

PRE-DOC FELLOWSHIPS from the Dimitrov Endowment

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STATUTES

The pre-doc fellowships are intended to offer students in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering sciences the opportunity of producing a competitive application for third-party funding to obtain secured financing for the doctoral/PhD course of studies.

Target group

Invited to apply are highly qualified young researchers in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering sciences who

- have completed their master's studies magna cum laude,
- wishing to pursue doctoral/PhD studies at an Austrian university, and
- who demonstrate social need

Completion of the master's studies must not lie more than 18 months in the past (cut-off date is the submission deadline). Exceptions to this rule due to mandatory obligations (military service/civilian service, illness, disability, etc.) are possible but require submission of corresponding proof.

Applicants who have not yet completed their master's studies by the submission deadline may apply, provided they are able to subsequently submit the official diploma within six weeks.

Objective

The fellowships are intended to offer students in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences and the engineering sciences the opportunity to produce a competitive application for third-party funding or to obtain secured financing for doctoral/PhD studies.

Duration of support

The fellowships are awarded for a term of three to a maximum of six months and must be commenced within three months of announcement of the award.

(Exceptions to this rule are possible due to unforeseen personal or family circumstances but require submission of the corresponding proof.)

Amount of the support

The amount of the fellowship comes to EUR 910.00 per month.

The fellowship is intended to make a contribution to covering the costs of living. Additional costs such as travel costs or printing costs allowances cannot be applied for.

Disbursement of the fellowship occurs directly to the supported parties. Disbursement of the fellowship for a period of time prior to the actual commencement is not provided for.

Conditions

The applicants are at liberty to also apply to other places (offering fellowships). Such applications and the information about their outcome must however be reported in writing to the Department for Fellowships and Awards of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

For proof of social need, upon application information on marital status and family size (number of children) as well as the applicant's own assets or personal income evidence must be submitted.

Other income (such as other fellowship sources, study allowances, unemployment benefits, pension, etc.) must be disclosed. Employment with an extent of employment of more than ten hours per week is not allowed and will entail immediate cessation of disbursement.

Should fellows fail to adhere to the conditions of the fellowship, they must pay back their funding.

Goal achievement

At the latest one month after termination of the period of support, the third-party funding application as well as proof of filing of the application with a national or international grant organisation must be submitted (by email to: [stipendien.berichte\(at\)oeaw.ac.at](mailto:stipendien.berichte@oeaw.ac.at)).

In all publications resulting from the support, the notation "Supported in connection with pre-doc fellowships from the Dimitrov Endowment of ÖAW" or "Funded with the assistance of the Dimitrov Fellowship Programme of ÖAW" must be included.

Selection and Award

The selection procedure for a pre-doc fellowship from funds of the ÖAW Dimitrov Endowment takes about two months.

An Award Committee, whose members are nominated by the Austrian Academy of Sciences, decides on allocation of the fellowships. The decision on the award of fellowships is made on the basis of the comparative assessment of the applications by the Committee members; in addition, external reviewers may also be engaged.

If applications are considered by persons to whom individual committee members have a close professional or private relationship, those committee members will not take part in the decision-making process.

There is no legal appeal.

Selection criteria

- Performance and length of studies
- Special achievements, distinctions, prizes
- Publications, (international) mobility
- Statement of the dissertation supervisor

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