Wrap up - GNK Corona Short-Term Scholarship

The Gutenberg Council for Young Researchers (GNK) provides short-term scholarships for doctoral candidates at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) to assist with completion of their dissertations.

Who is eligible for funding?

Funding is available to doctoral candidates registered at JGU, who are in the final stages of completing their doctorate and whose completion has been negatively impacted by the Corona pandemic in such a way that their previous funding will expire or has already expired. Examples include the closure of laboratories or archives, prohibition of work in laboratories/medical fields due to pregnancy, health impairments, etc.

Purpose, amount and duration of the scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to enable doctoral candidates to finalize and submit their dissertations including cumulative dissertations or to prepare for and participate in their defense or viva voce examination.

The scholarship is 1400 € per month additionally a child supplement in accordance with the JGU scholarship guidelines could be available. A health insurance subsidy will not be paid. The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of three consecutive months.

The funding program runs until June 2022 (earliest payment start: November 2021; last payment: June 2022). Funding is limited, please apply early. There is no legal entitlement to funding.

The scholarship does not constitute an employment contract with JGU.

Award criteria, documents to be submitted and selection process

Award criteria
- Consistent performance to date
- Verifiable delay in completion beyond the control of the applicant and due to the impact of the Corona pandemic (e.g., as a result of laboratory, archives, or library closures, health impairments, child care facility closures, travel restrictions, etc.)
- Prospect of being able to successfully complete the research project within three months or less

Documents to be submitted
- Informal application by email with reference to the above-mentioned criteria (max. 2 pages) including the name of the first supervisor, desired start date of the scholarship (please note: last payment will be made in June 2022) and funding period requested
- Summary of your current and upcoming income situation
- Outline of your time and work schedule showing that the funded purpose can be completed within the funding period
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form including results of all final examinations (Bachelor's, Master's, state examinations); we may request your transcripts if necessary
- If available: List of lectures and publications
• Completed and signed JGU general scholarship application form
• Completed and signed JGU Scholarship Guidelines Declaration

In addition:
• A confirmation letter from the first supervisor verifying the time and work schedule and, in the case of previous employment as a research assistant, confirming that continued employment is not possible.

Selection process
• Scholarships are awarded in accordance to the JGU scholarship guidelines dated 15 February 2021
• Applications must be submitted electronically to the Gutenberg Council for Young Researchers office: gnk@uni-mainz.de
• Application deadline: 15 October 2021

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