Call for Applications - Bielefeld Young Researchers Fund (BYRF)

for the promotion of young scientists, the next round of the Bielefeld Young Researchers Fund (BYRF) will take place in fall. Please note that the current deadline for applications is April 1st, 2022. Students preparing for a doctorate, doctoral candidates in the final phase of their doctorate and postdocs can apply for the following measures of the BYRF:

1. **CAREER BRIDGE MASTER - DOCTORATE**
   Particularly qualified Master's graduates of Bielefeld University can apply for a CAREER BRIDGE MASTER - DOCTORATE to finance a transitional and preparatory phase for doctoral projects in the Funding Line for PhD-Students. The Career Bridge Master - Doctorate is offered for a duration of max. 6 months with a monthly stipend of 1.000,- €.

2. **DOCTORATE COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIPS**
   In the funding line for PhD-students, DOCTORATE COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIPS are provided with a duration of 6 months and a monthly stipend of € 1,250; the stipend can be increased by the faculty to a maximum of € 1,750.

In the funding line POSTDOCS, young scientists who have completed their doctorate within the last five years or whose promotion procedure has already been officially opened can apply for one of the three funding measures.

3. **RESEARCH SUBSIDIES AND PROMOTION OF MOBILITY**
   The measure RESEARCH SUBSIDIES AND PROMOTION OF MOBILITY is intended to fund research subsidies and promotion of mobility for postdocs. The travel funds can be used for research trips (for example in order to visit archives) and for short research trips to an international guest institute. The maximum funding amount is EUR 5,000 for a period of up to 12 months.

4. **ENTRY INTO THIRD PARTY RESEARCH**
   The measure ENTRY INTO THIRD PARTY RESEARCH is intended to facilitate the preparation for third-party funded applications by young academics. Postdocs can apply for financial support in order to facilitate the entry into third-party funded research. This could be to cover costs such as assistants, preliminary study materials or travel expenses for visiting cooperation partners or conferences. The maximum funding amount is EUR 15,000 for a period of up to 12 months.

5. **CAREER BRIDGE DOCTORATE-POSTDOC**
   In order to finance the costs of living during the "transition period" after earning a doctorate, young academics without employment/scholarships can apply for a CAREER BRIDGE DOCTORATE-POSTDOC in the amount of 2,000 €/month for a period of up to 12 months. The scholarship amount can be increased by the faculty/working unit to a maximum amount of EUR 2,500. Aiming at supporting the application for third party funding of a corresponding existing position or group of junior scientists and in order to prepare an application for third-party funding, scholars can also apply for research aid and measures for the promotion of mobility alongside the scholarship.

For any further information on BYRF, please visit our website [www.uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchsfonds](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchsfonds). We provide comprehensive information concerning the application process and guidelines as well as criteria for funding.

Please note: Any application must use the application forms provided on our website. Applicants in the funding lines for PhD-students must also provide an assessment by their supervisor which is to be sent to nachwuchsfonds@uni-bielefeld.de directly by the supervisor no later than April 1st, 2022. A form for the assessment is available on our website.

Please also note the special conditions for applications from the Medical School.

All application forms must include a signature by the supervisor and a representative of the faculty/institution head confirming their support for the application. Therefore, applicants must send their complete applications via e-mail to their supervisors and faculties (administrative head/dean) on time.
The supervisors and faculties are then asked to forward this e-mail to nachwuchsfonds@uni-bielefeld.de by April 1st 22.

All forms and documents for applying are available for download on our website: www.uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchsfonds

Should you have specific questions concerning the BYRF, please use our online-consultation for applicants:

**FUNDING LINE FOR PHD-STUDENTS:**

February 14th, 2022, 09:00-10:00 am
https://uni-bielefeld.zoom.us/j/97316514201?pwd=aEIUSCs3SW52WjZiRjMrRjBSTEtwQT09

Meeting-ID: 973 1651 4201
Password: 727671

**FUNDING LINE FOR POSTDOCS:**

February 14th, 2022, 10:30-11:30 am
https://uni-bielefeld.zoom.us/j/99277395025?pwd=dGZsRnlyTForUy9ic1ZyaHRhY043dz09

Meeting-ID: 992 7739 5025
Password: 965746

Should you have any further questions, please contact us via nachwuchsfonds@uni-bielefeld.de