

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!

Your team of the Research and Graduate Services.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Research and Graduate Services

The team of the Research and Graduate Services develops 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 every career level. 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 this newsletter.

FUNDING AND EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

RESEARCH AND GRADUATE SERVICES

PostDoc funding 2024+

As part of the 'PostDoc Funding 2024+' funding programme, the University of Erfurt is advertising up to five positions for postdoctoral researchers from 1 January 2025. The call is aimed at excellent researchers in the qualification phase who, together with at least two other supervising full members of one or more Graduate Centres or the Max Weber Kolleg of the University of Erfurt, would like to prepare a third-party funding application with at least two years of follow-up funding if approved. For the duration of the funding from the University of Erfurt, the PostDocs take on coordination tasks for their Graduate Centres

The application deadline is **30 September 2024**.

Further information can be found in the [call for applications](#).

Doctoral Scholarships within the Structured Doctoral Programme of the University of Erfurt

The University of Erfurt awards up to 10 scholarships to doctoral candidates as part of the Christoph Martin Wieland Graduate Forum from 1 January 2025.

All scholarships will be awarded to candidates with excellent research projects.

Potential scholarship holders must become full members of a certified Graduate Centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg as part of the "Erfurt Doctoral and Postdoctoral Programme" and participate in the Graduate Centre's or Max-Weber-Kolleg's programme.

Scholarships are awarded for three years and can be extended for another year upon request. They include a monthly stipend of 1,400 euros (plus family-allowance).

The application deadline is **30 September 2024**.

Further information can be found in the [call for applications](#).

Consultation-hours for the current calls for proposals

Until **26 September 2024** the Research and Graduate Service will be offering online consultation-hours **every Thursday** from **1 to 2 p.m. CEST**. Here you can ask questions about the postdoctoral funding programme or the call for applications for the Christoph Martin Wieland doctoral scholarships. Prior registration is not necessary.

You can access the online consultation by the following Webex link:

uni-erfurt.webex.com/uni-erfurt/j.php

Project Funding

The University of Erfurt is offering its professors, postdoctoral researchers, and doctoral candidates additional financial funding to carry out projects related to the University of Erfurt's research foci.

Applications for funding up to 5,000 euros per project is possible.

Applications for internal university project funding can be submitted three times a year at the Research and Graduate Services (forschungsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de). The Senate Commission for Research and Graduate Services decides on funding approval.

Postdoctoral researchers and doctoral candidates are requested to enclose a short informal declaration of consent from a holder of a professorship with a cost centre, which is necessary for the settlement of the project funds.

The next deadline for submitting applications is **15 November 2024**.

Further information and the necessary forms can be found on the website for [project funding](#).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND FAMILY OFFICE

Research Grants for Female Researchers Assistants in the Doctoral and Postdoctoral Phase

Applicants can inquire for grants from the Equal Opportunity and Family Office of the University of Erfurt. These grants can be used for conference visits, incentives, data access, additional research equipment and more.

Doctoral candidates can apply for fundings up to 300 euros and postdoctoral researchers for a funding sum up to 500 euros.

Informal applications with a breakdown of expected costs must be hand before the costs are incurred at gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de. When applying for travel grants for conferences, a verification of a conference contribution must be attached to the application.

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

Research Grants for Female Doctoral Candidates

Applicants can inquire for grants from the Equal Opportunity and Family Office of the University of Erfurt. These grants can be used for conference visits, incentives, data access, additional research equipment and more.

Doctoral scholarship holders of the University of Erfurt can request these grants in addition to the reimbursement by EPPP funds as part of the membership in a Graduate Centre.

For the application, original invoices, proofs of payment as well as a verification of a conference contribution must be attached to the application. 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](#).

Financial Support for Projects on Gender Issues

The Equal Opportunity Advisory Board supports doctoral candidates for up to three projects from the budget of the Equal Opportunity Officer on gender topics. Projects can be supported with up to 300€. Fundings can be used for international workshops and conferences, guest lectures, publications and printing costs for flyers and posters.

