



Call for Proposals

Career Bridging Grants

You are a Ph.D. student or postdoc planning your next career step? You would like to apply for a postdoc position but your funding will have run out until the beginning of your next funding period? The Career Bridging Grant closes financial gaps in between two career steps or grant funded appointments for candidates currently working at or aiming to work at TU Darmstadt. It provides short-term financial support for highly qualified candidates, who apply for a grant or position and whose application is likely to be successful. The Grant secures financial support during the application process and thus facilitates a seamless transition to the next career step.

Who can apply?

- **Ph.D. students** and **postdocs** at TU Darmstadt
 - who prepare a proposal for individual external funding at a university abroad and
 - whose individual funding runs out before the beginning of the next funding period
- **Ph.D. students** and **postdocs** from universities abroad
 - who prepare a proposal for individual external funding at TU Darmstadt and
 - whose individual funding runs out before the beginning of the next funding period

We offer

- financial support for the duration of max. 12 months (the amount of the grant depends on your research experience)

For researchers coming to Darmstadt we further offer:

- a broad range of research and career opportunities at one of Germany's top universities of technology
- an inspiring and professional environment for your research
- access to research support programmes at TU Darmstadt (e.g. Ingenium professional skills programme and career networking programme)

Please hand in

- application form (online: www.tu-darmstadt.de/postdocs)
- information about the individual external funding you plan to apply for: format of funding, funding period, place of implementation of research project (1 page)
- proposal of research project, incl. structural involvement in institution, time schedule of preparation of your proposal
- CV
- graduation certificates (copies)
- letter of acceptance from research group
- account of financial situation, incl. proof of a lack of funding for the period of proposal (e.g. expiring employment contract or stipend)
- Ph.D. certificate or proof of Ph.D. submission/ statement from your supervisor that the Ph.D. will be completed within the next 6 months
- certificates/ proof of scientific excellence (publications, awards, scholarships)

How we select

The competitive selection process is organized by TU Darmstadt. Proposals will be reviewed by an independent scientific committee. The committee meets twice a year.

The most important selection criteria are:

- scientific excellence (publications, awards, scholarships)
- scientific quality of research proposal
- determination of young researcher
- high chances of success of proposal and acquisition of external funds

Next steps

We are looking forward to receiving your proposal until **November 15, 2016**.

Please send your proposal **electronically** as **one PDF file** to:

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