

Postdoc grants for funding the scientific work of young women at university in the course of qualification for a junior professorship, a tenure track professorship or habilitation

Application deadline: 2023 and 2024 all year round

The Post-Doc Scholarship Program strengthens the promotion of young women in the transition from doctoral studies to academic careers. The scholarship promotes independent research and the acquisition of teaching experience. In the form of individual funding, it offers the opportunity to define one's own research topic and to further develop one's academic personality.

A special feature of funding at the TU Ilmenau is to support young female scientists in networking and thus strengthen their visibility in their specialist community. Scholarship holders are encouraged to actively establish contact with other groups in their field. Partnerships currently being established are to be expanded and deepened. TU Ilmenau would like to provide a stepping stone for a successful career.

Cooperative research work, joint publications, and also invited lectures, the design of workshops and participation in specialist committees or in the organization of conferences contribute to the formation of networks.

As part of the Thuringian program to promote young women scientists, the TU Ilmenau can award up to three of the above-mentioned scholarships from May 1, 2023.

Applications for the following funding formats may be submitted as part of the call for proposals for the year 2023 and 2024:

- **Starting grant**

The aim of the starting grant is to provide female scientists with initial financial support in their search for an independent research topic in order to submit funding applications for further funding of this work (according to § 3 (4) of the statute). Within the scope of the funding, research-oriented teaching experience should be gained and expanded to the extent of 2 SWS per semester in preparation for a university career.

- **Grant for the finalization of qualification**

The aim of the final grant is the financial support of female scientists for the successful completion of the scientific project (according to § 3 (6) of the statute). The final financing serves, above all, to concentrate on one's own scientific work in order to complete, summarize and publish results of previous independent works. Applications for future projects can also be submitted as part of the final financing. In addition, research-oriented teaching experience should be gained and expanded in preparation for a university career amounting to 2 SWS per semester. In these cases, the scholarship is granted for a period of at least 12 months to 24 months (maximum funding period).

The amount of the scholarship is € 3,000 per month. The Free State of Thuringia covers € 2,000 of this amount, 500 € from the TU Ilmenau and while the respective department or group is responsible for co-financing € 500 per month and for providing the child allowance. The monthly allowance for the first dependent child is € 180.00 and € 90.00 for any further dependent child. An appropriate confirmation of the department or group is to be enclosed with the application. In addition, subject to sufficient funds, a subsidy of up to EUR 100 per month for material and travel expenses can be granted in accordance with § 4 (4) of the articles of association.

Application

Applications are open to women who are aiming for a career in science after completing their doctorate

- either as start-up financing within the first two years after the doctorate,
- or towards the end of the habilitation phase or in preparation for applications for junior and tenure-track professorships to provide habilitation-equivalent achievements.

The principles governing the awarding of scholarships and eligibility requirements are laid down in § 5 and § 6 of the above-mentioned statutes.

Documents to be submitted by the applicant:

- Indication of the title and date of PhD
- Indication of the qualification objective including the statement as to whether start-up or final financing is required
- Information on the courses that will be held during this period (in consultation with the department, it should be explained which contributions to teaching are planned and how these will be integrated into the courses at the TU Ilmenau)
- Information on the research plan for the grant period (topic, content, time schedule, funding applications submitted and planned)
- A summary of the already existing and, above all, the planned networking of own research within and outside the TU Ilmenau.

At the same time and independently of the applicant's letter, a recommending teaching person and the department the applicant belongs to have to submit

- a recommendation by a university teacher at TU Ilmenau that evaluates assessing the applicant's suitability for an advanced scientific career and the research plan for the funding period
- a statement of the department assuring that the applicant is provided the necessary access to the infrastructure for the planned research work and that her habilitation or habilitation-equivalent research will be supported, as well as a statement on the applicant's involvement in teaching.

Applications must be submitted from March 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024 exclusively by [Mobility Online](#).

There is no legal entitlement to grant a scholarship.

Further information:

Assistant to the Equal Opportunities Officer, Nadine Heuchling, Tel. 69 2551

The statutes for granting scholarships at the Technical University of Ilmenau and the corresponding funding guidelines are available at:

<https://www.tu-ilmenau.de/en/university/career/grants-and-foundations/scholarship-programs/postdoctoral-fellowship-program-to-promote-the-scientific-activities-of-women>