Informal applications with details of the concept, cooperation partners and target groups and a total cost breakdown can be submitted on an ongoing basis at gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de.

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

FOUNDERS SERVICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

Workshop 'From PhD to Innovator'

The Founders Service of the University of Erfurt and the Falling Walls Foundation offer a two-day workshop in Jena from **11-12 September 2024**. The workshop is part of the *Young Entrepreneurs in Science* programme.

Together with colleagues from other Thuringian universities the workshop aims for learning methods and skills for your innovation potential. Professional innovation coaches will guide through the workshop.

Participation is free of charge. The workshop will take place between 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. and will be hold in English.

Further information can be found [here](#).

EUROPEAN GRADUATE SCHOOL 'THEOLOGY IN PROCESSES OF TRANSFORMATION'

Doctoral scholarship

The European Graduate School (EGS) 'Theology in Religious, Cultural and Political Processes of Transformation', at the University of Erfurt is offering 1 doctoral scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded for a period of three years. The monthly grant is 1,500 euros plus a potential family allowance of 300 euros per child. The potential scholarship holder must become a full member in the Graduate Centre *t³ - Theologie, Tradition, Transformation*.

The application deadline is **30 September 2024**.

Further information can be found in the [call for applications](#) (in German only).

LANGUAGE CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

German Course for International Employees & Doctoral Candidates

The Language Center at the University of Erfurt is offering a German as a Foreign Language (DaF) course for international employees and doctoral candidates of the University of Erfurt in the winter semester 2024/25. The aim is to prepare both academic and non-academic employees in their language skills for everyday working life. The course topics are adapted to the needs of the employees: Topics and scenarios from everyday academic working life such as writing emails, small talk in the office,

communication in the work team, presentation techniques for presenting a research project and much more are discussed.

In addition to employees, the course is also open to enrolled doctoral candidates, subject to capacity.

The course will take place from 23 October 2024 to 5 February 2025 every Wednesday from 8.30 to 10.00 a.m. Registrations are possible until **1 October 2024** at daf@uni-erfurt.de.

Further information can be found on the [Language Centre website](#).

COMPETENCE-ORIENTED PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT FOR ACADEMICS

careerMe mentoring programme – last chance to apply!

Applications are possible **until 31.08.2024**.

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 on the path to a permanent professorship. A programme line for postdoctoral researchers and tenure-track professors and a programme line for advanced doctoral candidates are offered.

The mentees are supported by experienced mentors for one year.

Detailed information, participation requirements and the opportunity to apply can be found on our website at: www.uni-erfurt.de/go/careerme

Workshops and Events

You can register for the following workshops as part of the current Academic Skills Training:

- [Disputationstraining](#) (10. & 11.10.2024)
- [It's all about change – Preventing Conflicts and dealing with conflicts](#) (19.11. & 05.12.2024)
- [Wissenschaftlich publizieren – ein Überblick](#) (25.11.2024)
- [Forschung ... WIRKT! – Transferpotentiale aufdecken, Anwendungsfelder erkennen, Wirkung erzielen, Informationsveranstaltung](#) (22.11.2024)
- [Work-Life-Balance für Wissenschaftler*innen mit Care-Aufgaben](#) (02. & 03.12.2024)
- [Good Research Practice](#) (16. & 17.01.2025)

Best Practice Forum for Science Communication

Furthermore, the Best Practice Forum for Science Communication in presence will take place on **30 October 2024** at 3 pm.

In addition to short inputs from scientists and journalists, the main aim is to exchange ideas about your experiences with communicating your own research to the scientific community, but also to society at large. Prof Dr André Brodocz, Vice President for Research and Academic Careers, will moderate the event.

Following the event, we invite you to a get-together. Further information on the Forum can be found on the [website](#).

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!

INFORMATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PHD REPRESENTATIVES

The Committee of PhD Representatives represents 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 the doctorate and contributes to interdisciplinary and inter-faculty exchange and networking among doctoral candidates.

