



The Technische Universität Dresden supports with the Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships excellent female postdocs in their intention to independently acquire a third-party funded project in order to qualify for a scientific career at the TU Dresden with the goal of becoming a professor.

The postdoc phase is the essential qualification phase for an academic career. Once the decision has been made to pursue an academic career, a scientific portfolio must be built up that can lead to an appointment of a professorship. The aim is to develop an independent profile - from Recognized Researcher to Established Researcher.

This is where the Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships provide support: You will receive a full-time fellowship for up to two years in order to develop your unique scientific profile and to submit an independent research proposal to an external funding body for a third-party funded project that will pave your way to a professorship.

To develop your own career portfolio, additional supporting measures to sharpen one's scientific profile can be funded via the Maria Reiche Starter Kits.

The Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships are intended to promote the academic career paths of young female scientists with doctorates on their way to professorships in order to sustainably improve the representation of women at this qualification level at the Technische Universität Dresden and to increase the number of female scientists in top positions in the scientific field.

Eligibility

Eligible are:

- female scientists who have completed their doctorate no longer than six years ago. The six years are completed no later than the month before the requested start of funding. In the case of maternity leave and parental leave(s) taken between the completion of the doctorate and the month before the requested start of funding, these will be counted towards the six years.

Not eligible are:

- Female researchers, who hold an employment relationship during the applied period of funding, which, by its type and extent, compromises the purpose of the scholarship.
- Female researchers, who are already being funded by other institutions (e.g. private foundations, industrial companies) for the same purpose.

Note: If the project is partly carried out at a non-university research institution, e.g. a DRESDENconcept partner institution, the connection to the TU Dresden must be ensured.

In principle, sideline activities and additional earnings are possible during the funding period, if they do not impair the purpose of the fellowship in terms of type and scope. Before taking up sideline activities, written approval must be obtained from the Vice-Rector Research via the Graduate Academy. Sideline activities may not exceed 10 hours per week.

Duration & Extent of Funding

The fellowships will be granted for the announced period under the condition that TU Dresden will receive the required financial means within the Female Professors Program III of the Federal State of Saxony and the state governments.

Period: max. 24 month

Earliest start of funding: 1st October

Latest start of funding: 1st January of the upcoming year

If the application for third-party funding is approved before the end of the Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowship funding period, the funding ends at the time when the contract of the recipient in the third-party project begins. There is no option to extend the fellowship beyond 24 months.

Note: Funding initially will only be granted for one year. It has to be applied for an extension of funding for the upcoming year at least three months before the preceding funding year ends.

Extent:

- monthly scholarship rate: 2.670,00 EUR
- if applicable, monthly family allowance: 400.00 EUR for the first and 100.00 EUR for each additional child
- Subsidies for the basic equipment of the workplace at the respective professorship/research institution of the TU Dresden up to 2,500.00 EUR
- Measures for the development and sharpening of an independent scientific profile up to a maximum of EUR 10,000 within a Maria Reiche Starter Kit
- Eligible measures and activities are, for example:
 - Developing collaborations and participating in conferences
 - Consumables and publication costs
 - Invitation of international guest speakers
 - Organization of scientific events
 - Personnel funds for student assistants (SHK)
 - Participation in demand-oriented professional and multi-disciplinary training

Note: In the case of a positive funding decision, the settlement of the approved, eligible measures is carried out in accordance with the usage guidelines of the TU Dresden. Awardees will receive information and accounting support from the Graduate Academy.

Application & Deadline

The application has to be submitted electronically within the deadline and as **one PDF-file** (exception: Letters of Recommendation) via e-mail to **graduertenakademie@tu-dresden.de** with the subject "Maria Reiche Postdoctoral Fellowships".

Application deadline*: May 15th, 2025

** If the end of a period falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the period ends at the end of the next working day.*

Note: Missing, incomplete or incorrect documents cannot be submitted/resubmitted after the application deadline. Incomplete applications cannot be taken into consideration. Please note: As well the required Letters of Recommendation have to reach the Graduate Academy in due time.

Approximately three weeks after the application deadline you will receive an acknowledgement of receipt. Notification of funding is generally made after about twelve weeks of the respective deadline for applications. Please refrain from telephone inquiries in this time.

The **membership at Graduate Academy** is mandatory when applying for funding or has to be requested within two months' time after funding approval.

Further information on GA membership is available at www.tu-dresden.de/ga

Application Documents

Checklist for a complete application:

- ☐ A signed and scanned copy of the **online application form***
[Please note: Intermediate digital storage of data is not possible]
- ☐ A signed and scanned copy of the **annex to the application form***
- ☐ **Description of the planned project** with the aim of obtaining third-party funding (4 pages) including
 - Main topic and aims
 - Work program for the preparation of an application for a third-party funded project in the intended funding period, including an explanation of the extent how (much) the planned third-party funded application is based on the previous scientific work or develops it further
 - Time and work plan
 - Personal assessment of the competences for processing the
 - proposed work program
 - Statement why the research location Dresden and/or the TU Dresden is preferred for the elaboration and preparation measures of a third-party funding application
- ☐ if applicable, when applying for activities to develop and sharpen an independent scientific profile within a **Maria Reiche Starter Kit: Calculation Overview***
(Measures applied for must be indicated in the time and work plan to be submitted.)
- ☐ **Tabular resume (CV)** incl. list of publications and previous teaching experience
- ☐ **Copy of the doctoral certificate**
(If applicable, copy of a certified English translation of a foreign language certificate)
- ☐ **Letter of Recommendation of the hosting Professorship of the TU Dresden *** on the above-mentioned work program in the scheduled funding period as well as on the research topic and including a statement of intent to host the applicant at the respective professorship
- ☐ **Letter of Reference from another university professor ***
- ☐ if applicable, statement of the Faculty that the habilitation will be supported *
- ☐ if applicable, adequate documents of previous/current funding/financing/employment
- ☐ if applicable, statement on the starting or carrying out of sideline activities during the planned funding period
- ☐ If applicable, information on the family situation (birth certificate(s) of the child/children, suitable evidence of relatives to be cared for)

** Document as download available online on the GA Program website.*

Note: The application documents can be submitted in German or English. As well, the documents (to download) on the GA program website are available in German and English and/or bilingually.

Selection Procedure

Awardees are selected through a two-stage selection process. After the assessment and selection of the handed in application documents, suitable candidates are invited to a personal interview with the selection committee.

The selection criteria are:

- qualification of the applicant
(academic achievements, publications, prizes/awards, third-party funding)
- quality and feasibility of the project within the funding period
- consideration of the life situation
- completeness and on-time submission of the application documents

A fundamental legal right to claim funding within this program does not exist.

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Get your questions answered!

Arrange an individual consultation appointment regarding our GA funding programs at graduiertenakademie@tu-dresden.de

We look forward to receiving your inquiry!