

## **Funding guidelines for the visiting scholarship target agreement programme**

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Funding has been secured for the Faculty of Sciences by FAU through the target agreement for increasing the number of women in research. Scholarships are financed as part of the visiting scholarship programme.

### **Guidelines on the allocation of funding – Scholarships**

#### **a) Funding objective**

Scholarships are awarded to female researchers at FAU with above-average achievements, who are planning a research stay abroad and who are completing their doctoral degree or completing a postdoctoral or habilitation phase at the Faculty of Sciences. The scholarships are also available to provide funding to young female researchers with above-average achievements from outside the University who are planning a research stay at FAU and who are currently in a comparable qualification phase.

**Funding is awarded to women who plan to pursue their research career with the aim of becoming a professor.**

Applicants do not require an employment contract at FAU to be eligible for a scholarship. Funding is subject to the availability of funds.

#### **b) Application period**

The application deadline is **15 January** for scholarships awarded in April and **15 July** for scholarships awarded in October. Confirmation of a scholarship can also be given retrospectively in some circumstances.

#### **c) Scholarship allocation period**

The scholarship allocation period is between one and four months.

**An extension is not possible.** Scholarship holders may reapply.

#### **d) Childcare allowance**

An additional childcare allowance may be granted to scholarship holders of all types, specifically EUR 200 for one child and EUR 100 for each additional child under the age of 12.

#### e) Selection interview

##### **Applicants must attend a selection interview.**

Please make an appointment with the Faculty's women's representative Prof. Dr. Götz-Neunhoeffer two weeks before the end of the application period at the latest if you are seriously interested.

#### f) How to apply

Funding applications in German or English must be submitted in digital format. Please submit your application per e-mail to the *Assistant to the Faculty's Women's Representative*, at [nat-frauenbeauftragte@fau.de](mailto:nat-frauenbeauftragte@fau.de) . **Amendments or supporting documents may not be submitted after your application.** For this reason, we urgently advise you to have the assistant to the Faculty's women's representative formally check your documents at least one week before the end of the application period.

#### g) Letter of support

Applications submitted by female doctoral candidates must include a letter of support from their supervisor.

#### h) Final report

All scholarship holders must submit a report on their own initiative no later than two months after the end of the scholarship.

#### i) Obligation to cooperate

To ensure the legitimacy of the scholarship, one requirement for funding is that the recipients of the funding fulfil their obligation to cooperate. Therefore, the scholarship holders

- must state all details relevant to funding and, upon request, agree to the provision of relevant information by third parties, and
- give immediate notification of changes in personal circumstances relevant to funding or in information provided in connection with the application for funding (e.g., other funds granted).
- agree to inform the Office of Equality and Diversity about the progression of their career after the end of the period during which they receive the scholarship.

#### j) Credit in publications

In publications and in any other presentations, especially those of a public nature, the following acknowledgement should be included at an appropriate point: 'the research was funded by a scholarship supporting faculty-specific gender equality targets at Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU)'

**k) Selection committee and selection process**

The selection committee consists of the following members:

- All department women's representatives
- TA coordinator (Dr. Luthay)
- Faculty women's representative
- Additionally, one professor from the Faculty of Sciences

Candidates are selected during the women's representatives' meetings at the Faculty of Sciences. Agreements about the selection criteria are made by the relevant committee.