The Committee of PhD Representatives is made up of one member and one deputy per faculty and the Max-Weber-Kolleg. The term of office is one year and starts on the 1st of October each year.

In accordance with the [final election results of the 2024 committee election](#), the following people were elected as new members of the Committee of PhD Representatives:

- Anna-Lena Finkler (Faculty of Education)
- Johannes Tomberg (Faculty of Catholic Theology)

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

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

Please note that the following section has been translated by DeepL. English websites are not always available.

TwentyOne Skills | Career Week 2024

The TwentyOne Skills Career Week from 9 to 13 September 2024 will offer PhD candidates and postdocs various events for their career development. The interactive event is free of charge and is offering insights and tips to boost your career. The Career Week invites you to network with industry and recruitment professionals and explore different career paths.

Further information can be found [here](#).

Postdoc Appreciation Week (PAW) in Germany

Inspired by Postdoc Appreciation Week in the US and UK, the PAW Germany coordination team is inviting researchers and research institutions, postdoc coordinators and research administrators across Germany to come together from **16 to 20 September 2024** to create a special programme, events, and social media campaign to celebrate the incredible work of postdocs.

The initiative has been well received, so postdoc networks across the country have quickly put together a great programme with a wide range of topics – most of them online and open to participants from all institutions in Germany.

Further information on the PAW Germany 2024 programme can be found [here](#).

Webinar for the German Postdoc Network (GPN)

The GPN is a holistic network to support postdocs in all fields and research institutions in Germany. In this launch event, you will learn more about the vision to foster community building, facilitate information exchange and utilise opportunities for active participation.

The online event will take place on **17 September 2024** from 1 to 3 p.m. via Zoom. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with details on how to join the webinar.

The various factors that contribute to a successful postdoc phase will be discussed, such as

- personal development
- Identifying your own interests and values in the professional environment
- setting career goals
- building a professional network

maintaining a healthy work-life balance

Further information on the event and updates on the GPN can be found on the [Helmholtz Munich website](#).

DFG | Information Events on Equal Opportunities

The Head Office's Equal Opportunities Team of the German Research Foundation (DFG) offers regular online information events for all researchers on various equal opportunities topics, including

- Lump sums for equal opportunities measures
- Parental leave regulations, budget for speakers and family allowance
- Relevance of gender and diversity in research content

Participation is possible without registration.

The next events in the series are:

- **18 September 2024, 12.00-13.00** – My CV for the DFG Research Proposal
- 01 October 2024, 13.00-14.00 – Gender and diversity in research content
- 27 November 2024, 12:00-13:00 – Family time, budget for female (and male) speakers and family allowance
- 04 December 2024, 12.00-13.00 – Lump sum for equal opportunities measures

The links and further information on the respective events can be found on the [DFG website](#).

DFG | Info Talks on DFG Funding Opportunities for Research Careers

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 dialogue series "Prospects". Throughout the year, specific funding instruments and programmes 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:

- **24 September 2024, 16.00-17.30 – Emmy Noether Programme (in English)**
- 13 November 2024, 10.00-11.30 a.m. – Walter Benjamin Programme
- 09 December 2024, 10.30-12.00 – DFG funding opportunities for scientific careers

Further information on the event and the slides of past lectures in the Prospects series can be found on the [DFG website](#).

Berlin University Alliance | "AdvanceAcademia! Strengthening academic careers"

The Berlin University Alliance is offering the first diversity-sensitive program to promote structured collaboration in tandem between doctoral candidates and supervisors. It is open to all research fields and disciplines.

The program runs for six months, is free of charge and includes a selection of modules that can be chosen individually. Each month there are 30 positions for supervisors of doctoral projects and their doctoral candidates. However, doctoral candidates who wish to participate can also be accepted into the program without their supervisor. Doctoral candidates and their supervisors from any institutions across Germany can register.

