

Preparation of project proposals for ESF Plus doctorates (regional innovation doctorate)

This scheme for doctoral scholarships is a great opportunity if you would like to work towards a more sustainable future of humanity. Scholarships must have a relevance for the Saxon labour market & for us this means solar cell or LED-related research.

If you are interested, contact Simon with your preliminary idea for a project, your CV, and a transcript of records – all collated into one .pdf document.

In case of a good fit, there will be a multi-stage assessment process at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Chemnitz University of Technology, and finally at the Saxon Ministry. The ultimate application will be in German, but all interaction towards it can be done in English.

The final application must include:

- **Cover page**
 - Duration of the project: Start - specified by the announcement; End - maximum 4 years duration (if possible, request 4 years - it's always possible to submit earlier, extending afterwards is not possible)
 - Requested grant: 1700 € basic stipend (LIP) per month → € 81600 for 48 months duration; Child allowance of €100 per month per child
- **Signed CV**
 - Tabular CV – signed; Personal information and contact details; Professional career, education, internships; Research projects (named); Special skills and qualifications
- **Copy of degree certificate or enrolment certificate**
 - Master's degree must be completed before the start of the doctorate
- **For foreign applicants**
 - Expression of Interest to the Free State of Saxony; the applicant declares to remain in Saxony as a worker for at least 6 months after completing the doctorate
- **Description of individual doctoral projects**
 - max. 5 pages, font size 11 (cover page, table of contents and bibliography do not count towards the 5 pages)
 - Cover page: TUC logo and ESF Plus logo
○ Thesis topic
○ Name of the doctoral candidate
○ Name/title of supervisor, professorship
○ Duration
○ Assignment to points a-e on page 3 FöBa
○ Applicable keywords according to FöBa, pages 6-7
 - Adopt the exact structure as specified in FöBa (headings, subheadings)
- **Bibliography**
- **Letter of Intent from the supervising professor, cooperating institutions, etc.**

All documents must be written in German - the official language of the funding provider

For non-EU citizens: A residence permit must be available from the start of the funding until the end of the project duration. Please address this issue in the preliminary examination/submission.

The basis for the development of project proposals is primarily the [ESF Plus guidelines 2021-2027 as well as the corresponding funding module](#), the requirements of which must be strictly adhered to. This includes page numbers, specific structure, funding-compliant duration (start date), etc. The "ESF language" (terminology, etc.) should also be used as clearly as possible! Doctorates that have already begun are excluded from funding (exception: compatibility of family and academic career). A doctorate is considered to have begun if the person to be funded is already listed on a doctoral candidate list of Chemnitz University of Technology - enrolled as a doctoral student or registered for a doctorate.

[Original German call](#)

[English information via TU Dresden](#)