



# EXPLORER GRANT

## of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences

With the „**Explorer Grant of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences**“, we aim to provide targeted support to junior researchers who wish to pursue their own innovative research ideas or carry out smaller-scale academic projects.

### 1. Who can apply?

Doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers (junior researchers) of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences who require financial support for an academic project or a specific research activity are eligible to apply. The project should be planned and carried out independently or in collaboration with other junior researchers.

### 2. What kind of projects are eligible for funding?

Projects must demonstrate clear academic value. Applications should include:

- A brief description of the project (max. one page), including its academic relevance
- A rough budget outline specifying intended use of funds
- A realistic timeline for implementation (budget and timeline together max. one page)

### 3. What can the funds be used for?

Funding can be used flexibly, for example:

- Pilot studies to test new research approaches
- Research trips to archives, libraries, or research institutions

- Acquisition of datasets or software licenses for research purposes
- Seed funding for new experimental project ideas

*Please note: Conference travel, teaching-related research projects, and publication fees are not eligible for funding. The funds will be administered by the Dean's Office.*

### 4. Amount of funding

A total of €20,000 is available per year to support approximately 5–10 projects. The amount awarded per project depends on the type, scope, and academic relevance of the proposed project. Co-funding plans are welcome and should be indicated in the application.

### 5. Who decides on the allocation of funds?

Funding decisions are made by the Vice Dean for Research and Academic Qualification and the Officer for Doctoral and Habilitation Affairs. Representatives of the academic sections may be consulted as needed. The decentralized Gender Equality Officer (dGBA) supports and advises the selection process.

### 6. Application deadlines

Applications are reviewed twice a year. Submission deadlines are **March 31** and **September 30**.

We look forward to receiving many exciting applications and to supporting forward-thinking research ideas through the Explorer Grant of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences!

If you have any questions, please contact Florence Scholz ([florence.scholz.1@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:florence.scholz.1@uni-potsdam.de)).