

## Freiraum für Forschung – Room for Research

*Room for Research* is an interdisciplinary scholarship for advanced female postdocs. The aim of the programme is to support female early career researchers by offering them individual relief options for completing a habilitation thesis, writing a ‘major’ article in renowned journals, planning their next career steps or applying for an (international) collaborative project. In this way, the programme supports women in their academic career development and planning.

The **Rectorate** supports *Room for Research* with **€ 10.000** each for, e.g.

- Awarding teaching assignments
- Reduction in teaching
- Increasing existing positions in the faculty
- Auxiliary staff hours to support postdocs
- Relief for e.g., committee work, exam invigilators, corrections
- etc.

### Nature and Aim of the Programme

- Support for advanced female postdocs through a scholarship
- Support for up to five *Room for Research* grants of € 10.000 per semester
- A maximum of one grant per person is possible

### Requirements for Application

- The researcher must be demonstrably on a promising path to completing her habilitation (or equivalent)
- Female postdocs with permanent or fixed-term contracts at the University of Münster are eligible to apply

### Documents to be Submitted (maximum 10 pages)

- Curriculum vitae (without photo), including postal address, telephone number, email address, academic age (max. 2 pages)
- List of publications including five publications relevant to the scholarship, as well as a concise overview of teaching, research and third-party funding (max. 2 pages)
- Brief research concept (max. 1 page) and prospective planning (in tabular form, max. 0,5 pages) for fulfilling the habilitation requirements (or equivalent) in comparison with the subject-specific minimum requirements in accordance with the habilitation regulations
- Letter of recommendation, including statement of support for the application from the responsible supervisor(s) (max. 1 page)
- Description of the scope and nature of the relief (max. 0,5 pages)
- Declaration of commitment by the department to implement the relief for the researcher (max. 1 page)

- Declaration of commitment by the responsible institute to implement the relief of the researcher (max. 1 page)
- Proof of a budget-financed scientific employment relationship at the University of Münster that will continue for the duration of the funding (max. 1 page)

### Formal Requirements for the Submitted Documents:

- Font: Calibri, font size 11pt
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 2 cm on all sides
- Please submit the application as one single, consolidated PDF document (in the order specified above).
- Name the document as follows: “Freiraum\_FB XY\_Lastname\_Firstname” (replace XY with the number of your department).

Applications can be submitted **twice a year**:

- by **1 March** (earliest possible start of the sabbatical in the following October) and
- by **1 September** (earliest possible start of the sabbatical in the following April).

Only applications with complete documentation (see above) will be considered. Applications that do not comply with the requirements will be excluded from the process.

The Office for Equality will review the applications also from an intersectional perspective. The decision on funding is made by the Rectorate Commission for Research Affairs (RKF). After two years, the funding programme will be evaluated and the criteria will be adjusted accordingly.

Further information on the *Room for Research*-programme can be found here: <https://www.uni-muenster.de/Gleichstellung/Freiraumfuerforschung.html>

### If you have any questions about the programme, please contact

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Please send your application **in electronic form as a PDF** to the  
**Central Equal Opportunities Officer at the University of Münster**

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