Dear researchers and teachers,

After a long break, we can now bring you the latest news about the support and promotion of young researchers at Bielefeld University. The NachwuchsNewsletter will be published quarterly in future. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please register here.

Here, we have compiled information for those interested in doctoral studies, current doctoral candidates and postdocs that will support you in your career planning, contribute to the expansion of your portfolio and advance your research.

You will find information on the current personnel development programme (PEP) and other news and event information from the young researchers’ development office at Bielefeld University. Also, the international science competition “FameLab” enters a new round and calls for participation and watching the event in Bielefeld.

In addition, we introduce you to the newly established team for career advice for early and mid-career scientists. Their service is aimed at those interested in doing a doctorate, current doctoral students and postdocs, answering questions regarding academic careers, funding, getting a qualification, as well as offering support in career decision-making and goal setting. In addition, we would like to point out that the call for applications to the Bielefeld Young Researchers’ Fund (Bielefelder Nachwuchsfonds) for doctoral students and postdocs will be published soon.

In the sections “External Calls for Applications” for

- all career phases
- students and doctoral candidates
- postdocs

we have compiled a selection of national and international study and research awards, competitions and programmes. Some of the deadlines for submissions are already coming up in the next few weeks. Maybe there is a suitable topic or format for some of you. In addition, we list application deadlines for scholarships from organisations funding outstanding students and young scientists (Begabtenförderungswerke).

We hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Team Strategic Personnel Development for Scientists, Department for Personnel & Organisation

News on the promotion of young researchers at Bielefeld University

The current Personnel Development Programme for Researchers and Lecturers (PEP) at Bielefeld University can be viewed here. The workshops and seminars of the PEP are sorted according to the eight essential fields of competence that characterise your professional qualification and the skills needed in the context of science and higher education.
In addition, we would like to highlight the following events and services. Some of these are held in German only. Please contact the organisers listed further below for details.

**Online information event on Training for Lecturers: Researching / Writing / Teaching, offered by the Writing Laboratory (ZLL)**

**Doing-a-PhD-Coaching** (German/English)

**Online information event: Mentoring programme movement - information event for female students interested in doing a doctorate** – Held in German

**Bielefeld Spring Conference 2022: „verschieden vielfältig“ - Relevanz von Diversität im Kontext von (Lehrer*innen-)Bildungsforschung** – Held in German

**FameLab 2022 Talking Science** (German/English)

**Save the Date: „Promovieren ja oder nein?“ Information event on the conditions and considerations surrounding a doctorate (for those interested in doing a doctorate)** – Held in German. If you are interested in doing a doctorate, please contact us for an individual advice session at phd-careeradvice@uni-bielefeld.de

**Bielefeld Young Researchers’ Fund: Call for Proposals 2022**

The team for career advice for early and mid-career researchers introduce themselves

**Online information event on Training for Lecturers: Researching / Writing / Teaching, offered by the Writing Laboratory (ZLL)**

**Date:** 21 January 2022 at 2pm (online). Registration required. Please inquire beforehand about languages offered.

**Link:** [Researching / Writing / Teaching](#)

"Researching - Writing - Teaching" is a continuing education programme that has been held regularly since 2004. It is aimed at academics in their qualification phase who are aiming for permanent employment in research and teaching, and at researching lecturers who would like to develop their teaching in a writing-intensive way. Successful participants receive a certificate from the Faculty of Linguistics and Literary Studies and the Writing Lab in the Department of Higher Education Didactics and Teaching Development of the ZLL.

Trainers: Stefanie Haacke-Werron, Elke Langelahn

**Contact:** Universität Bielefeld, Schreiblabor/ZLL, Stefanie Haacke-Werron

**Doing-a-PhD-Coaching for doctoral candidates in the humanities and social sciences**

**Date:** by arrangement – available in German & English

**Link:** [PhD-Coaching](#)

Doing-a-PhD-Coaching gives the opportunity to one-on-one discussions on challenges and practices of doing a PhD. It is offered by the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS) and open to doctoral candidates and those interested in doing a PhD from all humanities and social sciences at Bielefeld University.

**Kontakt:** Universität Bielefeld, Dr. Ulf Ortmann
Online information event: Mentoring programme movement - Information event for female students interested in doing a doctorate

Date: 1 February 2022 – Event held in German

Link: movement

The mentoring programme movement addresses female students from all faculties who are considering doing a doctorate and would like further information. The programme offers support in planning the transition phase from study to doctoral candidate, information about the process and the framework conditions of a doctorate, as well as insights into the everyday life of a doctoral candidate. Participation is worthwhile both for targeted preparation for a doctoral project as well as for an open-ended decision-making process for or against a doctorate, and for weighing up all the options, advantages and disadvantages. Participants of the programme should feel comfortable to converse about personal and professional matters in German. Further information is available at www.uni-bielefeld.de/movement

Contact: Universität Bielefeld, Mentoring Programm movement, movement@uni-bielefeld.de

Online Event: Bielefeld Spring Conference 2022: „verschieden vielfältig“ - Relevanz von Diversität im Kontext von (Lehrer*innen-)Bildungsforschung

Date: 29 – 31 March 2022 – Event held in German.

