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# Pre-Doc Award 2025/2026

## Call for applications

1 April 2025

The Pre-Doc Award is a strategic support programme of Leipzig University in the field of promoting early career researchers. It is anchored in the university's Personnel Development Concept and the University Development Plan (HEP 2025).

Postdocs and qualified predoc candidates interested in doing a doctorate at Leipzig University get the opportunity to plan a dissertation project jointly within a funding period of one year. As a result, applications for a scholarship by the predoc and/or for third-party funding by the postdoc including the financing of a doctoral position should be made. In this way, promising research projects will be funded and postdocs are strengthened on their way to scientific independence by expanding their supervision skills.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, Leipzig University will provide

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to fund the preparation of doctoral projects to be conducted at Leipzig University. Funding will be provided through a position as a research assistant (WHK, *Wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft*) 19 hours per week for 12 months.

Eligible are national and international graduate students (Masters, Diploma or State Examination) from all research fields with excellent academic records who team up with postdoctoral researchers (not necessarily the supervisor of the dissertation) to propose a joint research/doctoral project at Leipzig University.

The application should clearly reflect the collaborative working relationship between the postdoc and the predoc candidate, i.e. both are expected to actively participate in conceptualizing and drafting the application.

### **Application and selection procedure**

The Pre-Doc Award addresses **graduates**, whose final exams (date of degree/certificate) will either be achieved shortly, the latest within the first 6 months of the funding period (exception: state examination for the teaching profession) or date back no longer than eight months at the time of the deadline for applications, and **postdocs** in the period of qualification for a professorship or holding a junior professorship. The predoc's degree must permit her or him to enrol as a doctoral researcher in Germany. For non-EU citizens, due to residence regulations, the final certificate has to be obtained



latest in the month before the contract start (the contract can start between 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026).

The preferred language for **applications is English**. German applications are possible. The **application must include a standard list of documents**. Please follow the guidelines outlined in the *Application and Programme Details*.

The Vice-Rector for Talent Development will appoint a selection committee, which will decide on the projects to be funded, based on pre-defined evaluation criteria.

**The *Application and Programme Details*** are enclosed. They may also, along with further information and the *FAQs* be found here:

<https://www.uni-leipzig.de/+pre-doc-award>.

For further questions, please contact Johanna Mogwitz, [johanna.mogwitz@zv.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:johanna.mogwitz@zv.uni-leipzig.de), +49 341 97-34997.

Please submit your application preferably via email as one PDF file to [johanna.mogwitz@zv.uni-leipzig.de](mailto:johanna.mogwitz@zv.uni-leipzig.de). Application deadline is **31<sup>st</sup> May 2025**.

Students/graduates with disabilities are invited to apply and, with equal qualifications, are given preference.

## **Your contact person for questions and postal address for printed applications**

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## **Notes on Data Protection**

By submitting your application documents, you acknowledge your consent to the processing of the data contained therein for the Pre-Doc Award selection procedure. Please note that this also allows the doctorate list responsible at your (future) faculty to inform the Pre-Doc Award coordination team if you are listed already. You have the right to revoke that consent at any time. The data that you provide in the application will only be used for the selection procedure and, in case of selection and funding, for programme purposes, carried out in accordance with Art. 6 of the General Data Protection Regulation (DSGVO, Datenschutzgrundverordnung). This means, that you, for example, agree your data to be shared among the selection committee members from different university bodies (for restricted use within the Pre-Doc Award selection procedure) or to the coordination to address and exchange information with members from the faculty you are aiming for to be employed within the awardee period, e.g. for the purpose of the selection, contract preparation or individual funding processes.

The storage of data is subject to the relevant provisions of the DSGVO on archiving of data.

According to the DSGVO, you have the right to ask for information concerning the processing of your data from the data controller (i.e. the application addressee); you also have the right to rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, as well as the right to object to the processing of the data.

An application via email is considered questionable under data protection law. The applicant assumes full responsibility.