participation is usually possible after registration in the respective dean's office.

## **CONTACTS AND AVAILABILITY**

Due to different office hours, the easiest way to contact the staff members of the Research and Graduate Services remains by e-mail.

Hence, for any request please use our central e-mail address.

You can find all staff members along with their contact details and their competences at our website, which will introduce you to the Vice President for Research and Academic Careers and the staff unit of the Research and Graduate Services in general.

**Website:** <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/research/advice-and-services/vice-president-and-staff-unit>

**E-Mail:** [nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de)

## **UN-/SUBSCRIBING AND DATA PROTECTION**

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Information about data protection can be found here: [https://www.uni-erfurt.de/fileadmin/Hauptseiten/Forschung/Graduiertenfoerderung/Datenschutzhinweis\\_Newsletter\\_2022-04-07.pdf](https://www.uni-erfurt.de/fileadmin/Hauptseiten/Forschung/Graduiertenfoerderung/Datenschutzhinweis_Newsletter_2022-04-07.pdf)