

Call for Applications - Bielefeld Young Researchers Fund (BYRF)

The next round of the Bielefeld Young Researchers Fund (BYRF) for the promotion of young scientists will take place in the fall. **The deadline for applications is 3rd April 2024.**

Funding line PhD Students:

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:

a) Career Bridge Master - Doctorate

Particularly qualified Master's graduates who graduates at Bielefeld University or intend to obtain their doctorate here can apply for this scholarship 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.

b) Doctoral Completion Scholarships

These scholarships are provided with a duration of 6 months and a monthly stipend of €1,250; the stipend can be increased by the faculty by a maximum of €500.

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:

c) Research Subsidies and Promotion of Mobility

This measure 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 €5,000 for a period of up to 12 months.

d) Entry into Third-Party Research

This measure is intended to facilitate the preparation of 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.

e) 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 by a maximum amount of €500. Additional child benefits of €250/month/child are awarded by BYRF where applicable. 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 uni-bielefeld.de/en/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 3rd, 2024**. A form for the assessment is available on our website. The career bridges and doctoral completion scholarship can be increased in case of an applicant providing for children. Please fill in the Declaration of Parenthood from our website if you think you are eligible.

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) before the deadline.

The supervisors and faculties are then asked to forward this e-mail to nachwuchsfonds@uni-bielefeld.de by 3rd April 2024.

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

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

Funding Line for PhD-Students:

06TH MARCH 24, 9-10 AM

<https://uni-bielefeld.zoom-x.de/j/66546044480?pwd=SIMzNTZLa3ZPNHowVVI0VEVTNXhyUT09>

Meeting-ID: 665 4604 4480

Password: 907836

Funding Line for Postdocs:

06TH MARCH 24, 10:30-11:30 AM

<https://uni-bielefeld.zoom-x.de/j/67551349492?pwd=ZDdjQVBhM01ua1BieVI5TjhRTHIYZz09>

Meeting-ID: 675 5134 9492

Password: 953329

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