

Application for financial support in the framework of  
Bielefeld Young Researchers' Fund, funding line PhD students:  
Career Bridge Master- Doctorate

Please read the [information sheet](#) to fill in the form.

In case of questions, feel free to contact [nachwuchsfonds@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:nachwuchsfonds@uni-bielefeld.de)

A German version of this form is available at [uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchsfonds](http://uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchsfonds)

Applicant's profile

Name:  Surname:

Total sum applied for:  Intended start date of funding:

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Bachelor degree: number of terms needed & final grade:

Master's degree: number of terms needed & final grade:

Supervisor of Master thesis and faculty:

## Personal qualification

[Information given in this section can further strengthen your application. It is not required to fulfil any of these criteria in order to be eligible for funding.]

## Prizes, awards and third-party funding acquired:

[Please state the source and sum of the funding etc. In case of third-party funding, explain your role/extent of participation in the application. For prizes and awards, please let us know the type of work that won the prize (e.g. best poster) if this is not obvious from the prize's name.]

Research stays abroad and in other research groups/labs/etc. since the beginning of your doctorate:

## Special commitments, participation in University bodies & additional qualifications:

[Information on special roles you have in the running of the University's research or administration (e.g. lab management, organising of conferences, editorship for a journal, membership in a University commission, representative of your status group, mentoring etc.) and on qualifications towards a career in science (e.g. courses on leadership, science management, teaching, scientific writing etc.).]

Teaching experience:

## Science communication/engagement with general public:

[e.g. newspaper articles or other media reports on your research, articles etc. by yourself about research-related topics, participation in outreach activities or other communication of science-related topic to the general public.]

## Master thesis

### Title & description of Master thesis

[max. 1 page / 400 words: Give a short description of your Master thesis. Please note: The text must be understandable to University members who are not members of your faculty; State your research questions/hypotheses and contextualise them in the current state of research in your field. Further, briefly explain your methods and give (preliminary) results if possible. Also state which parts of the project (i.e. research question/ methods) were developed by yourself, if any. If necessary, you may cite publications in the text. Please use a simple format for this, just giving the (first) author and publication year (e.g. Roughgarden et al., 2015). A full reference list at the end of the text is not required.]



## Description of your intended doctoral project:

Subject & potential supervisor:

Topic of intended doctoral project:

## Description of your intended doctoral project

[max. 1 page / 400 words: Short description of your plans for your intended project. The text must be understandable to University members who are not members of your faculty.

a) Short description of your intended research project: Please include your research questions/hypotheses and contextualise them in the current state of research, including a statement of their relevance. Further, briefly explain your methods, the connection between your Master thesis and doctoral project, innovative aspects, and which parts of the project are designed by yourself versus those set out by your supervisor. Also explain your reasons for choosing this supervisor for your project. As above, you may cite publications in the text using a simple format of "(author, year)". A full reference list at the end of the text is not required.

b) Current state of the project (e.g. discussions with your supervisor, first background research done or project sketch written, preparatory classes) and your own contribution to this state vs. that of your supervisor]

## Your next career step:

[max. 1 page / 300 words: Please include the following:

- How do you intend to finance your doctoral phase? (e.g. Do you expect a position to be available in your research group? If yes, is this position already established, or is there a current third-party application under way to fund the position? If no: Which alternatives (e.g. scholarship programmes) are you considering, or have you applied for already?
- How much exchange and how much support have you already had with/by your potential supervisor?
- Have you discussed your project with other experts already (e.g. potential collaborators, co-supervisors, members of the research group)?
- Do you have affiliations to the research group you intend to do your doctorate in already (e.g. participation in seminars, contribution to other projects)?



## Time schedule

[Please describe which work steps you are planning each month from now until the end of your funding by BYRF. Depending on how soon you would like your scholarship to start, you should fill in 9-15 months. Please note that you can apply for scholarships from 1 to 6 months in length. An extension beyond the length you apply for is not possible. Please describe both your work on your project itself as well as preparations for its funding, i.e. writing of project proposals or applications. Also include any other steps towards your scientific career such as courses, networking etc. The time schedule will form part of the evaluation. Therefore, please take care to enable reviewers from outside your field to understand and assess it.]

Month	Intended work steps

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## Statement of the potential supervisor

Herewith I confirm that all necessary resources which will be needed to conduct the described research project are assured. The applicant is supported by the faculty/institute as follows:

[Please provide some detailed information on support provided by the faculty/institute, for example past and future regular discussions of the planned project and career development, additional funding, provision of a workplace, equipment, institutional integration, participation in conferences ...]

Please attach a separate assessment to the application using the evaluation form from our website

[www.uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchsfonds](http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/nachwuchsfonds).

Name:

Date:

Signature:

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## Statement of the Faculty

This application has been duly noted by the management of the faculty / institute (dean or head of faculty administration).

Name [in block letters]:

Stamp:

Date:

Signature:

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## Applicant's signature

Date:

Signature:

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## Attachments:

- 1) Curriculum vitae in tabular form (max 2 pages).
- 2) Copy of academic degree certificate(s)
- 3) Transcript of our Master's courses
- 4) Attachment 'Personal Information' (Please submit this directly to the BYRF in a separate Email.)

**Documents 1-3 and this application form must be submitted as ONE PDF document!**