



Maria Reiche Doctoral Fellowships (without Faculty of Medicine)

The TU Dresden supports with the Maria Reiche Doctoral Fellowships (without Faculty of Medicine) (prospective) female doctoral candidates with a scholarship for up to 3 years.

Eligibility

Eligible are:

- Female graduates, who intend to earn a doctoral degree at TU Dresden.
- Female graduates, who are not working more than two years on their doctorate and whose funding by scholarships, third-party funds etc. has ended. The two years are considered to be completed latest in the month before the requested funding period begins.

Not eligible are:

- (Prospective) Doctoral candidates of the faculty of medicine.
- Female researchers, who are employed as a research assistant (more than 10 hours per week) during the applied period of funding.
- Female researchers, who hold an employment relationship or receive funding from another institution (such as private funding institutions, industry) during the applied period of funding.

Note: *If the PhD 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. These must be reported immediately to the Graduate Academy of TU Dresden. **Sideline activities may not exceed 10 hours per week or 2 SWS teaching time.***

Duration & Extent of Funding

The fellowships will be granted under the condition that TU Dresden will receive the required financial means from the Federal Government and the Federal State of Saxony.

The **maximum funding period is 36 months**. The scholarship funding ends with the month in which the dissertation thesis is submitted, at the latest after three years. An extension is not possible.

The **monthly funding consists of a scholarship rate of EUR 1,500.00** and if applicable, a family allowance of EUR 400.00 for the first and EUR 100.00 for each additional child.

Earliest start of funding: 1st October

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

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.

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 Doctoral Fellowships".

Application deadline*: 31st March

** 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***
- Tabular resume** (CV) incl. list of publications, previous teaching activities and description of the scientific career
- Copy of the latest university degree** and if applicable, a current overview of grades (if applicable, a copy of a certified English translation of the certificate if it is in a foreign language)
- Letter of motivation** (max. 2 pages)
- Description of the research project** (max. 7 pages):
 - problem statement, explanation and aim of the planned project
 - description of the topic related to the state of the art in the discipline (literature review)
 - preparatory work
 - detailed explanation of the single work packages and a time schedule for the requested funding period
- Confirmation letter of acceptance as a doctoral candidate** by the faculty or Certificate of enrollment (can be handed in within two months' time after funding has started)
- If applicable, documents relating to a current grant/funding/work contract
- In case of a sideline activity during funding period: confirmation that the sideline activity will not exceed 10 hours per week or 2 SWS and that incidentally, the applicant will be fully dedicated to the progress of the PhD project
- If applicable, **statement of family situation**:
 - Copy of children's birth certificates
 - Declaration of second parent, if or which scholarship is received
 - Proof of special additional burden (e.g. nursing relatives)
- First Letter of Recommendation***: to be handed in by the **first Academic Supervisor or Young Investigator**, who signed/will sign the supervision agreement
- Second Letter of Recommendation***: to be handed in by a second Academic Supervisor, Researcher at postdoctoral level or a junior research group leader

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

Note: *The application documents can be submitted in German or English.*

Selection Procedure

The selection takes place by the executive committee of the Graduate Academy and the Equal Opportunities Officer of TU Dresden on the basis of the application handed in. The scholarships are performance-based fundings and are awarded in a competitive selection process.

The **selection criteria** are:

- Qualification of the applicant (academic performance, publications, prizes, awards)
- Quality of the letters of recommendation
- Consideration of life circumstances
- Complete application documents and submission within the deadline

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!

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