

# PostDoc Plus Program - Information event -

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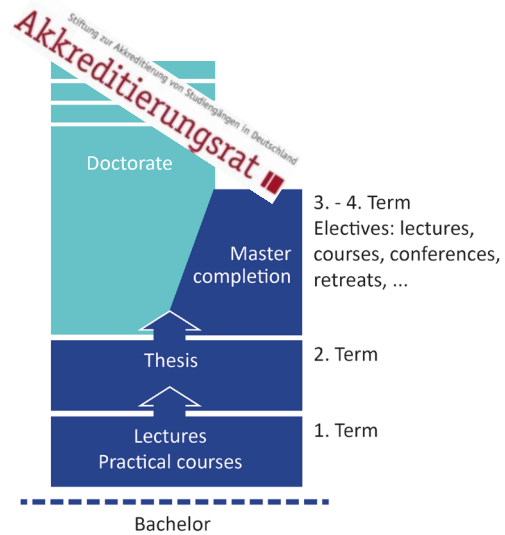
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# Why Graduate Schools ? The Würzburg Model



- Platform for interdisciplinary approach
- Same criteria for all departments/faculties
- Thesis committee
- Structured training program
- Junior group leaders can be PIs

# Programs of the GSLS



doctoral phase

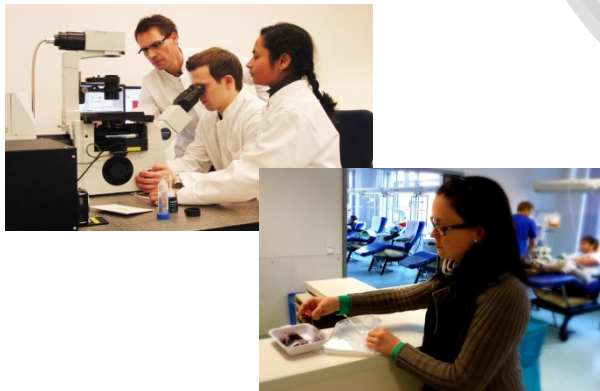


master phase

postdoctoral phase

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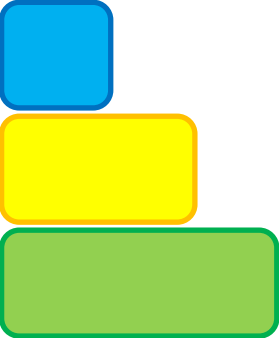
MD phase



## Why does the GSLS support postdocs?

- The transition from a postdoc to an independent group leader is challenging
- Many postdocs are in need of encouragement and support
- Only few initiatives at our university support postdocs as a group

### Aims of the PostDoc Plus program:

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- Provide the opportunity to expand professional networks
  - Support the development of your academic profile
  - Offer a stepping stone for your next career move

## Funding data:

229 applications in ten calls

57 researchers funded with a total funding volume of 697.000 Euro

## Publications driven by funding (2022):

24 published, 2 in preparation

## External funding (2022):

15 successful grant applications (e.g. ERC, DFG, BMBF, Dt. Krebshilfe)

6 grant applications in preparation or submitted

## Career support (2022):

12 funded postdoctoral researchers have achieved group leader status,

8 of them in Würzburg, 2 professorships, 1 junior professorship

## Statements:

- *“The GSLS PostDoc Plus program was key for my career progression. It allowed me to develop my own research field, setting the basis of my current research as an independent Principal Investigator.”*
- *“The data were very helpful for my applications for junior group leader positions, which probably would not have gone this well w/o the data from the screen.”*
- *“Currently I am establishing my own group. Basically, in my case the whole purpose of the PostDoc Plus program has been fulfilled.”*

# PostDoc Plus Program

## - Funding -

- The GSLS offers **12.500 Euro for one year** for up to six postdoctoral researchers
- PostDoc Plus funding should support initial experiments to develop a proposal for external funding
- Budget can be spent on:
  - Supplies & consumables
  - Student research assistants (HiWis)
  - Workshop fees
  - Travel costs
  - Publication costs
- No salary!

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<https://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/forschung/researchacademy/>



**JMU's continuing education programme**

<https://www.uni-wuerzburg.de/lehre/profilehre/>

**We offer participation in the program for PhD students if slots are available.**

The GSLS values your input on topics!





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## GSLs Workshops

## Transferable Skills and Scientific Workshops

Below you will find an overview of all workshops offered by the GSLs. To make your planning easier we have sorted the workshops according to the stage of your PhD. Please note that this is a recommendation and there is no deadline for e.g. attending early stage workshops.

To get an overview about upcoming workshops or to register for a workshop, please have a look [here](#).

This list will be updated continuously, so please check regularly for new events.

