



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 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.

FUNDINGS AND EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

RESEARCH AND GRADUATE SERVICES

Deadline for Submitting Applications for Reimbursement from EPPP Funds

Please note that due to the budget deadline of 6 December 2024, timely processing and thus payment of this year's costs incurred can only be guaranteed if corresponding applications for reimbursement of research-related material and travel expenses from EPPP funds are received by the Research and Graduate Services by **4 December 2024** at the latest.

For applications submitted after the deadline, there is no guarantee that costs incurred can still be reimbursed.

The application documents can be found on the [Graduate Services](#) website.

If you have any queries, please contact nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de.

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](#).

Kick-off meeting of the gender network at the University of Erfurt

The team from the Equal Opportunities and Family Office would like to reactivate the University of Erfurt's gender network. The network is intended to bring together colleagues with teaching and research interests in the fields of gender, queer and diversity studies to network across disciplines, discuss topics and find cooperation partners for courses, research projects or other events.

To this end, the Equal Opportunities Officer cordially invites you to a

kick-off meeting on Wednesday, 11 December 2024, 16.00 c.t. in the Research Building - C19.00.02/03

The network was launched in 2019 but was then suspended due to Covid and staff changes. The first meeting will focus on ideas for the organisation of the network and communication formats. The team from the Equal Opportunities and Family Office looks forward to your participation.

If the date does not suit you, but you are interested in the network, please contact us at gleichstellungsbuero@uni-erfurt.de to be informed about the results after the meeting.

Information on the kick-off meeting can also be found online on the [University of Erfurt's events calendar page](#).

ANNOUNCEMENT »Diversity Meets Science« Award for Theses with Gender and Diversity Perspectives

In contemporary research, the core dimensions of diversity play an important role in almost all disciplines, for example, when it comes to socio-cultural notions of gender and sexuality in the humanities and social sciences, and the consideration of physical conditions of users in technology development or the individual needs of different age groups in medical screening and care.

To make the variety of themes related to gender and diversity visible at Thuringian universities and to promote young researchers and scientists, the Thüringer Kompetenznetzwerk Gleichstellung (TKG) is awarding the Diversity Meets Science prize for theses with gender and diversity perspectives, which is endowed with 2.000 Euro for the seventh time this year.

Applications are invited from graduates of all disciplines at Thuringian universities whose final thesis (Bachelor's, Master's, diploma, state examination or doctoral thesis) takes a gender/diversity perspective and was submitted within the past two years (since August 2022). Application is possible until 15.12.2024. Further information can be found here: <https://www.tkg-info.de/foerderungen/praemierung/> (an English translation can be found by scrolling further down).

FOUNDERS SERVICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

New, innovative funding programs from the Founders Service in 2025!

Under the annual motto for 2025 “Test everything and keep the good”, the Founders Service is launching two new, attractive offers for students and academic staff.

StarTH start-up grant for students and research assistants:

Students and academics at the University of Erfurt can receive up to 2,000 euros per month for a period of 3 months to develop concrete business models in preparation for their own start-up or to apply for other start-up-specific funding measures.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/organization/service-institutions/founders-service/founding-consultation#c142094>

Transfer program “The Case” for research assistants:

This program gives research assistants the opportunity to systematically develop the impact potential of their research with professional support. By working with specific research topics and results, practical skills, and knowledge for the systematic development of transfer projects are imparted. Also suitable as a follow-up for the “Young Entrepreneurs in Science (YES)” program.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/organization/service-institutions/founders-service/offers-for-research-transfer>

Additional information on both programs is available on request directly from the University of Erfurt's Founders Service.

Contact the University of Erfurt Founders Service:

E-mail: gruendungsservice@uni-erfurt.de

Telephone: 0361 737 5005

COMPETENCE-ORIENTED PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT FOR ACADEMICS

Workshops and Events

The programme of the Academic Skills Training for the summer semester 2025 and the winter semester 2025/26 is currently being drawn up.

The first offers, for which you can register now, can already be found on the website. All offers will be available online from February at the latest.

