Research Grants

for the resumption or completion of a doctoral degree in accordance with the Statute for the Allocation of Grants at Technische Universität Ilmenau for the period from 01 April 2026 to 31 October 2026

In order to support junior researchers, the Technische Universität Ilmenau will be awarding the above-mentioned research grants from 1st April, 2026 in accordance with the "Statute for the Allocation of Grants at Technische Universität Ilmenau"

Applications for this period can be submitted for the following types of funding:

- **Research Resumption Grants** (for female scientists who interrupted their scientific career for family reasons and wish to return to current research after parental leave)

  The aim of the Resumption Grant is to provide financial support for researchers returning to scientific occupation (according to § 3, (5) of the Statute) after interruption of such an occupation for family reasons, such as pregnancy, parental leave or to care for a close relative. In such cases, the Grant is awarded for a maximum period of twelve months. Applications for the re-entry scholarship are open to those who can prove that they have taken at least a three-month interruption in their professional activities due to maternity and/or parental leave.

- **Doctoral Grant** (for researchers at the end of a doctorate degree)

  The aim of the Doctoral Grant is to provide financial support for researchers to allow them to successfully complete a scientific undertaking (according to § 3, (6) of the Statute). In such cases, the Grant is awarded for a maximum period of six months.

The value of a Grant is €1400 per month. An additional €180 is available for the first dependent child and €90 for each further dependent child.

Guidelines and **Prerequisites** for the allocation of Grant funding are laid down in § 5 and § 6 of the above-mentioned Statute.

Documents to be submitted:

- Motivation letter with details of funding type being applied for, proposed start date and funding duration (max. one A4 page);
- Tabular CV with details of educational and professional development;
- Copy of diploma/Master degree certificate or an up-to-date overview of previous academic achievements with a letter from a university teacher giving the expected date and grade of final degree examination;
- Letter from Department Council confirming acceptance of applicant as a doctoral candidate;
- Completed bank details and income statement form, including data protection declaration.

Additional documents if applying for a Doctoral Grant:

- Letter from a professor of the TU Ilmenau assessing current state of academic work and its completion schedule.

Additional documents if applying for a Research Resumption Grant:

- Letter from a professor of the TU Ilmenau expressing willingness to supervise the academic work proposed.

- Details of any children or close relatives to be cared for during the proposed period of Doctoral studies;

- Details of any chronic illness or disability that would fall within the proposed period of Doctoral studies;

- Details of any voluntary work to be carried out during proposed Doctoral studies;

- Details of any external periods of study or research during proposed Doctoral studies.

Applications must be submitted from 07th January till 18th February 2026 via Mobility-Online-Portal:

Mobility-Online-Portal.

There is no legal entitlement to the allocation of a Grant.

Information and documents:

https://www.tu-ilmenau.de/tu-ilmenau-stipendium

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