

TU-Internal Research Funding: Call for Proposals

“Initial acquisition of third-party funds for newly appointed professors or junior researchers”

Deadline: Monday 18. October 2021

1. Initial acquisition of third-party funding of newly appointed professors and equivalent

Aims: This funding instrument aims to help newly appointed professors (for the first 5 years after their initial appointment to a university) and equivalent to access third-party funding and support them in developing their Chair with the aid of third-party funded projects. The funding is intended for the preparation of an application for third-party funding.

Eligible Applicants: Newly appointed professors (for the first 5 years after their initial appointment to a university). The same status as the new appointees is granted to Emmy Noether Grantees, ERC Starting Grantees and persons in similar positions, who received excellent funding as junior research group leaders within the context of competitive programs. Applicants are generally only eligible to re-apply when an application for third-party funding which is supported with internal research funding has been provably submitted.

Type of funding/duration: Funding for personnel TV-L E13 for a maximum of 6 months (FTE) plus max. EUR 5000 for material resources. The funding is intended for the preparation of an application for third-party funding.

2. Initial acquisition of third-party funding for junior researchers (master’s or comparable degree)

Aims: The funding instrument aims to support junior researchers (master’s or comparable degree), who have not yet obtained a doctorate. The funding is intended for the preparation of an application for third-party funding. The professor who applies for the third-party funded project in which the junior researcher shall work accepts, by their application, the obligation to support the junior researcher. The junior researcher shall gain in-depth experience in the intended third-party funded project for his/her work in research. The support and preparation of the third-party funded project application serves the further scientific qualification and sci-

entific orientation of the junior researcher. The accompanying professor may not belong to the group of newly appointed professors.

Eligible Applicants: Professors who wish to support a junior researcher with a master's or comparable degree within the scope of a third-party funding project. Applicants are generally only eligible to re-apply when an application for third-party funding which is supported with internal research funding has been provably submitted.

Type of funding/duration: Funding for personnel TV-L E13 for a maximum of 6 months (FTE) plus max. EUR 5000 for material resources. The funding is intended for the preparation of an application for third-party funding.

Selection criteria:

general:

- Is the proposal tailored to the aims of the funder and/or support program and does the proposal stand a good chance of being successful?
- What preparations have been made for the research project and is the necessity of any additional preliminary work well founded?
- Is the project scheduled entailed, clearly structured and readily understandable?
- Have contacts already been initiated with the funder and are they documented?

specific:

- Initial acquisition of third-party funding of newly appointed professors: Has it been clearly demonstrated that the planned project contributes to the strengthening or on-going development of the Chair? Is the significance of the project for the Chair described?
- Initial acquisition of third-party funding for junior researchers: Does the junior researcher possess the qualifications required to organize the research project? Is the planned project suitable in terms of supporting junior researchers in applying for third-party funding?

Decision-making structure: Proposals are in competition with each other. They are submitted to the Strukturkommission (Structural Commission) of the Academic Senate of TU Berlin for their recommendation. The Vice President for Research, Appointment Strategy, Knowledge & Technology Transfer, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christine Ahrend, makes the final decision.

Application:

To apply, please use the current form from our website: www.tu-berlin.de/?id=86195 (to be filled out on your computer). In addition, the application consists of the following documents:

- 1) Description of the project (state of current knowledge, knowledge gaps, research goal, research approach, research methodology, anticipated results, academic significance): **max. five pages** incl. reference list (*caution exclusion criterion*)
- 2) Detailed schedule of activities and expense planning for the preparatory project: **max. two pages** (*caution exclusion criterion*)
- 3) University degrees/doctoral certificate and CV in tabular form of the prospective employee
- 4) Statement by the responsible or hosting Chair (TU stationary with signature): (1) regarding the person to be employed as a wissenschaftliche*r Mitarbeiter*in, (2) with respect to the topic of the application, (3) with respect to the necessity of central financing for the preparatory phase, (4) with respect to contacts with the prospective third party funder (not required for DFG applications)
- 5) Correspondence from external funder expressing interest in receiving a project application

Submission of an application:

If additional basic equipment or resources (like working station, computer) are necessary for preparation of the third-party funding application or the resulting third-party project, an endorsement of the Institute Management (GD) and the Dean's Office is needed before handing in the application in paper form to VC 12 (see Guide to applying for internal research funding). Please inform yourself as soon as possible about the Institute's and Faculty's requirement to sign and obtain the necessary signatures in good time before submitting your application.

If no such endorsement is necessary, please send the application (signed and with all attachments) in paper form directly to TU Berlin, VC 12.

Please send the application and all attachments additionally in electronic form as one pdf file (max. 10 MB) to: forschungsfoerderung@vc.tu-berlin.de. **The electronic version of the application must be submitted in full and with all signatures to the Research Promotion Section (VC 12) on the submission date. The printed original document can be subsequently submitted by internal mail.**

Further information: Please use the "Guide to applying for internal research funding from TU Berlin" which is available on our website: www.tu-berlin.de/?id=86193.

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