

Young Investigator Group (f) at the University of Siegen

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In the past years, the University of Siegen was very successful in developing an equal opportunities programme. Nevertheless, women are still inadequately represented in senior academic positions. For this reason, the University of Siegen is funding a Young Investigator Group (YIG) to be lead by a female PI.

The group should be embedded in one of the university's research foci and thus provides the opportunity to an exceptionally qualified early career researcher to advance her research in a challenging as well as inspiring and stimulating context. The YIG is funded through a joint programme of federal and state Ministries of research, which aims at increasing the fraction of women in positions on all academic levels. Funding of the YIG will initially be granted for a period of three years, funding of a fourth year is possible after a successful evaluation.

The successful candidate must have finished her PhD with excellent grades. Her previous research experience should be outstanding and preferably international. The time in between completing the PhD and starting the position must not exceed six years, where time for parental leave and/or for caring for a dependant person can be taken into account. Her academic qualification has to be substantiated e.g. through outstanding publications in prestigious journals, invitations to high-ranking international conferences or alike. In addition, experience in supervising PhD students is desirable.

The research project pursued by the YIG has to be excellent and it must have the potential to considerably advance the university's research focus it is embedded in. Through the close connection to an existing focus, it is ensured that a suitable infrastructure is present; it is expected that the hosting group provides appropriate support.

The application should include:

- Research Proposal (max. 10 pages) including
 1. Abstract
 2. State of research
 3. Previous work by the applicant
 4. Work Plan
 5. Planned Allocation of the funds
- CV with special emphasis in academic achievements
- List of publications and special prints of recent works (if applicable)
- Copies of the documents related to the doctoral degree
- Letter of endorsement by the hosting group, including a statement concerning the support provided by the hosting group.
- Two letters of recommendation by professors working in the same research area

Funding provided:

Personnel costs:

- 1 Salary of the PI (TVL E14)
- 1 PostDoc position (TVL E13) for three years
- 1 PhD position (TVL E13) for three years

Appropriate non-personnel costs are covered. The hosting group has to provide an equipped office, administrative support and, if necessary, access to research infrastructures and expendable items.

Application

Application period ends on **15 June 2020**. All applications must be directed to:

Universität Siegen
Senatskommission für Forschung und wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs
z. Hd. Herrn Dr. Jan Söhlke (Referent des Prorektors für Forschung und wiss. Nachwuchs)
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