

## 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. A minimum of six months of research is followed by 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 reintegration phase at the Freie Universität of at least six 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, it is handed out at the doctoral program office after a successful disputation)
    - Maximum length of doctoral research<sup>1,2</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.)

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

<sup>2</sup> The maximum length of doctoral research can be slightly exceeded if a doctoral degree was completed abroad or in the case of justified exceptions.

- International experience desirable
- Teaching experience desirable

- E. **Funding Details:** TVL E13-Position (100%) for 24 months,; travel expenses depending on destination
- F. **Announcement:** Application deadline is **January 15, 2015**. This is likely to be the last announcement round of the funding line.
- 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 *Post-Doc\_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 send 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 January 15, 2015 the latest.

H. **Selection Process:**

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

January 15, 2015: Application deadline

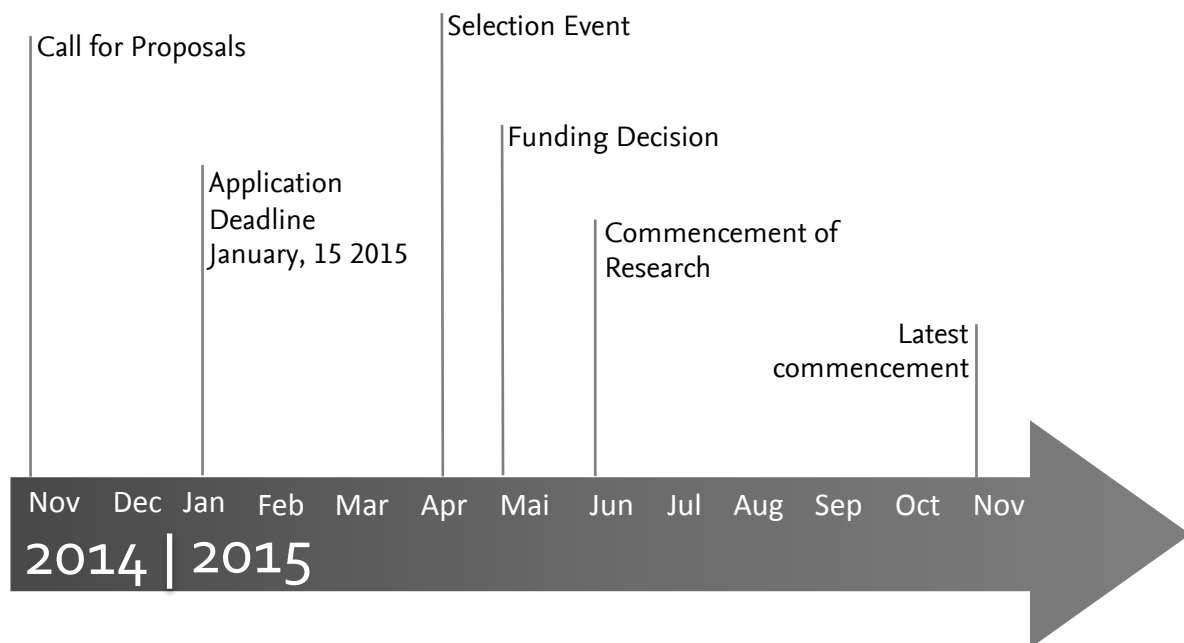
Middle of April 2015: Selection event

Beginning of May 2015: notification of the funding decision

June 1, 2015: Expected commencement of research

November 1, 2015, at the latest: 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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