

Information Sheet

The University of Potsdam supports and promotes its scientists in order to improve performance in research and to increase national and international competitiveness.

Objective	This part of the university’s internal research support aims to respond to the needs of young scientists in a flexible and unbureaucratic manner in order to provide necessary incentives and assistance through targeted individual grants to achieve the strategic goals of the university. The primary objective is to increase the quality and scope of external funds, the promotion of interdisciplinary research, and the visibility of research.
Funding	Funding is available within the “Bridge Program” for every postdoc who has submitted an application (e.g. to the German Research Foundation (DFG)) with the University of Potsdam as the host and wants to bridge for a period of up to 6 months. An application for the program is possible at any time within the available resources. Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The application (e.g. to DFG) has to already have been submitted○ Funding is possible only once within two years (maximum).
Contract	The following support will be provided: If the prerequisites are satisfied for employment on a temporary contract under Section 2 subsection 1 WissZeitVG, then a half-time position (50%) will be funded at the collective wage tariff of TVL 13.
Scholarship	Up to three grants are awarded for new applications from people not affiliated with the University. The postdoc scholarship amounts to EUR 1,750.00 per month, plus a one-time grant of EUR 250.00 to cover the cost of materials.

Application Procedure	Applications can be submitted continuously and informally by providing information on the project, work plan, timeline, the amount of required financial resources and an updated CV. Decisions regarding funding shall be made in the order in which the applications for funding were received. Within the limits of the authorized appropriations, the granted funds are earmarked and assigned to the relevant professorships. Postdocs at the UP can submit applications at any time by email to the Vice President for Research and Young Scientists, Prof. Seckler (via Division 1, Email: kerstin.schweigel@uni-potsdam.de).
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Own Funds	Not necessary
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Reporting	The Vice President for Research and Young Scientists will report annually to the FNK commission about the funds disbursed, and this includes the program in the public relations of the UP.
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