Guidance for participants admitted to the GSLS - [short](#) / [pictured](#)Guidance for participants NOT admitted to the GSLS - [short](#) / [pictured](#)

### EARLY STAGE WORKSHOPS

- Good Scientific Practice
- Intercultural Communication
- Poster Design & Presentation
- Oral Presentation
- Academic Writing (for Beginners)
- EndNote for Scientists
- Literature Research Strategies for Scientists
- Networking at International Conferences
- Project management
- Open Access and Copyright in Science

ACCORDING TO YOUR NEEDS

- Scientific Writing
- Scientific Publishing
- Writing of Scientific Papers
- Supervising BSc and MSc Students
- Critical Reasoning and Logic
- Improved Reading
- Visual Communication of Science

## ADVANCED STAGE WORKSHOPS

- Cover Letter & CV
- Job Interview
- Introduction Biotech Industries
- Quality Management and Audit Biotech Industries
- Good Clinical Practice

## SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOPS

- Basic Statistics
- Statistical Analysis with R
- Software Carpentry
- Scientific Image Processing and Analysis
- Advanced Image Analysis and Macro Programming



**Contact us for further information**


Any questions?  
Send us an  **email** and we will support you.

► **Online Registration for Workshops and Careers Talks**

Please **register online** if you would like to attend a workshop or careers talk.

Make sure to also know our **Rules & Regulations**.

**Got further questions?**

Our scientific coordinator  **Dr. Juliane Fiebig** will do her best to answer your questions. You can also approach her with suggestions for workshop topics.

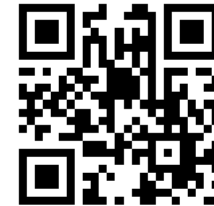
For organizational questions please contact the GSLS office ([gsls-info@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:gsls-info@uni-wuerzburg.de)).







- **Mentoring:** for female doctoral students, mentoring, training, networking (duration one year, call for applications in autumn; participants must be fluent in german)
- **Postdoc & International:** qualification during postdoc phase or habilitation, workshops, coaching, networking (duration one year, call for applications in autumn)



### Women's Leadership Program

for female (junior) professors and experienced working group leaders: Workshops on leadership, chair management, conflicts, positioning in power arenas, media and interview training, individual coaching, networking with alumnae, fireside chats



### Gender Consulting Service for DFG-funded programs

primarily aimed at young female researchers who are actively involved in a DFG-funded collaborative project: workshops and training sessions on career development; for researchers of all genders: joint training courses, which address gender aspects



- You are currently working in a research group affiliated with the GSLS
- You will **stay at the University of Würzburg** for the duration of the funding period
- You are **not** already a member of the GSLS
- Completion of the doctorate no longer than 5 years prior to the application (parental leave does not account)

## Important !

- Letter of support of the current PI needs to be included in the application
- Successful candidates are expected to present their findings in a seminar

# PostDoc Plus Funding

## - 8th Call for Funding, 2020 -

### *The Winners*



Name	Project title	Section
<b>Beck, Sarah</b>	The role of platelet GPV and CLEC-2 in vascular homeostasis	BM
<b>Bothe, Sebastian</b>	Design of novel antibiotics using fragment-based drug discovery targeting the SAM-I riboswitch	BM
<b>Erbacher, Christoph</b>	Impact of lysosomal Gb3 deposits on sensory neuronal pathways in Fabry disease	NSC
<b>Kade, Juliane</b>	Artificial multi-layer membrane engineering of biomimetic periosteum for accelerated bone repair and regeneration	BM
<b>Moradi, Mehri</b>	Toward novel functions of C9orf72 as ribosome modulator and translation regulator in axons of spinal motoneurons	NSC
<b>Peulen, Thomas-Otavio</b>	Integrative biology of the Holliday junction ATP-dependent DNA helicase RuvA in early-phase biofilms	BM

## Timetable

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# How to apply?



# PostDoc Plus Program

## - Information on the GSLS website -



### GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

#### Join the GSLS

The University of Würzburg provides a world class environment of research institutions, which have a **long and successful tradition of co-operation across faculties**.

The Graduate School of Life Sciences (GSLS) results from a common initiative of the Faculties of **Biology, Medicine, Chemistry** and **Pharmacy, Physics, and Human Sciences** at the University of Würzburg.

Interdisciplinary research training is the key to the success of tomorrow's life scientists. The GSLS provides **structured doctoral research training** in a **highly interdisciplinary research environment**.



Graduate School  
**Life Sciences**

#### Contact

Any questions?  
Send us an **email** and we will support you.

[Get to know the team](#)

#### Social Media



#### Current News

Please note that our response times will be delayed due to holidays in August and September.

GSLS will be closed from August 12th to 18th, 2024.

