

Corona Crisis Fund for Academics in Qualification Phases

In principle, this fund only applies to cases that are directly related to the Corona pandemic and that cannot be resolved under more general regulations. State graduate fellowships and academic staff positions from basic budget funds have their own renewal options. For this reason, they are excluded from the Corona Crisis Fund.¹

The following persons are eligible to apply:

- Doctoral and postdoctoral students in temporary qualification positions not funded through the university's regular budget
- Doctoral students within third-party funded projects
- Doctoral students in temporary positions with a high teaching load

The funding for this call targets academics in qualification phases whose contract ends before July 1, 2022. Only academics in qualification phases who were either admitted to EUF as doctoral students/doctoral candidates before May 1, 2020 or who have confirmation from their supervisor of their ongoing habilitation at EUF are eligible for funding. This must be proven in the application.

Funds can be used to extend a half-time (0.5) position for up to 3 months. If the position to be extended carries a teaching obligation, it must be signed off by the jobholder's immediate supervisor and the validity of the extension in terms of employment and personnel law must be checked by the personnel department. This review will be carried out automatically as part of the post-application procedure.

In addition to the above requirements, the following criteria will be used as a basis for awarding a grant:

- Childcare responsibilities for the applicant's own children or those of close relatives

and/or

- Corona virus-related restrictions on the applicant's survey/archive/laboratory work essential to work in the qualification phase

and

- The prospect that the grant will increase the applicant's chances of success and/or improve the timeliness of her/his qualification work/thesis.

In case of higher demand, priority will be given to the applications of those whose contract ends earlier compared to the other applicants.

Grant recipients will be selected by a committee made up of the following representatives: the EUF Vice President for Research, one DokNet representative, one representative of the mid-level faculty

¹ 1 State graduate scholarship holders who are experiencing corona-related restrictions should contact the head of the scholarship committee. Academic staff members with positions funded by the university's regular basic budget may be able to extend their jobs under certain conditions. More information is available from the personnel department.

in the EUF Senate, the EUF Research Committee, and one representative of codetermination. If all of the requirements met, the personnel department will then process the grant.

Early-stage researchers can send their applications to: forschungsausschuss@uni-flensburg.de. The committee will select recommended grant recipients in two separate rounds. The submission deadline is September 1, 2021.

Together with the application, the following documents must be submitted:

- The applicant's certificate of enrollment as a doctoral student (Immatrikulationsbescheinigung zum Promotionsstudium), notification of admission to the doctoral procedure (Bescheid zur Zulassung zum Promotionsverfahren) or confirmation of the applicant's current ongoing habilitation procedure.
- A brief description of the special hardships caused by the Corona pandemic as a result of the applicant's childcare responsibilities and/or the restrictions on her or his work on the qualification work/thesis.
- A brief description of the applicant's prospects of success and work schedule, for which funding will compensate for the aforementioned hardships.
- A brief written statement by the applicant's supervisor and (if applicable) thesis advisor, confirming her/his agreement with and assessing the feasibility of the applicant's statement regarding how the funding will improve her/his prospects of success and regarding the timeliness of the qualification work.

If the applicant is employed by an externally funded project, she/he must also provide evidence of having tried and failed to extend the position through continued funding from the third-party funding source. If funding for the position in question is received from a third-party funding source after the application has been submitted and before the start of the contract extension, the grant from this crisis fund will be considered subordinate to the external funding and the crisis fund grant offer will expire. Applications can only be submitted as long as funds are available.