



## University-Wide Call for Proposals in the Funding Line Dahlem International Network PostDocs

### Corner Stones

- A. **Aims:** The promotion of excellent junior researchers at Freie Universität Berlin in the context of the university's career path model. The second year of research includes a stay of usually 4-6 months at a university abroad or a local non-university research institution. This stay is aimed at strengthening regional and international networks and at enabling researchers to gain the qualifications necessary for furthering their career at Freie Universität. After the stay abroad a re-integration phase at the Freie Universität of at least 3 months is required.
- B. **Target Group:** Junior researchers with an outstanding academic record who have gone through graduate training or a postdoc period at Freie Universität Berlin and who will contribute to sharpening the university's profile by working in current coordinated projects (Focus Areas, Clusters of Excellence, Graduate Schools, SFBs, etc. of Freie Universität). We strongly encourage female researchers to submit their application.
- C. **Eligibility:** Junior researchers who have received their doctoral degree not more than three years ago and who are at the moment either employed by Freie Universität or who are receiving a grant or a fellowship from it. Junior researchers who are not currently linked to Freie Universität in such a manner but have been within the last six months may also apply.
- D. **Selection Criteria:**
- **Formal Criteria:**
    - Completed doctoral degree (a preliminary confirmation needs to be provided)
    - Maximum length of doctoral research<sup>1</sup> (until submission of the Ph.D. thesis): 3,5 years for scholarship holders; 4,5 years for research assistants who had to fulfill teaching duties
    - Completion of the doctoral degree within the past three years as counted from the day the application is submitted<sup>1</sup>
    - Either employed by Freie Universität or connected to it through grants and fellowships (either currently or within the past six months<sup>1</sup>)
    - Confirmation of supervision and workplace provision by a current coordinated project at Freie Universität Berlin (Focus Area, Cluster of Excellence, Graduate School, SFB, etc.)
    - Confirmation of supervision and workplace provision by the international host university or the non-university research institution in the Berlin-Brandenburg region
  - **Content-Related Criteria:**
    - Innovativeness of the research question
    - Quality of the research plan
    - Outstanding academic performance (quality of the doctoral thesis, publications, awards, etc.)
    - International experience desirable
    - Teaching experience desirable

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<sup>1</sup> Parental leave, severe illness, and family care can be offset.

E. **Funding Details:** TVL E13-Position (100%) for 24 months,; travel expenses depending on destination

F. **Announcement:** Application deadline is April 1, 2014. A second announcement is planned (expected application deadline: February 1, 2015)

G. **Application Materials:**

Please send the following materials in the specified order in a single PDF file (not more than 5 MB) to [crs@fu-berlin.de](mailto:crs@fu-berlin.de):

1. The completed and signed application form (cf. *PostDoc\_Application.doc*)
2. A research plan of no more than 10 pages, including a description of how the project fits into one of Freie Universität's current coordinated projects (cf. form *PostDoc\_Research\_Plan.doc*)
3. A complete list of publications, teaching experience, and other academic achievements (cf. form *PostDoc\_Research\_Performance.doc*)
4. A letter from a current coordinated project (Focus Area, SFB, etc.) guaranteeing supervision and the provision of a workplace (cf. form *PostDoc\_Stellungnahme\_Bereich.doc*)
5. A letter from the local non-university research institution or the international host university guaranteeing supervision and the provision of a workplace (cf. form *PostDoc\_Statement\_Host\_Institution.doc*)
6. Doctoral certificate (or a preliminary confirmation) and relevant diplomas
7. A relevant publication (or a work sample)
8. Copy of your contract of employment or certificate of scholarship from Freie Universität

**To be sent directly to the CRS by the letter writers:**

9. Two letters of recommendation from professors (at least one of whom needs to be on the faculty of Freie Universität). These letters need to be sent by email directly to the CRS (cf. form *PostDoc\_Expert\_Review.doc*)

**Please note:** The research plan needs to be made available to both the supervising professor at Freie Universität and the supervisor at the host institution as early as possible, since both are asked to assess it in their statements. The letters of recommendation need to be requested early enough so they can be sent to the CRS by April 1 the latest.

H. **Selection Process:**

January 2014: University-wide call for proposals, application materials available [online](#)

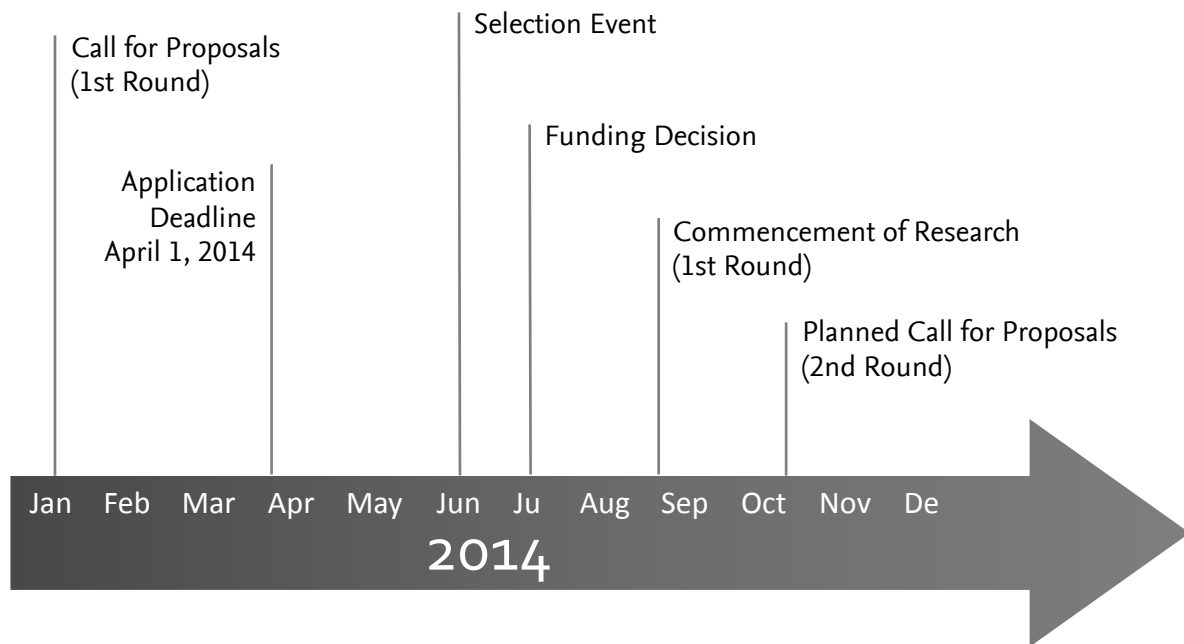
April 1, 2014: Application deadline

End of June 2014: Selection event

July 2014: notification of the funding decision

September 1 or October 1, 2014: Expected commencement of research

Applications do not entitle applicants to make legal claims. Reasons for the rejection of proposals will not be made available to applicants.



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