- Welcome Days - Summer 2024 July 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- PostDoc Plus Information Session July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024
- Application Deadline for the MD Excellence Programme: **September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



#### ➤ EUREKA! 2024

SAVE THE DATE - 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> October

The organizing committee is looking for members.

Please, send an e-mail to [eureka.symposium@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:eureka.symposium@uni-wuerzburg.de) if you are interested in joining the team for this years symposium, everyone is welcome!

[more](#)

#### ➤ Events Calendar

**Okt 10** EUREKA! 2024, 10th & 11th October  
Do, 10.10.2024, 09:00 - 11.10.2024, 18:00 Uhr

#### Upcoming Defences

**Theresa Wildenhain**

Thursday 25th July 2024, 13:00

**Hanna Koch**

Monday 29th July 2024, 10:00

**Yan Zhu**

Wednesday 31st July 2024, 13:00

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## PostDoc Plus Funding

### Purpose

The GSLS recognizes that postdoctoral fellows, regardless of gender, deserve more attention as a group within the university. Among them, female postdoctoral researchers should be especially supported, as this is the career stage where the percentage of women begins to decline. Postdoctoral researchers often work on temporary contracts with pre-defined projects, initially leaving little room to develop their own scientific standing. However, this is crucial for their future academic careers. The PostDoc Plus Funding will support initial experiments to develop a proposal for external funding, such as the DFG's "first own grant" program.

### Benefits

Up to four postdoctoral researchers will receive a **budget of 12,500 EUR** to spend within one year. This money can be spent in accordance to the proposal submitted in the application for:

- Supplies & Consumables (e.g. chemicals, add-ons for equipment, columns etc.)
- Student research assistants (HiWis)
- Workshop fees
- Travel costs
- Publication fees

If the postdoctoral researcher wants to spend the money in another way, please discuss this with the GSLS office prior to the purchase.


Beneficiaries are expected to present their current research and ideas in a seminar format. At the end of the funding period, the results are to be presented either in a seminar or a mini-symposium.

### Application details

The application is open to every postdoctoral researcher who:

1. Is currently working in a research group affiliated with the Graduate School of Life Sciences
2. Intends to stay at the University of Würzburg for the duration of the funding period
3. Is not already a member of the Graduate School of Life Sciences
4. Completed their doctorate no more than five years prior to the application (career breaks due to parental leave will not be counted in the five years)

To apply, please submit the following items by Friday, September 27th, 2024, using the provided link: [APPLICATION FORM LINK](#)

- completed application form 
- a current curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Cover letter
- a detailed research proposal and work programme - not exceeding 4 pages!  
Contents: introduction, main research questions/objectives, work plan incl. time schedule, long-term perspective  
Layout: Regular A4, Arial, font size 11, spacing 1.5
- most important references
- a letter of recommendation from your current primary supervisor

For further information please join us at our information event:

9:00 am on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024; GSLS Building, Beatrice-Edgell-Weg 21, 97074 Würzburg, Lecture Hall.

Please register via the following survey: [Link](#)

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# Application form PostDoc Plus Funding 2024

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Date of graduation \*

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Current supervisor \*

Project title \*

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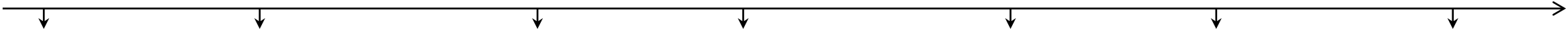
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LinkOut - more resources

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Be ambitious but realistic!



State your objectives clearly



Formulate the deliverables



State the longer-term prospect



Focus on the work program

- The demographic “Postdoctoral researchers” is very heterogeneous. Therefore not every part of the program will appeal to all postdocs.
- If you miss support for a specific area or want to make suggestions, please contact us:  
Dr. Juliane Fiebig ([juliane.fiebig@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:juliane.fiebig@uni-wuerzburg.de))  
Dr. Jennifer Ritzer ([Jennifer.ritzer@uni-wuerzburg.de](mailto:Jennifer.ritzer@uni-wuerzburg.de))
- Participation in one of our events does not infer an obligation to join other events. You only need to participate in events that are useful for you.
- **Please spread the information of this event !**

(Planned) Goals:

- **Registration of Postdocs**
  - Create a comprehensive database of all postdocs at JMU.
- **Landing Page for Postdocs**
  - Develop a dedicated landing page to provide essential resources and information.
- **Regular Info Emails to Registered Postdocs**
  - Send periodic newsletters and updates to keep postdocs informed.
- **Conceptualization of an Annual Program for Postdocs**
  - Design and implement a yearly program with events, workshops, and networking opportunities.
- **Kick-Off Event for the JMU Postdoc Network**
  - Organize an inaugural event to introduce the network and its benefits to postdocs.





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Program of the Postdoc Appreciation Week 2024 is online: <https://paw-germany.de/program-2024/>

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

