



Announcement

Pre-Doc Award 2019

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Preface

The Pre-Doc Award is a strategic measure in the staff development concept and “HEP 2025” of Leipzig University in order to advance the careers of young academics. It aims at facilitating the transition of graduate students to doctoral studies. It offers promising pre-doctoral candidates and postdocs an opportunity to work in collaboration on a research project. The goal for the team is to have successfully acquired funding for the PhD candidate, e.g. via scholarships or other third party funding. The collaborative project also strengthens the career prospects of postdocs on their way to academic independence, by providing them with crucial experience in mentoring and supervising prospective dissertation projects.

Subject matter

As of March 1st 2019, Leipzig University will finance:

**“20 Pre-Doc Awards”
to fund the preparation phases of doctoral projects**

Funding will be provided through a 19-hour per week position as a research assistant
(WHK, *Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft*) for 12 months.

Promising applicants are graduate students (Masters, *Diplom*, or State Examination) from all research fields having excellent academic records who will team up with postdoctoral researchers to propose a future-oriented doctoral project.

The application should clearly reflect the collaborative working relationship between the postdoc and the candidate, i.e. both the doctoral candidate and the postdoc are expected to actively participate in conceptualizing and drafting the application. It is advisable to outline the application in accordance with the postdoc’s research profile. The specific objective of the award is to support the drafting of a proposal to acquire funds for either a scholarship for the doctoral candidate or a research project of the postdoc which includes financial support for the doctoral candidate.

Application and evaluation procedure

This call for projects addresses university graduates with excellent academic records, whose final exams (date of degree / certificate) preferentially date back no longer than eight months.

The application has to include the following documents:

- 1) Jointly written statement by the Pre-Doc candidate and postdoc summarizing the objectives of the project and detailing their working relationship.
- 2) Project proposal (maximum of 3 written pages, Arial or similar, font size 10, 1,5 line space), including (1) hypothesis, (2) detailing of potential results, (3) work schedule including milestone plan and timeline, (demonstrating feasibility), (4) work packages, (5) prospectus, including potential measures for securing funding for the doctoral project as concrete as possible
- 3) CV of the candidate
- 4) CV of the postdoc
- 5) List of publications of the postdoc (and, if applicable, of the Pre-Doc candidate)
- 6) Certificate of completion of studies (degree) of the candidate

- 7) A signed statement from the potential faculty supervisor(s) acknowledging the support of the candidate's pursuit of doctoral studies and of the proposed project spearheaded by the postdoc.

The Vice-Rector for Research and Young Academics will appoint a selection committee, which will decide on the projects to be funded. The committee will include the Vice-Rector for Research and Young Academics and his referent, three representatives from the Research Commission, the Managing Director and the referent of academic staff development of the Research Academy, a representative of the Department of Research Services as well as the Commissioner for Equal Opportunities. If applicable, the representative for Employees with Disabilities will also participate. Evaluation criteria are qualification of the candidate, the fit of the collaboration of postdoc and candidate, the scientific quality of the proposed research and the potential for acquiring future funding for the candidate.

For further questions, please contact Dr. Nicole Koburger, Research Academy Leipzig (Tel.: 0341/9737185 email: nicole.koburger@uni-leipzig.de).

Please submit your application, preferably via email, as one pdf-document to nicole.koburger@uni-leipzig.de. The application deadline for 2019 was **extended to January 27, 2019**.

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Students with disabilities are invited to apply and with equal qualification are given preference.

Notes on Data Protection

By submitting your application documents, you acknowledge your consent to the processing of the data contained therein for the Pre-Doc Award selection procedure. You have the right to revoke that consent at any time. The data that you provided in the application will only be used for the selection procedure and will be carried out in accordance with Art. 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation (DSGVO, Datenschutz-Grundverordnung). The storage of data is subject to the relevant provisions of the DSGVO on archiving of data.

According to the DSGVO, you have the right to information concerning the processing of your data from the data controller (i.e. the application addressee); additionally you have the right to rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, as well as the right to object to the processing of the data.

An application via email is considered questionable under data protection law. The sender assumes full responsibility.