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

- [Good Research Practice](#) (16. & 17.01.2025, English)
- [Disputationsvorbereitung – Kompaktkurs](#) (19.03.2025, 10-12 Uhr, German)
- [Rhetoriktraining](#) (27. & 28.03.2025, German)
- [From Skills to Careers: Career Planning for Academics](#) (03.04.2025, 15.04.2025 & 30.04.2025, English)
- [Schreibwerkstatt](#) (10.04.2025, 9.30-12.30 Uhr, German)

Access to the TwentyOne Skills digital learning platform

In addition to the workshop programme, there is also the option of registering for the [TwentyOne Skills digital learning platform](#).

The English-language programme (videos with German subtitles) is specially designed for early career researchers.

For six months (1 March to 31 August 2025), participants can take part in online courses at any time and from any location to expand their key skills.

From March 2025, you can then register for the period from **1 September 2025 to 28 February 2026**.

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 1 October each year.

The previous issue reported on the election of the new members PhD representatives. The two new members of the PhD representatives are presented in more detail below:

Anna-Lena Finkler (Faculty of Education) has been doing her doctorate in psychology for two years on the effects of learning with aids on memory, and particularly the associated benefits. With her work in the doctoral student representation, she wants to strengthen the position of doctoral students at the University of Erfurt and stand up for their rights. As a doctoral candidate and academic staff member, she is familiar with the challenges faced by academic staff in gaining qualifications and will work to ensure that as many paths to a doctorate as possible remain open.

In his dissertation, Johannes Tomberg (Faculty of Catholic Theology) analyses the phenomenon of freedom in the face of the challenge of climate change. To this end, he pursues a (freedom) phenomenological approach and looks at various forms of climate protest. For the work in the doctoral student representation, he brings the perspective as a scholarship holder and doctoral candidate in the structured EPP programme. His personal goal is to raise awareness of the - sometimes precarious - situation of doctoral students and to improve it.

They are supported in their work in the various bodies and committees by two other doctoral students.

The doctoral student representatives call on all doctoral students to contact the doctoral student representatives at any time with topics, concerns, or problems.

All further information on the doctoral student representation as well as useful information for doctoral students and event information can be found on the [PhD representation's website](#).

EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

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

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 event in the series is "Lump sum for equal opportunities measures" on **4 December 2024, 12.00 to 13.00**.

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:

- **9 December 2024, 10.30-12.00 – DFG funding opportunities for scientific careers**
- 18 Februar 2025, 13:30-15:00 Uhr – Heisenberg Programme (in English)
- 26 March 2025, 9:30-11:00 – DFG Funding Opportunities for Postdocs (in English)
- 28 April 2025, 13:15-14:45 – Emmy Noether-Programm
- 26 May 2025, 15:30-17:00 – Walter Benjamin Programme (in English)
- 27 June 2025, 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](#).

WissKon25 | NaWik Conference for Communicating Researchers

WissKon25 - the NaWik conference for communicating researchers - will take place on Tuesday, **8 April 2025** in Karlsruhe. For one day, interested parties will exchange ideas on various topics related to science communication.

Your own contributions and ideas for project presentations can be submitted via this [link](#) (in German) until **1 December 2024**

Registration for WissKon is possible from 2025. Further information can be found on the [event page](#).

Forum Future Learning | Science 2030 - What Skills Researchers Need Now

The speaker Dr Hanna Denecke is head of the Exploration profile area at the Volkswagen Foundation. In her keynote speech, she will take a look at the future of science and show which skills researchers will need to have in the next 5-10 years.

She will discuss which new skills profiles will be in demand and what challenges this means for doctoral training - including bold topics on the science of tomorrow.

The virtual lunch talk will take place free of charge on **2 December 2024** from 11 a.m. to 12 noon via this [Zoom link](#).

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

Doctoral Programme of the European University Institute (EUI)

The EUI is an internationally active teaching and research institution of the European Union. Every year, places are offered in an international doctoral programme for the humanities and social sciences.

Applications for the individual subject groups are possible until **31 January 2025**.

As part of the current call for applications, the EUI is offering digital information events from 2 to 5 December (one subject group per day).

All information about the institute, the calls for applications and access to the EUI Virtual Open Week can be found [here](#).