Register by: 23 January 2022

Link and Registration: Bielefeld Spring Conference

Under the title "variously diverse - relevance of diversity in the context of (teacher) education research", the Bielefeld School of Education (BiSEd) and the faculties offering teacher training are organising the 10th Bielefeld Spring Conference, to be held from 29 March to 31 March 2022.

Diversity is reflected in the conception, organisation and implementation of the conference with regard to the heterogeneity of the (young) researchers and is taken into account from different subject didactic and educational science perspectives in a multi-paradigmatic and intersectional way. In this way, the conference aims to contribute to diversity awareness and the development of diversity sensitivity among all participants.

Contact: Dr. Carolin Dempki

International Competition: “FameLab – Talking Science 2022”

Date: First round: 17 March 2022 (deadline for registration: 14 days in advance), Finals: 16 May 2022

Explaining science topics in a few minutes in a rousing way: That's what the international FameLab competition is all about. For the preliminary round on 17 March 2022, researchers are being sought who can present their topics in an exciting way. Master's students, doctoral students and scientists aged 21 and over who are researching, studying or working in the fields of science, technology, mathematics, computer science, psychology or medicine can take part. There is no age limit. Interested persons can register online until 3 March.

Link: FameLab

SAVE THE DATE: To do a doctorate, or not to do? Information event on the conditions and considerations surrounding a doctorate

Date: 2 May 2022 – Held in German. If you are interested in doing a doctorate and would like information in English, please contact us for an individual advice session at phd-careeradvice@uni-bielefeld.de

This event is aimed at Master's students interested in doing a doctorate who would like to get an initial overview of possible courses of the doctoral phase, requirements, financing options and professional perspectives.
Further information will be available [here](#).

**Please keep a look out for further announcements.**

**Contact:** Universität Bielefeld, Team "Careers in academia"

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**Bielefeld Young Researchers‘ Fund**

**Deadline for applications:** 1 April 2022

**Website:** Bielefeld Young Researchers’ Fund

The Rectorate of Bielefeld University will release a call for applications to the Bielefeld Young Researchers’ Fund (Bielefelder Nachwuchsfonds, BNF) in February 2022. The Fund consists of two funding lines with a total of five different funding measures. Students preparing for their PhD, doctoral students in their final phase, and postdocs can apply for the different measures.

There will be an information event on this funding program on 14 February, 2022: During this event, applicants will have the opportunity to discuss their individual questions concerning the application process. The event will be held in English.

**Contact:** Bielefeld Young Researchers' Fund

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**Team for career advice for early and mid-career researchers introduce themselves**

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**Career advice for early and mid-career researchers**

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Do you have questions or need guidance on your individual career in or outside of academia? Would you like to discuss your options with us? The newly established team for career advice offers individual consultations on all questions concerning the initiation and structuring of a doctorate or a postdoc, financing your research, and on planning your career steps in business and society as well as within academia. Please feel free to contact us. Appointments are currently available online.

Contact for Master's students interested in doing a doctorate and current doctoral candidates: phd-careeradvice@uni-bielefeld.de

**Contact for postdocs:** postdoc-careeradvice@uni-bielefeld.de

**Further information:** uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchs
External calls for applications

All career phases

Fast Forward Science – Multimedia competition for the sciences

Deadline: 8 February 2022
Website: Fast Forward Science

The Fast Forward Science competition, which is endowed with a total of €23,000, is a joint project of Wissenschaft im Dialog and the Stifterverband and has been held annually since 2013.

Passion for research, for innovative multimedia formats and for communication – the Fast Forward Science competition honors people who are not only passionate about science themselves, but who can also inspire others. Whether you are a student, postdoc, vlogger or communicator: We call you to produce social media posts about scientific topics and submit them to us.

Prizes will be awarded to contributions that present current research, are easy to understand, are tailored to target a large audience, and offer the necessary “aha” effect. A special challenge is that the contributions are entertaining despite the hard facts and ideally manage to enter into a dialog with the viewers.

Contact: Wissenschaft im Dialog GmbH

Invitation to the joint WRITING WORKSHOP of HoFoNa / INSIST / GTG 2022

Registration until: 31 January 2022 – Please inquire beforehand about languages offered.

