



Start-up Funding for Postdoc Qualification Projects

Financed through the **Rhineland-Palatinate Research Initiative**, Trier University offers start-up grants for postdoc qualification projects. The primary aim of the funding is to offer financial support to postdocs of very good academic standing in preparing a project proposal/exposé for application to research-funding institutions and/or foundations.

Application Deadlines:

15 March (Funding starting between 1 May and 1 July)

15 September (Funding starting between 1 November and 1 January)

Application and Eligibility Requirements:

- Far above-average achievements in doctoral research
- 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 a full-time or a part-time funding from another German or international institution
- Individuals who are employed at the Trier University or another research institution

Funding Amount and Duration:

- The funding consists of a monthly allowance of 2000 € for the duration of 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 preliminary work
 - c) Work plan (incl. methodology)
 - d) List of publications (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 the requested funding period (in monthly steps)
 4. Name of funding institution to which the project shall be submitted
 5. Copy of the PhD certificate
- Recommendation assessing your academic achievements to date and the quality of your qualification project:
The recommendation must be written by a university staff member who is qualified to conduct final examinations using the form „Gutachten zur Anschubförderung für ein Qualifizierungsvorhaben in der Postdoc-Phase“. The recommendation must be submitted directly to the Research Support Office (Forschungsreferat).

Please send the application (signed application with the required documents in one PDF document) per e-mail to the Research Support Office (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 Support Office (Forschungsreferat) and the Graduate Centre (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 feasibility of the work plan for the duration of the funding period.

The result of the selection will be communicated in writing.

There is no legal entitlement to funding.

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