

## Funding for research stays abroad

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### 1. Guidelines of use of funds - Scholarships

With this innovative programme, the Faculty of Sciences is offering scholarships to support outstanding young female researchers from the Faculty with research stays abroad of a maximum of 4 months. Chairs at the Faculty can host international female researchers for a limited period of research if they have received this scholarship. This financial support is also offered to German female researchers who are already on research stays abroad for a longer period and who would like to return to Germany.

#### a) Funding objective

Scholarships are awarded to female researchers at FAU with above-average achievements, who are planning a research stay abroad and who are completing their doctoral degree, or postdoctoral/habilitation research at the Faculty of Sciences. The scholarships are also available to provide funding to young female researchers with above-average achievements from outside the University who are planning a research stay at FAU and who are currently in a comparable qualification phase.

Funding is subject to availability.

**Funding is awarded to women who plan to pursue their research career with the aim of becoming a professor.**

#### b) Application deadline

The application deadline will be announced on the website.

#### c) Funding period

The period for the scholarships is between 1 and a maximum of 4 months. **An extension is not possible.** Female researchers who have already received funding may reapply.

#### d) Childcare allowances

Childcare supplements can be granted for all types of funding, namely 200 euros per month for one child and 100 euros for each additional child under 12 years of age.

#### e) Selection interview

**Participation in a personal selection interview is required.** After submission of the complete application, a personal selection interview will take place with one of the women's representatives. Upon confirmation of receipt of the application, the appointment will be coordinated via [nat-frauenbeauftragte@fau.de](mailto:nat-frauenbeauftragte@fau.de).

#### f) Application

Applications for funding in German or English must be submitted digitally. Please send your applications by e-mail to the assistant to the Women's Representative: [nat-frauenbeauftragte@fau.de](mailto:nat-frauenbeauftragte@fau.de). **Subsequent submission of documents is not possible.** For this

reason, it is strongly recommended to have the completeness of the documents formally checked by the assistant to the Faculty Women's Representative at least one week before the deadline.

**g) Academic career stage**

Applications for funding can only be made according to the career stage reached when submitting the application. A detailed list of the documents to be submitted can be found below.

**h) Letter of support**

Applications submitted by female doctoral candidates must include a letter of support from their supervisor.

**i) Final report**

For all types of funding, a report must be submitted unsolicited by the funded junior researcher no later than 2 calendar months after the end of the funding period.

**j) Duty to cooperate**

In order to ensure the legality of the funding, it is a prerequisite for the funding that the funding recipients fulfill their obligations to cooperate. For this reason, the scholarship holders must

- declare all facts that are relevant to the funding and agree to the provision of the necessary information by third parties on request.
- notify the Office for Gender and Diversity without delay of any changes in circumstances that are relevant to the funding or about which declarations have been made in connection with the funding (e.g. other funding commitments).
- undertakes to provide the FAU Office for Gender and Diversity with information on their career progression after completion of the scholarship.

**k) Information in publications**

In publications and all other, in particular public presentations, it must be stated in an appropriate place that the research work was funded "The research was funded by a scholarship supporting faculty-specific gender equality targets at Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)".

**l) Composition of the selection committee and selection procedure**

The selection committee is composed as follows:

- All departmental women's representatives
- If required, the ZV coordinator
- If required, an additional professor from the Faculty of Natural Sciences

The selection takes place within the framework of the meetings of the Women's Representatives of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. The respective committee agrees on the selection criteria.

## 2. Types of Scholarships

### 2.1. Scholarships for female doctoral candidates, Scholarships during doctoral degree programmes

Scholarships are preferably granted for the **final phase of a doctoral degree** if aboveaverage achievements have already been demonstrated. The candidate must present evidence of preliminary work which meets this criterion. Only doctoral candidates **who intend to later qualify as a professor** at FAU may be considered for funding.

Only female doctoral candidates who are registered in **FAU's doctoral research database docDaten** and have been admitted to a doctorate at FAU may apply.

The **monthly scholarship allowance** is **EUR 1,400** (plus any childcare allowances).

Additional material and travel expenses (including printing costs) are not available.

The maximum **duration of the scholarship** is between **one and four months**. An extension is not possible.

Applicants must submit the following documents together with the completed application form:

- the application form (see file: Application Form)
- a signed CV (in tabular form) with publications list (see application form),
- Supervisor's report on the doctorate (see checklist)
- For stays abroad: Statement from the host institution
- For stays at FAU: Statement from the professorship / department / institute to which the project is assigned regarding the close institutional ties of the scholarship holder
- a short project description that explains the preparatory work already carried out and working program including detailed information about the content and the schedule for the funding period in question (approx. 3 pages including the working plan),
- information about how the project benefits the applicant's career plan
- copies of the birth certificates of any children.

Funding applications in German or English must be submitted in digital format.

## 2.2. Scholarships for female postdoctoral researchers

These scholarships are intended to enable women with doctorates to start, continue and/or complete a project that qualifies them for a university career (junior professorship or habilitation). Applicants should generally have completed their doctorate with a minimum grade of 'sehr gut' (excellent; magna cum laude). Furthermore, the duration of the doctorate may generally not have exceeded four years. **The doctoral degree certificate must be submitted before the start of the scholarship.**

The monthly scholarship allowance is **EUR 2,400** (plus any childcare allowances). Additional material and travel expenses (including printing costs) are **not** available.

The maximum duration of the scholarship is between **one and four months**. An extension is **not possible**.

**The scholarship holder must have close institutional ties to FAU.**

Applicants must submit the following documents together with the completed application form:

- the application form (see file: Application Form)
- a copy of the applicant's doctor's degree
- a signed CV (in tabular form) with a publication list (see application form)
- For stays abroad: Statement from the host institution
- For stays at FAU: Statement from the professorship / department / institute to which the project is assigned regarding the close institutional ties of the scholarship holder
- a short project description that explains the preparatory work already carried out and working program including detailed information about the content and the schedule for the funding period in question (approx. 3 pages including the working plan),
- information about how the project benefits the applicant's career plan
- copies of the birth certificates of any children.

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### 2.3. Scholarships for female habilitation candidates, Scholarships for excellent young researchers

These scholarships are open to young female researchers pursuing a **habilitation** according to Section 65 of the Bavarian Higher Education Act (BayHSchG) as amended on 23 May 2006 and young female researchers who have completed their habilitation no longer than one year previously or who are in the initial stage of their junior professorship.

The monthly scholarship allowance is **EUR 2,800** (plus any childcare allowances). Additional material and travel expenses (including printing costs) are **not** available.

The maximum duration of the scholarship is between **one and four months**. An extension is **not possible**.

**The scholarship holder must have close institutional ties to FAU.**

Applicants must submit the following documents together with the completed application form:

- the application form (see file: Application Form)
- a signed CV (in tabular form) with publications list (see application form),
- a copy of the applicant's doctor's degree
- a proof of submission or completion of the applicant's recognition as university lecturer
- for junior professors: offer of professorship / commencement of occupation
- For stays abroad: Statement from the host institution
- For stays at FAU: Statement from the professorship / department / institute to which the project is assigned regarding the close institutional ties of the scholarship holder
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