A sorrow shared is a sorrow halved, and it is better to write together - that is why the Hochschulforschungsnachwuchs der Gesellschaft für Hochschulforschung (HoFoNa), Interdisciplinary Network for Studies Investigating Science and Technology (INSIST) and the Gesellschaft für Technikgeschichte (GTG) would like to invite you to a joint writing week from 21 to 25 March 2022. All you need is an unfinished writing project and a computer with an internet connection.

Contact: Registration for online writing workshop by HoFoNa / INSIST / GTG 2022 (google.com)

Mauthausen Memorial Research Prize 2022

Deadline: 30 June 2022

In October 2022, the Mauthausen Memorial to the former concentration camp will award the second Mauthausen Memorial Research Prize. The prize will be awarded for outstanding research on the history of the Mauthausen concentration camp complex and related topics. The prize of €5,000 may be split between two award winners.

Contact: Mauthausen Memorial Research Prize 2022 - KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen

Students and doctoral candidates

UMSICHT Science Award (Fraunhofer-Institute for Environmental, Safety and Energy Technology)

The UMSICHT Science Award is sponsored by the UMSICHT-Förderverein. It is awarded to people who make scientific results from environmental, safety or energy technology accessible to society in an outstanding way. All published works from these fields are eligible. The prize is awarded in the categories “Science” and “Journalism”.

Application deadline: 28 February 2022
German Thesis Award of the Körber Foundation

Every year, the Körber Foundation presents the German Thesis Award to the best of young German researchers. They award prizes totalling more than € 100,000 for significant and innovative research, including three top prizes of € 25,000 each. This makes the German Thesis Award one of the most highly endowed prizes awarded to young scientists in the country. The competition is held under the auspices of Bundestag President Wolfgang Schäuble. In addition to academic excellence, the German Thesis Award particularly focuses on the broader social relevance of a particular piece of research. As such, the award encourages young scientists to underscore the value of their research to society and to discuss their work in public.

Knowledge of the German language is obligatory to apply for the German Thesis Award. The application essay as well as a presentation before the jury are in German. Additionally, participants need either to have German citizenship or to have earned their PhD from a German university.

**Application deadline:** 1 March 2022

Further information can be found [here](in German)

Science award of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft gewerblich-technische Wissenschaften

The Arbeitsgemeinschaft Gewerblich-Technische Wissenschaften und ihre Didaktiken (gtw) of the Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft e.V. (GfA) invites applications for the gtw science award for the year 2022. Applications can be submitted until 16 July 2022. The prize will be awarded during the conference festival.

The gtw regularly invites scientific theses that make important contributions to the development of knowledge in the industrial-technical sciences and their didactics to be submitted for its science award.

The aim of the award is to promote young scientists in the industrial-technical sciences and their didactics by honouring outstanding scientific work.

Relevant dissertations and final theses that have a thematic focus in the field of industrial, educational and technical sciences are eligible to apply for the science award.

**Application deadline:** 16 July 2022

Further information can be found [here](in German)

Kapp Research Award 2022: "Creating ecological and social added value"

The Kapp Research Award for Ecological Economics will be awarded for the tenth time this year. It is aimed at young researchers in German-speaking countries and is intended to promote studies on ecological economics. The call for submissions turns the central research question of K. William Kapp (1901-1976) about the ecological and social costs of economic activity around and focuses on the future: which economic system can not only minimise its negative side effects, but actively create added value in the ecological and social spheres. This raises questions about the restoration of ecosystems as well as the restoration of social cohesion and justice in modern societies. Types of theses accepted include diploma or Master's theses (no Bachelor theses) and doctoral theses in German or English.

**Application deadline:** 1 March 2022

Further information can be found [here](in German)

Doctoral scholarships of organisations for the promotion of gifted students (all disciplines)

Motivated and socially committed students with an above-average degree have the opportunity to be financed during their doctorate by one of the thirteen German organisations promoting exceptional students ("Begabtenförderungswerke"). Doctoral students receive a monthly basic scholarship of up to 1,350 € plus a 100
€ flat-rate research allowance and, if applicable, other supplements. The standard funding period is two years and can be extended by a further year. Some organisations also support international students, for example, if they have gained a qualification in Germany (including Abitur) or are currently studying in Germany.

