

## Call for Applications: Individual Grants for Postdoctoral Researchers

Location: Brandenburg Universities / Closing Date: **6 August, 2021 (23.59h CET)**

### Open Topic Positions

The Postdoc Network Brandenburg (PNB) invites postdoctoral researchers to apply for **PNB Individual Grants** starting in November 2021 or later.

Funding will be granted for temporary positions limited to a term of 6 months up to 24 months. Depending on the host university, it is possible to award scholarships or temporary contracts determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L E13).

We are looking for highly motivated researchers at an early stage of their careers. Prerequisites are a completed research doctorate, an excellent publication record, scientific mobility, and a competitive and innovative research proposal compatible with the research profile of the host university. In addition to the salary, the positions include an allowance of €1.000 per year for research purposes, mobility, scientific events, or similar. Organizational support regarding visa, insurance, housing, etc. will be provided by the host university.

Brandenburg universities strive to maintain gender balance among their staff and to foster career opportunities for women. Applicants with health impairments shall receive preference in the case of equal qualifications. The most important selection criterion is the outstanding quality of the planned research project and the academic excellence of the applicant.

### Institutional Framework

The Postdoc Network Brandenburg (PNB) was founded by the four Brandenburg universities - University of Potsdam, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), and Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF - with the aim of developing the potential of postdocs working at the state's scientific institutions to the fullest possible extent.

The PNB invites national and international postdoctoral researchers to further their academic careers by pursuing their individual research projects or joining one of the many existing groups of young researchers at a Brandenburg university of their choice. Fellows will be offered a position at their preferred host university, which will provide an encouraging environment and support them in their research. In addition, fellows have access to professional training and coaching on the development of individual and professional competencies.

The Berlin-Brandenburg capital region offers young and advanced researchers the highest density of universities and research institutions in Germany, while at the same time holding a leading position in the German and international innovation landscape. Four universities with a broad variety of research focuses as well as a large number of non-university research institutions are located in the

state of Brandenburg. The structure of Brandenburg's scientific landscape, which combines the advantages of manageable institution sizes and short distances between research locations in a state-of-the-art research environment, provides excellent conditions for establishing and expanding individual research collaborations and networks.

### **Application**

We kindly ask to submit your application in electronic form only, as one pdf-document, in English or German, and address it to Dr. Heike Küchmeister, director/Geschäftsführerin of the Postdoc Network Brandenburg.

Your application should include a CV, copies of academic certificates and documents, a list of publications, contact details of two potential references, and a three-page outline of the proposed research project tailored to the research profile of the chosen university. Please also submit an employer's declaration (see form) and a letter of support from a professor of the selected host university. The host is expected to provide the office and laboratory space and funds exceeding the allowance, if such are required for the project. Questions regarding the positions may be directed to [postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de).

Please, send your application to [postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de) by 6 August 2021, 23.59h CET.

### **Documents for download**

[Employer's Declaration \(Arbeitgebererklärung\)](#)

[Guide for applicants](#)

**For more information on the Postdoc Network Brandenburg please visit**

<https://www.postdoc-network-brandenburg.de/en/>

**For further information on the involved universities and for detailed information on the research fields, please visit**

University of Potsdam

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/research/>

Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg

<https://www.b-tu.de/en/research/research-profile>

European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

<https://www.europa-uni.de/en/forschung/index.html>

Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF

<https://www.filmuniversitaet.de/en/research-transfer/research/funding>