Pre-Doc Award 2020/2021
Call for applications

The Pre-Doc Award is a strategic support programme of Leipzig University in the field of promoting young scientists. It is anchored in our university’s Personnel Development Concept and University Development Plan (HEP 2025).

Postdocs and qualified Pre-Doc candidates interested in a doctorate get the opportunity to jointly plan a research project within a funding period of one year. As a result, an application for a scholarship by those interested in a doctorate or for third party funding by the postdoc including the financing of a doctoral position should be made. In this way, promising research projects will be funded and postdocs are strengthened on their way to scientific independence by expanding their supervision skills.

As of 1 October 2020, Leipzig University will provide
up to 20 “Pre-Doc Awards” to fund the preparation of doctoral projects
Funding will be provided through a position as a research assistant (WHK, Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft) 19 hours per week for 12 months

Eligible are graduate students (Masters, Diploma or State Examination) from all research fields with excellent academic records who team up with postdoctoral researchers to propose a joint research respective doctoral project. The application should clearly reflect the collaborative working relationship between the postdoc and the Pre-Doc candidate, i.e. both 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.

Application and evaluation procedure

The Pre-Doc Award addresses university graduates, whose final exams (date of degree/certificate) will either be achieved shortly, the latest within the first 6 months of the funding period or date back no longer than eight months, and postdocs in the period of qualifying for a next career step after their dissertation.

The application (in English or German) must include a standard list of documents. Please follow the guidelines outlined in the Application and Programme Details.

The Vice-Rector for Research and Young Academics will appoint a selection committee, which will decide on the projects to be funded, based on pre-defined evaluation criteria.

The Application and Programme Details are an essential part of this call and are enclosed. They may also, along with further information and the FAQs be found here: https://www.uni-leipzig.de/pre-doc-award

For further questions, please contact Dr. Nicole Koburger (Tel.: 0341/9735093, nicole.koburger@zv.uni-leipzig.de).

Please submit your application, preferably via email, as one pdf-document to nicole.koburger@zv.uni-leipzig.de
Application deadline is 21 June 2020.

Students/graduates with disabilities are invited to apply and with equal qualification are given preference.
Your contact person for questions and postal address for printed applications:

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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, in case of selection and funding, for programme purposes, carried out in accordance with Art. 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation (DSGVO, Datenschutzgrundverordnung). 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 ask for information concerning the processing of your data from the data controller (i.e. the application addressee); you also 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 applicant assumes full responsibility.