**Application deadlines:**

**Avicenna Studienwerk:** 1 April & 1 October, [Website](in German)

**Cusanuswerk e. V.** Funding lines a) Doctoral scholarship and b) Research-oriented postgraduate studies (before the actual research phase begins). Application deadline for the selection procedure: 1 June and 1 November, [Website](in German)

**Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk:** 31 March & 30 September, [Website](in German)

**Evangelisches Studienwerk e. V. Villigst:** 1 June & 1 December, [Website](in German)

**Friedrich Ebert Stiftung:** Applications can be submitted at any time, [Website](in German)

**Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom:** 30 April & 31 October, [Website](in German)

**Hans Seidel Stiftung:** 31 May & 2 November, [Website](in German)

**Heinrich Böll Stiftung:** 1 March & 1 September, [Website](in German)

**Konrad Adenauer Stiftung:** 15 January & 15 July, [Website](in German)

**Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung:** 1 April & 1 October, [Website](in German)

**Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft:** 31 January & 1 August (12 noon), [Website](in German)

**Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes e. V.:** Applications can be submitted at any time. [Website](in German)

**Contact:** Universität Bielefeld, Department for Personnel & Organisation, Team "Career advice for early and mid-career researchers"

**DAAD: Research Grants for Doctoral Students**

**Deadline:** 15 March 2022, selection date in May/June, scholarships start from August 2022

**Website:** [research scholarship](in German)

The programme supports research stays abroad during a doctorate. The stay abroad can last between one and twelve months; it is also possible to split the funding over time and to carry out research in several countries. Funding can be granted twice during the entire doctorate. Both instances must be applied for separately. There must be a period of at least six months between the end of the first and the beginning of the second funding period. The total funding period in the course of a doctorate can be a maximum of 18 months. The duration of the individual grants cannot be extended.

Applications are open to doctoral candidates who are pursuing a doctoral degree at a German university or at a university of applied sciences with the right to award doctorates, as well as to cooperative doctoral candidates, provided that the cooperation is carried out in collaboration with a German university with the right to award doctorates. The commencement of doctoral studies may not be more than three years before the time of application, unless there are special reasons.

Doctoral scholarship holders of the Begabtenförderungswerke (organisations for the promotion of gifted students) cannot apply for DAAD funding abroad, as these institutions can support their stays abroad to an extent comparable to the DAAD scholarship.

**Contact:** Universität Bielefeld Department for Personnel & Organisation, [Team "Career advice for young and mid-career researchers"]
Postdocs

Roman Herzog Forschungspreis Soziale Marktwirtschaft

**Deadline:** 31 December 2022

**Website:** [Roman Herzog Institut](http://Roman Herzog Institut)

The Roman Herzog Institute awards the Roman Herzog Research Prize Social Market Economy to young academics whose dissertations or post-doctoral theses deal with the future viability of the social market economy and thus with the central regulatory issues of the 21st century. The prize is awarded annually and is endowed with prize money totalling 35,000 euros.

The RHI's aim is to restore the ethical principles of the social market economy, which are not only based on competition and profit maximisation, but also on solidarity and responsibility for the common good. The prize is intended to contribute to supporting the work of researchers and thought leaders who work on these topics academically and present them in an excellent way that can be understood by the general public. Contributions from all disciplines are welcome.

Self-applications as well as proposals from faculties and institutes are possible.

**Contact:** Universität Bielefeld, Department for Personnel & Organisation, [Team "Career advice for early and mid-career researchers: Postdocs"](mailto:Team "Career advice for early and mid-career researchers: Postdocs")

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Hector Research Career Development Award

**Deadline:** 30 October 2022

**Website:** [Hector Fellow Academy](http://Hector Fellow Academy)

Since 2020, the Hector Fellow Academy offers the opportunity to apply for the Hector Research Career Development Award (Hector RCD Award). W1 assistant professors (with or without Tenure Track) and junior research group leaders in similar positions in natural or engineering sciences, medicine or psychology, who work at German universities or research institutions are encouraged in further strengthening their independent research.

The Award is endowed with 25,000 € and includes, among others, additional funding for one doctoral position. It is awarded annually to 3-5 scientists. At least 50% of the awards each year are reserved for female scientists.

The researchers honored with the Award will be accepted for five years as members of the network of top scientists of the Hector Fellow Academy, which is composed of Hector Science Award winners and excellent young researchers. This membership entitles the Award winners to submit applications for further funding formats, e.g. for the organization of workshops/conferences or the presentation of a Speakers Award.

**Contact:** Universität Bielefeld, Department for Personnel & Organisation, [Team "Career advice for young and mid-career researchers: Postdocs"](mailto:Team "Career advice for young and mid-career researchers: Postdocs")

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The advertisements listed here represent a selection of current funding opportunities. For your individual and subject-specific search, Bielefeld University provides access to the Servicestelle für Elektronische Forschungsförderinformationen im deutschsprachigen Raum (Service for Electronic Research Funding Information in German-Speaking Countries) [ELFI](http://ELFI), which collects and processes calls for proposals and information on funding bodies.

Please feel free to pass on information on calls for proposals or events to your colleagues by forwarding the Newsletter. If you are not yet registered but would like to receive this Newsletter regularly, please send us your information and we will be happy to include it in the next issue.

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