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UNIVERSITÄT TRIER

Short-term Funding for the Final Stage of a Doctorate

Trier University offers short-term funding for the final stage of a doctorate. The funding is financed through the **Rhineland-Palatinate Research Initiative**. Funding is granted for

a) the completion of the dissertation including the submission or
b) the preparation of the oral examination.

Application Deadlines:
15 March (Funding starting between 1 May and 1 July)
15 September (Funding starting between 1 November and 1 January)

Application Requirements:

- Previous and expected very good academic performance in doctorate
- Convincing timetable of the work plan for the completion of the dissertation or for the completion of the doctorate (oral examination) within the requested funding period
- The doctoral research is being carried out at Trier University.
- Starting date of the doctorate is no more than six years ago at the time of application. Exceptions to this rule are time off for family leave incl. caring for relatives, stays abroad, traineeships/internships, and employment activities.

Self-applications are not possible. Only the supervisors of the dissertation are allowed to propose candidates.

Not Eligible for Funding:

- Individuals who, according to the German Academic Fixed-Term Contract Act (Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz, WissZeitVG), have already achieved the limit of fixed-term employment during the qualification phase before PhD
- Individuals who are actively employed at Trier University
- Individuals who already receive full-time or part-time funding from another German or international institution

Funding Amount and Duration:

Subject to the financing, the funding is offered in form of an **employment contract** as a student assistant with a Master's degree for **15 working hours per week** for the duration of **three months**. Ten working hours per week will be financed for the entire duration of the contract through the Rhineland-

Palatinate Research Initiative. The remaining five working hours per week will be financed from the university's budget (e.g. the supervisor's Chair).

In case funding is granted, it falls to the supervising Chair to conclude the employment contract for a research assistant with a master's degree. Further information will be provided in the grant confirmation notice.

Application Documents:

1. Application form
2. Short project proposal/exposé (max. 1500 characters incl. spaces, Segoe UI 11pt, single spacing)
3. Description of the current work in progress with a timetable of the work plan for the completion of the dissertation or the completion of the doctorate (oral examination)
4. Curriculum Vitae in table form
5. Current certificate of matriculation/enrollment

- Recommendation from your supervisor:
  Your supervisor should use the form „*Gutachten für eine Abschlussförderung für die Promotion*" and submit it directly to the Research Support Office (Team Forschungsservice).

Please send the application (signed application form with the required documents in one PDF document) per e-mail to the Research Support Office (Team Forschungsservice), Marion Conter, conter@uni-trier.de

Selection Process:

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be considered for the funding.
The selection is based on the submitted documents. The selection is made by a committee consisting of representatives of the university administration, the Research Support Office (Team Forschungsservice) and the Graduate Centre (GUT).

The result of the selection will be communicated in writing.

There is no legal entitlement to funding.

Contact Research Support Office (Team Forschungsservice):

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