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Early Career Female Support Researcher Support Programme

Short Info:

Fellowships of The Bavarian Gender Equality Grant (BGF)

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Detailed information regarding this programme can be found on the SCIENTIA website. You may also contact Natalie Nikolaus (natalie.nikolaus@uni-wuerzburg.de) for more information.

Goals and Guidelines of the Programme

The goal of the programme is to enable **early career female researchers** to qualify for a professorship or a leading position. The stipends are intended to cover **living expenses** and are not meant to be used to supplement funding received by other organizations or income from employment. The active participation in a minimum of one event organized by the SCIENTIA Funding Programme is obligatory.

Eligibility

All early career female researchers are eligible to apply for a research fellowship if they are **part of a German research group** and hold a (temporary) **position at the JMU** in research or teaching. Foreign internationals must document their permanent residency in Germany when applying and state their **intention to continue their research career**, a professorship in particular, **in Germany** after the end of the funding period.

Funding Period

The funding period is limited to a **maximum of one year**. Postdoc and habilitation stipends can be extended on request at the Gender Equality Office. Grants for completing a doctoral degree (possible only under exceptional circumstances) are set out for a maximum of one year and cannot be extended.

How to Apply

Applications can be handed in at the Gender Equality Office **at the end of each semester (deadlines March 31 / Sept. 30)**. Besides the **completed application form**, you need to submit a **signed CV in tabular form** (detailing your education) along with a **research proposal**. For a complete list of the required documents consult the „Merkblatt für die Antragstellung“ to be found on the SCIENTIA website. Please note that a **personal consultation** at the Gender Equality Office is **required before applying**. All application documents must be submitted to the JMU Gender Equality Officer. The application is assessed by a joint board of the Gender Equality Office and the Equal Opportunity Office.

Types and Extent of Funding

- **Funding Programme for Female Postdocs:** The aim of the programme is to enable female postdocs, who seek a university career as professor or plan to write a habilitation thesis, to initiate, continue, or finish their research project. As a precondition, candidates must have completed their doctorate with no less than distinction (*magna cum laude*) over a maximum period of 4 years. With this type of funding a monthly sum of 2.200 € is granted. A mentoring agreement for the duration of the funding period has to be confirmed by the department to which the project is linked. A limited teaching assignment (recommended: 2 hours/ one class per week) is desired.
- **Funding Programme Habilitation Thesis:** Junior female researchers seeking a habilitation as defined in § 65 BayHSchG (Bavarian Higher Education Act) according to the statute of Mai 23rd 2006, can be funded by this programme. Documentation of the acceptance of the habilitation thesis and the admission to the evaluation procedure is required. A sum of 2.600 € per month is granted. A teaching engagement is encouraged.
- **Funding for Female Junior Scientists with Excellent Qualifications:** Junior researchers can receive funding in the course of the qualifying period between submission of the habilitation thesis and the academic evaluation procedure, to enable the continuation of their research. With this type of funding 3.000 € per month is granted. The extent of funding is generally set out for a maximum of one year. An engagement in teaching is recommended.
- **Funding for Completing a Doctoral Thesis – only possible under specific circumstances:** Excellent junior researchers can apply for doctoral grants in exceptional cases where completing a doctoral degree was interrupted by hardship or other social reasons. The funding is effective for the last 12 months of the doctoral research which lays the groundwork for professorship. A discussion with the Gender Equality Officer prior to applying is required. The type of funding is 1.200 € per month and is limited to a maximum of 12 months with denial of extension.