#  OBJECTIVE

The IMPRS bridge funding aims to enable IMPRS doctoral candidates without funding to finish their doctoral project. The IMPRS funding may be approved upon application for a maximum of 6 months and only covers salary (contract based on TVöD 13, 65%) but no travel, fees, equipment. This additional funding through IMPRS will only be possible after the 3rd year, preferably during the 4th year. The funding is not a reward for high quality projects and/or participation in the IMPRS. Applications should be submitted to the IMPRS coordinator, ideally 3 months before the start of the requested funding period.

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE-Deadlines 15thof May and 15th of September.

There are two calls for the funding each year. Any non-awarded funds will be transferred to the following year’s budget. To apply for the IMPRS funding submit the following:

* application form,
* statement from supervisor on why they cannot assume the requested funding,
* academic CV of the doctoral student, including info on residence status – (do you require a visa to stay in Germany?)
* family status, for IMPRS students that have special circumstances such as having started a family, or needs to support an elderly or ill person, especial priority for funding is available,
* an explanation by the doctoral candidate on why they need the funding and how they plan to finish within the requested period,
* copies of the TAC meeting minutes specifying the development of the project and financial schedule and, when required, respective actions. Reasons for potential non-fulfillment of the TAC meeting requirements should be explained and argued by the applicant.

# EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The application will be checked for eligibility by the coordinator. The IMPRS board will evaluate all applications within each call, based on the scheme below (with the criteria being ordered by importance but not being for exclusion):

1. Dependence of the residence permit on a guaranteed income (priority will be given to doctoral candidates from non‐EU countries),
2. Family status
3. Feasibility to submit the thesis within the requested period,
4. Suffered significant setbacks (for example due to COVID-19 crisis)
5. 1st IMPRS bridge funding (no other awarding before),
6. Application submitted between 6 months before the end of applicant’s 3rd year and 6 months before the end of their 4th year

**Criterion** (1-2) will be scored 2 or 0 (2 for non-EU citizens that explain their VISA issues; 0 if there are no Visa issues/family status). (3) and (4) will each be scored from 0 – 1. (5) and (6) will each be scored from 0 – 0.5. Except for the first criterion, intermediate scores are possible and indicate partial fulfillment of the criterion. Add the scores for a final value.

Each applicant will be provided with an anonymous score and review from each board member. The average score of all the board members will be the score used to distribute the funding. This score will be presented only to the applicant and will not be released to the student body.

# IMPRS BRIDGE FUNDING ‐ APPLICATION FORM

**Name of doctoral candidate:**

**Name of applying supervisor:**

## Title of doctoral project:

**Start of doctoral project:**

**Expected end of doctoral project** (submission of thesis)

thesis):

**Previous financing** (amount and period of financing, if financed by different sources list all)

Period:

Amount:

Stipend or contract:

Source (supervisor, 3rd

party, scholarship...):

**Requested financing:** From to

## Required documents attached:

 Signed statement of the supervisor (Why does the doctoral candidate need an IMPRS funding and cannot be paid by the supervisor? max 2 page)

 Signed statement of the doctoral candidate (Why do you need IMPRS funding and how do you plan to finish your thesis within the requested period? max 2 pages)

 Academic CV of the doctoral candidate (including info on residence status)

 TAC meeting minutes (including development of project + financial schedule and respective actions)