

Short-term Funding for Postdocs

The Research Department (Forschungsreferat) is accepting applications for short-term funding from the **Rhineland-Palatinate Research Initiative** - subject to the release of funds - for **postdocs to prepare a qualification project** at Trier University. The primary aim of the funding is to enable outstanding postdocs to prepare a project proposal/exposé for application to research-funding institutions and/or foundations.

Application Deadlines:

15 March (Funding starting between May and July)

15 September (Funding starting between November and January)

Application and Eligibility Requirements:

- Far above-average doctoral research achievements
- Qualification project must be carried out at Trier University.
- Doctorate was completed no more than 2 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).

Not Eligible for Funding:

- Individuals who already receive funding from another German or international institution
- Individuals who are employed (secondary employment is allowed up to eight hours per week)

Funding Amount and Duration:

- 1500 € / monthly for 6 months plus an additional one-time payment for material costs
- There is an option to extend funding for a further 6 months.

Application Documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae in table form (the course of your studies, examinations, doctorate, awards and scholarships, previous professional activities)
2. Short project proposal/exposé (max. 15000 characters incl. spaces, Segoe UI 11 pt, single spacing) with the following outline:
 - a) State of Research
 - b) Topic, Goals, and Preparation
 - c) Work Plan (incl. methodology)
 - d) Literature List (up to 5 of your own most important publications)

Please note: The proposal/exposé must be written in German or English.

3. Timetable of the work plan for the duration of short-term funding period (in monthly steps)
 4. Name of funding institution to which the project is going to be submitted
 5. Copy of doctorate degree certificate
- Recommendation assessing your academic achievements to date and the quality of your qualification project:
The recommendation must be from a university staff member who is entitled to conduct final examinations.
The university staff member writing the recommendation should use the form „Gutachten zum Kurzzeitsstipendium für Postdocs“ and submit it directly to the Research Department (Forschungsreferat).

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

Selection Process:

Only complete applications received by the deadline will be considered for the scholarship.

The selection is based on the submitted documents. The selection is made by a committee consisting of representatives of the university administration, the Research Department (Forschungsreferat) and the Graduate Center (GUT). When necessary, the selection committee will seek subject-related advice from amongst the university's educators.

The selection criteria are the previous academic achievements, the relevance and quality of the proposed qualification project, the preliminary work already carried out, and the plausibility of the timetable of the work plan for the duration of the short-term funding period.

The result of the selection will be communicated in writing.

There is no legal entitlement to funding.

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