

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2025

## Transitional funding for female doctoral and postdoctoral researchers

The University of Siegen has set aside funds of € 15,000 for the year 2025 to provide transitional funding for female doctoral and postdoctoral students. The funds are to be granted for the completion of a doctoral or habilitation project if it can be proven that all other financing options have been exhausted and the completion of the project within the given time is realistic. The funds can be made available to finance preliminary work (start-up financing), e.g. to obtain a doctoral or habilitation scholarship, or to cover the period in which other financing options are evidently not available.

The funding will be granted based on the guidelines for the award of funding within the framework of transitional funding for doctoral and postdoctoral students / transitional scholarship (*Richtlinien zur Vergabe von Fördermitteln im Rahmen der Übergangsfinanzierung*).

Funds for transitional financing are awarded once a year upon application. The Rectorate decides on the approval of applications on the proposal of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

### I Who can submit applications?

Female doctoral and postdoctoral students of the University of Siegen are eligible to apply for funding.

### II Which projects are considered eligible?

Candidates from all faculties can apply for transitional funding for their dissertation or habilitation project, regardless of the topic. In order to be granted transitional funding, proof must be provided of a completed university degree or a completed doctorate, which are the prerequisites for admission to a doctorate or habilitation. The prerequisite for funding is the content-related quality of the exposé. In the case of equal quality, criteria of a social nature are decisive.

The grant for transitional funding will usually be awarded for up to six months and up to € 1.250 per month.

### III Which deadlines must be met?

Deadline for applications in 2025 is Friday, **March 14th, 2025**. The Equal Opportunities Commissioner will send the applicants the notification of approval by Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 at the latest.

In the case of funding for doctoral projects, the supervisor must inform the Equal Opportunities Commissioner within three months of the expiry of the funding on a maximum of one page whether the doctoral project has been completed or how further qualification is ensured. In the case of funding for habilitation projects, the recipient must inform the Equal Opportunities Commissioner within three months of the end of the funding on a maximum of one page whether the habilitation project has been completed or how further qualification is ensured.

#### IV What should the application contain?

The application is to be submitted digitally (pdf file) to the chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission and should contain the following components:

- An exposé of the work of about 5 - 8 pages (content, objectives, methods, planned course of the work)
- The candidate's CV and bibliography
- In the case of an application for final funding, a precise list of the completed and outstanding steps with a detailed timetable as well as information on the scientific career to date
- In the case of an application for interim funding, a precise list of the completed work steps and those planned for the funding period with a detailed timetable as well as information on the scientific career to date
- In the case of an application for start-up funding, a description of the preliminary work and a detailed list of the work steps planned for the funding period with a detailed timetable showing when the project will possibly be completed
- In the case of an application for start-up funding and an application for interim funding, the applicant is asked to state which follow-up funding will be provided
- The applicant ought to indicate the desired funding period and the desired amount of funding
- Proof that other funding options have been exhausted / are not available has to be provided. For applicants from non-EU countries, it is taken into account that at least the BAFÖG maximum monthly income must be proven in order to receive the visa
- Applicants who have already received a doctoral scholarship from the House of Young Tal-ents (HYT) must document that the supervising professor has taken over funding periods for the doctoral project from funds of the chair or third-party funds following the funding by the HYT (according to the guideline for the awarding of scholarships HYT, § 5 Para. 1). Hence, transitional funding immediately following HYT funding is not possible
- Information on any income from employment (cf. § 4, Para. 2)
- Doctoral researchers (*Promovierende*) applying must enclose a letter of recommendation / academic reference by one of the supervisors
- Doctoral candidates must submit a written declaration by their supervisor, stating that they will write and submit a short report after the completion of the funding period
- Postdoctoral candidates (*Habilitierende*) must submit a written declaration that they will submit a short report after completion of the funding
- Doctoral candidates must enclose their University degree certificate / certificate of graduation. Post-doctoral candidates must not only enclose their University degree certificate / certificate of graduation, but also their doctoral certification.

Items 1 - 4 should not be longer than 10,000 characters, including spaces.

We would like to inform you that we are not able to process incomplete applications!

**Please submit your application to:**

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**Deadline**  
**14.03.2025**

