

## **TU-Internal Research Funding: Call for Proposals „Postdoc-Funding – temporary position as principal investigator“**

**Deadline: Monday 18. October 2021**

Aims: This instrument seeks to advance outstanding junior PhD researchers for a maximum of 3 years after their PhD in the next stages of their career and provides support by ensuring financing for preparation of an application to the DFG for funding for a temporary position as principal investigator or for comparable programs (such as those sponsored by the Thyssen Foundation).

Eligible Applicants: Eligible for application are postdoctoral candidates, max. 3 years after completion of their PhD (awarding of the certificate). Upon submission of the application, the dissertation must already have been submitted and the PhD defense successfully passed. If one or more children under the age of 18 are taken care of, the period of eligibility is extended by two years per child.

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

Decision-making structure: Proposals are in competition with each other. They are submitted to the Strukturkommission (Structural Committee) of the Academic Senate (SK) for recommendations. Within the scope of a public application pitch, the applicants present their projects to the SK and a public made up of interested parties from TU Berlin. The Vice President for Research, Appointment Strategy, Knowledge & Technology Transfer, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Christine Ahrend, makes the final decision.

Proposal pitch: The applicants have the task of convincing the members of the SK as well as a public made up of interested parties from TU Berlin of their research project with a five-minute presentation (proposal pitch). The form of presentation (with or without slides) is according to the preference of the applicant.

The presentation will take place on **Wednesday 01 December 2021 at 13:00 (s.t.)** at the Technische Universität Berlin (room will be announced, laptop and beamer will be provided). Due to the current corona situation, the event may be held as a video conference.

**Applicants who cannot take part on the appointed date of the presentation or do not arrive punctually cannot be taken into consideration in the further process.** Travel costs for the journey to the presentation cannot be reimbursed by the TU Berlin.

Selection criteria:

- How long ago was the doctorate obtained and was it completed with an above-average grade?
- Have there already been high-ranking / relevant contributions at conferences and / or to publications?
- Is it obvious that the planned project will promote the applicant's academic career?
- Is the letter of support / statement from the Chair sufficiently detailed as regards:
  - o the intrinsic interest of the project,
  - o interest in the junior researcher,
  - o expanding the research spectrum of the Chair / promoting the university's structural development,
  - o the necessity of funding from internal TU research support?
- Is the project concept innovative?
- What preliminary work does the research project require and is the need for further preliminary work justified?
- How suitable is the chosen Chair to which the position is to be attached? Does the postdoc project supplement or expand its research profile?
- Have further cooperation partners at TU Berlin and beyond been included, and is this cooperation described?
- Is the project schedule detailed, clearly structured and readily understandable?
- Is the proposal tailored to the aims of the funder and / or support program and is there a good chance of the proposal being successful?
- How convincing is the presentation of the applicant for the Strukturkommission and the public made up of interested parties from TU Berlin?

Application:

To apply, please use the current form from our website at [www.tu-berlin.de/?id=86195](http://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:

Since approval of basic equipment or resources (like working station, computer) are required for preparation of the third-party funding application and 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). Obtain the required signatures in good time before submitting your application.

Please send the application and all attachments additionally in electronic form as one pdf file (max. 10 MB) to: [forschungsfoerderung@vc.tu-berlin.de](mailto: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](http://www.tu-berlin.de/?id=86193)

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