The focus is on promoting:

- the regular work of doctoral students on their doctoral project
- the implementation of an effective and lively evaluation and feedback culture
- the independent, regular, and close-meshed reflection of the progress of the doctorate
- a gender- and diversity-sensitive attitude in research, teaching, and health care

The application period ends **on 27 September 2024**.

Further information on the programme can be found [here](#).

The *academics* Young Researcher Award

The *academics* Young Researcher Award is presented annually to an outstanding young researcher. The competition is open to doctoral or postdoctoral researchers from all fields of research. The winner will be announced at the beginning of 2025

The prize is endowed with 5,000 euros and is not earmarked for a specific purpose. This year's call for application ends on **30 September 2024**. The Young Researcher of the Year can only be nominated by another person. An individual application by the candidate is not possible and will not be considered by the jury. Candidate proposals must be submitted in German and/or English.

Further information on the prize and how to submit nominations can be found on [academics](#).

Dalberg Prize 2024

The Akademie gemeinnütziger Wissenschaften zu Erfurt ("Academy of Non-Profit Sciences in Erfurt"), in conjunction with the Thuringian universities and colleges, is awarding the Dalberg Prize 2024 for transdisciplinary research. This Thuringian academy prize draws public attention to research whose transdisciplinarity not only

focuses on connections between individual subjects, but also builds a bridge between the humanities and natural sciences.

The prize aims for young researchers under the age of 35. The prize money is 2000 euros.

Applications are requested by **30 September 2024** to the Senate of the Akademie gemeinnütziger Wissenschaften zu Erfurt: Gotthardtstraße 21, 99084 Erfurt or online at vpgk@akademie-erfurt.de.

Further information on the science prize and the application procedure can be found [homepage](#) of the Academy.

Daimler and Benz Foundation

Each year, the foundation awards a total of twelve scholarships (two of which are in cooperation with the Reinhard Frank Foundation) to selected postdocs or junior professors in a leadership role. The funding amount per scholarship is 40,000 euros for a period of two years and can be used flexibly to finance research assistants, technical equipment, research trips or participation in conferences, among other.

The funding programme is open to applicants from all scientific disciplines and there are no thematic restrictions. The foundation is particularly pleased to receive applications from humanities, social sciences, and cultural studies, which have been underrepresented to date.

The application deadline is **01 October 2024** via the online application portal.

Further information can be found in the [English application](#).

DFG | Call for Applications for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Positions at the Research Training Group "Politics of the Enlightenment"

For the establishment of the DFG-funded Research Training Group "Politics of the Enlightenment" at the Interdisciplinary Centre for the Study of the European Enlightenment (IZEA) (start: 1 April 2025), the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg is offering the positions for 8 doctoral candidates and 1 research assistant on postdoc level.

The application deadline is **04 November 2024**.

Further information on the concept and the job advertisements can be found on the website of the [Gotha Research Centre](#).

“Writing Friday” for Doctoral Candidates

The *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 like-minded people and get supported by experienced writing coaches with the help of moderation techniques and writing exercises.

Doctoral candidates of all subjects and every writing phase are welcome to join. Participation is possible at any given time.

Registration and further information can be found on the website of schreibzentrum.berlin

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 held 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.

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 do also offer the opportunity to submit applications for funding throughout the year.

You can find general information about the scholarship organizations on the website of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research ([BMBF](#))

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

Avicenna-Studienwerk	01 April and 01 October
Cusanuswerk	01 June and 01 November
Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk (ELES)	31 March and 30 September
Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst	01 March to 01 June 01 September to 01 December
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung	Applications are possible at any time.
Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit	01 April to 30 April 01 October to 31 October
Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung	15 December to 15 January 15 June to 15. July
Hans-Böckler-Stiftung	31 March and 02 November
Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung	01 March and 01 September
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)	15 January and 15 July
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung	01 October (in 2024 and 2025)
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes	Applications are 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](#).

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 regular look at the page "[News for Early Stage Researchers](#)". 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

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