

POST-DOCTORAL AWARD



OBJECTIVE

The *Post-Doctoral Award* is an **award** for the **best IMPRS doctoral students**. To enable them to finalize their research work and expand academically and professionally. This is meant to allow recent graduates to submit unpublished chapters of their thesis for peer review and/or finish side projects they started during their doctorate, while applying for fellowships and other job opportunities. The award comes with a 6-month post-doc contract (salary TVöD, E13, 100%, no extras), that can start as early **as the doctoral thesis has been defended and passed**. As part of the equal opportunity measures, we ask candidates that require a visa or that have started (or will start) a family during the award period to include this information in the application.

To be eligible to apply for the *Post-Doctoral Award* the applicant must:

- submit their doctoral thesis and defend it before they can receive the post-doc award, if their application is successful.
- conduct the post-Doc. award phase within the research group of their doctoral supervisor or with someone that was involved in at least one of the projects of their doctorate in Germany.
- have no other employment or funding during the requested period of IMPRS support.
- prove the achievements and outstanding quality of the doctoral project (publications, awards, etc.).
- describe the expected outcomes of the post-doc phase within these 6-months.
- **have a German address for the contract to be drawn-up.**

APPLICATION PROCEDURE- Deadlines 15th February, 15th of June and 15th of October

There will be three calls each year, applications should be submitted to the IMPRS coordinator.

To apply, use the application form and submit:

- academic CV, containing a publication list, awards, etc.
- a written statement by the doctoral student demonstrating the achievements and quality of the doctoral project and the expected outcomes of the post-Doc award.
- two recommendation letters (one by the supervisor confirming their willingness to host the applicant, one by an external scientist such as a TAC member or a collaborator involved in the doctoral project).

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The application will be checked for eligibility by the coordinator and then reviewed and scored by the IMPRS board following the below criteria:

- bonus points for early submission of doctoral thesis (1.5 for submitting in 3 years; 1.25 for within 4 years; 0.75 for within 4.5 years; 0.5 for within 5 years; 0 for within six years or longer).
- achievements of the applicant/quality of the doctoral work (publications, awards, etc.). Score from 0 to 1.
- quality of proposal and expected outcomes. Score between 0 (worst) and 1 (best).
- applicants with visa issues or that have started a family receive additional points. Score 0 for “no/none” and 1 for “yes”.

Scoring scale: 0 (average quality or worse) to 1 (outstanding). Maximum possible total score corresponds to 5.5. The IMPRS board will award the grants to the applicant with the highest scores.



POST-DOCTORAL GRANT - APPLICATION FORM

Name of doctoral student:	Name of supervisor:
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Title of doctoral project:

Start of doctoral project: <input type="checkbox"/> submission date	Planned end of doctoral thesis: <input type="checkbox"/> defense
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Requested financing: from _____ to _____

Required documents attached:

- CV with a publication list
 - require a visa for Germany started a family on (date)
 - written statement by the doctoral student demonstrating the achievements and quality of the previous research project and the expected outcomes of the wrap-up post-doc
 - recommendation letter by the supervisor including a confirmation to host the doctoral candidate in their group
 - recommendation letter by an external scientist such as a TAC member or a collaborator involved in the doctoral project
- Name: _____ Relation: _____