INSPIRING ERA | New EU Instruments and Support for Attractive Research Careers

INSPIRING ERA is an organisation funded by the European Commission. It is offering an online event on **4 December from 10:00 to 12:00** to provide information on the wide range of pan-European initiatives, instruments and support mechanisms developed by

the European Commission. Various online events will provide information, for example, on how to build your own research career or on international mobility programmes.

At this interactive event, questions can be asked, experiences exchanged and challenges discussed together and how these can be tackled with innovative EU support.

Registration and further information can be found [here](#).

DocColloq 2024 | 'Knowledge Creates Change'

The 6th Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference at Trier University is approaching: Under the title 'Knowledge Creates Change - Ideas, Processes and Theories from Research', doctoral students from different universities and disciplines will present their current research projects in lectures and media contributions.

The aim of the interdisciplinary conference is to give doctoral students 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.

The conference will take place online via Zoom on **6 December 2024**.

Further information on the programme and registration for the graduate conference can be found [here](#).

Stifterverband | Call for Applications for the CROSS Fellowship

The CRoSS Fellowship (Cooperative Research of Science and Society) enables researchers to open their research questions in a collaborative format and explore the possibilities of collaboration and application in practice within their field. and application in practice within their area of specialization.

A highlight of the programme is the Team Puzzling event, where researchers discuss their research questions together with exciting experts from civil society, science, politics, and business in a moderated exchange.

Application deadline is **6 December 2024**.

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

Roman Herzog Institute | Research Prize Social Market Economy

In 2025, the Roman Herzog Institute will award the Roman Herzog Research Prize Social Market Economy for the twelfth time. The prize is endowed with 35,000 euros.

It honours three current academic research papers that contribute to shaping our economic and social order. Submissions from all disciplines are welcome. Dissertations and post-doctoral theses in German or English are accepted. The age limit is 40 years, parental leave will be considered. Cumulative contributions are included.

Application deadline is **31 December 2024**.

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

‘Breaking the Bias: Standardized Methods, Teaching, and Governance for Sex, Gender, and Intersectional Analysis’

A call for papers for a collection on ‘Breaking the bias: standardized methods, teaching, and governance for sex, gender, and intersectional analysis’ in Nature's online journal Humanities & Social Sciences Communications is open **until April 2025**.

The call for papers aims to contribute to the standardization of gender and intersectionality analyses in research and innovation processes by presenting concrete research approaches, teaching methods or policy approaches. The call focuses on the integration of gender and intersectionality analyses in the STEM fields (including the life sciences).

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

Forum Future Learning | Kickoff Workshop - What will be Important in 2025

This interactive format offers a framework that provides both orientation and inspiration for the year ahead. The aim is to sharpen priorities, bring clarity to the jungle of topics and define key focal points for the year. In this short workshop, collegial exchange is combined with individual reflection - in addition, a clear vision for the working year 2025 is developed together in small groups and in individual work.

The virtual lunch talk will take place free of charge on 10 February 2025 from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. via this [Zoom link](#). You are welcome to forward the invitation to interested colleagues.

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

“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

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](https://www.bmbwf.de))

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

Avicenna-Studienwerk	1 April and 1 October
Cusanuswerk	1 June and 1 November
Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk (ELES)	31 March and 30 September
Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst	1 March to 1 June 1 September to 1 December
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung	Applications are possible at any time.
Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit	1 April to 30 April 1 October to 31 October
Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung	15 December to 15 January 15 June to 15. July
Hans-Böckler-Stiftung	31 March and 2 November
Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung	1 March and 1 September
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)	15 January and 15 July
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung	1 October (in 2024 and 2025)

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](#).

From the News

- [DFG, HRK and Stifterverband present 'DFG Funding Atlas 2024'](#)
- [University of Erfurt achieves its best result to date in the DFG Funding Atlas 2024](#)

External event information and calls for applications, including those advertised at short notice between the Graduate News, can be found regularly updated on the News for [News for Early Stage Researchers](#) page.

Editor's note: The Department of Research and Graduate Services is not responsible for the content of websites outside the University of Erfurt that are linked to in the newsletter. All information is provided without guarantee.

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>

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