

# NEWSLETTER FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

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WELCOME TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AND POSTDOCS, ISSUED BY THE JENNY ALONI CENTRE FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS!

The [\*Jenny Aloni Centre for Early Career Researchers\*](#) brings together numerous institutions at Paderborn University that offer services for doctoral candidates, postdocs, and junior professors. This newsletter brings you the latest news from the Jenny Aloni Centre, courses and events, as well as current calls for applications.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, the language is German. Events and courses in English are marked "[EN]".

## CURRENT COURSES & EVENTS

Start/date	Title	Target group(s)
02.09.2024	German language course: Intensive course B1/B2 - Speaking time	International researchers
03.09.2024	SpeedReading - Read faster and remember more	All
05.09.2024	Module 2 - Activating employee management	(Future) executives
09.09.2024	German language course: Intensive week A2.1	International researchers
16./17.09.2024 19./20.09.2024	Introductory workshops to the university didactics certificate programme	Lecturers
16.09.2024	Copyright in research and teaching	All
17.09.2024	Training on the topic of anti-Semitism	all/consultants
18.09.2024	Dealing with Peer-Reviews [EN]	Doctoral candidates
19.09.2024	Module 3 - Leading meetings professionally	(prospective) managers
24.09.2024	Third-party funding training - business project/separate accounting	All
25.09.2024	Moderating and leading meetings	All
26.09.2024	Dealing with difficult customers	All
26.09.2024	Writing a research proposal	Doctoral candidates
01.10.2024	How to find the job that suits me - job search and career development on the non-academic labour market	All

07.10.2024	Pre-Intermediate English (A2/B1) [EN]	All
08.10.2024	Welcome event "Welcome to the Postdoc" [EN]	New postdocs
09.10.2024	Welcome event "Welcome to the Doctorate" [EN]	New doctoral candidates
08.10.2024	Communicating with international students and staff (A2/B1) [EN]	All
10.10.2024	Beat the Impostor	All
10.10.2024	Academic Writing in English I (B2/C1) [EN]	all
15.10.2024	Academic Writing in English II (C1/C2) [EN]	All
16.10.2024	Presentation skills (B2-C1) [EN]	Alls

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## CURRENT CALLS

Deadline	Call	Target group(s)
03.09.2024	<p><b>Pioneering Research – Exploring the Unknown Unknown</b></p> <p>With the 'Pioneering Research - Explorations of the Unknown Unknown' programme, the Volkswagen Foundation supports ground-breaking and risky research ideas with high scientific relevance. They are looking for projects in the field of basic research that are not dedicated to the already 'known unknown', but explore the 'unknown unknown' - holding the potential of major scientific breakthroughs, but also the risk of failure.</p>	Postdocs
11.09.2024	<p><b>Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: Postdoctoral Fellowships</b></p> <p>The Postdoctoral Fellowships support excellent individual research projects by female researchers who have already completed their doctorates at institutions within and outside Europe. Mobility plays a central role here.</p>	Postdocs
15.09.2024	<p><b>Postdoctoral Fellowships at UPB</b></p> <p>Paderborn University offers postdoctoral scholarships to promote women in science. The aim of the programme is to enable talented young female academics to pursue a successful career in research and teaching after completing their doctorate. Funding is available either to get you started or to provide financial support for the final phase.</p>	Female postdocs
27.09.2024	<p><b>Informal network meetings for female doctoral candidates in the first year of their doctorate</b></p> <p>The informal network meetings serve to connect female doctoral students in the early doctoral phase with each other in order to discuss current challenges and questions among like-minded people, exchange experiences and develop solutions.</p>	Female postdocs

30.09.2024	<p><b>Workshop: Academic career paths and cultural change - visions and perspectives (March 2025)</b></p> <p>The workshop aims to bring together 15 academics in the early stages of their careers to reflect together on the organisation of career paths and working conditions in academia and to think about opportunities for further development. It will take place on 6 and 7 March 2025 at the University of Freiburg.</p>	Postdocs
01.10.2024	<p><b>Daimler and Benz Foundation: Scholarships to support postdocs and junior professors</b></p> <p>The aim of the programme is to strengthen the autonomy of the next generation of scientists. The funding programme is open to applicants from all disciplines and is not restricted thematically. Applicants must have their own research project and an institutional affiliation with a scientific institution in Germany (or German scientific institutions abroad).</p>	Postdocs & Junior professors
15.10.2024	<p><b>ERC Starting Grant</b></p> <p>The target group of ERC Starting Grants are excellent young researchers at the beginning of an independent career. Researchers of any nationality who are two to seven years after their doctorate can submit a Starting Grant application.</p>	Postdocs
15.11.2024	<p><b>Battery research junior research groups (BattFutur)</b></p> <p>The 'BattFutur' funding programme gives excellent young scientists the opportunity to set up their own independent junior research group at a university or non-university research institution in Germany. The research focuses on material-, process- and recycling-based issues relating to rechargeable, electrochemical energy storage systems (secondary batteries) with an application focus on electromobility, stationary systems and other industry-relevant applications.</p>	Postdocs
ongoing	<p><b>DFG: Walter Benjamin Programme</b></p> <p>The Walter Benjamin Programme enables researchers from all disciplines to carry out their own research project for up to two years at a location of their choice in Germany or abroad.</p>	Postdocs
ongoing	<p><b>DFG: Individual Research Grants</b></p> <p>The DFG research grant enables the realisation of a research project (usually up to 3 years) regardless of the topic. Funding for a postdoctoral position for the duration of the project can also be applied for as part of the research grant.</p>	Postdocs
ongoing	<p><b>EXIST Business Start-up Grant</b></p> <p>Funding is available for scientists from universities who are interested in founding a company and have innovative technology-orientated or knowledge-based products with significant unique selling points and good prospects of commercial success. Start-up teams consisting of a maximum of 3 people can receive a grant for 12 months.</p>	All

➔ *If you are interested in submitting an application, unless another contact is specified in the description, the Research Department will be happy to advise you.  
Further calls for proposals for research funding can be found in the FIT newsletter.*

## NEWS FROM THE JENNY ALONI CENTRE FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS

### **It's Postdoc Appreciation Week!**

From 16-20 September 2024, it's Postdoc Appreciation Week again. Inspired by the example of Postdoc Appreciation Week in the USA and the UK, the German PAW team has been organising Postdoc Appreciation Week Germany since 2022 to honour the work of postdocs. The events offered are organised by numerous organisations throughout Germany and are usually also open to participants from other institutions. More information and the full programme can be found at <https://paw-germany.de/>.

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Questions or suggestions? Feel free to contact us!

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