

Call for Proposals: PNB Individual Grants for Postdoctoral Researchers

Location: Universities / Universities of Applied Sciences in Brandenburg

Closing Date: May 4th, 2025 (23.59h CEST)

The Postdoc Network Brandenburg (PNB) invites postdoctoral researchers in Brandenburg to apply for open topic **PNB Individual Grants**. Funding will be granted for postdoctoral positions ("eigene Stelle") limited to a term of 36 months at a chosen host university in the state of Brandenburg. Successful applicants will receive a temporary employment contract determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L E13). In addition to the salary, the positions include an allowance of €2.000 per year for research purposes, mobility, scientific events, or similar.

We are looking for highly motivated researchers at an early stage of their careers, who are already working at / associated with one of the Brandenburg scientific institutions at the time of proposal submission. Further prerequisites are a completed research doctorate, an excellent publication record, scientific mobility, and a competitive and innovative research proposal compatible with the research profile of the host university. Candidates must be employable according to the WissZeitVG.

The universities in the state of Brandenburg strive to maintain gender balance among their staff and to foster gender-independent career opportunities. Applicants with health impairments shall receive preference in case of equal qualifications. The most important selection criteria for the PNB Individual Grants are the outstanding quality of the planned research project and the academic excellence of the applicant.

Institutional Framework

The Postdoc Network Brandenburg (PNB) was originally founded by the four Brandenburg universities - University of Potsdam, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), and Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF - with the aim of developing the potential of postdocs working at the state's scientific institutions to the fullest possible extent. Recently the universities of applied sciences in Brandenburg - the University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, the Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau, the Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences, and the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development - joined the network.

The PNB invites national and international postdoctoral researchers in Brandenburg to further their academic career by pursuing their individual research project as PNB Fellow at a Brandenburg university / university of applied sciences of their choice. PNB Fellows are offered a position at their preferred host university, which will provide an encouraging environment and support their research. In addition, PNB fellows have access to professional training and coaching promoting the development of their individual and professional competencies.

The Berlin-Brandenburg capital region offers the highest density of universities and research institutions in Germany and at the same time holds a leading position in the German and international innovation landscape. Four traditional universities together with four universities of applied sciences covering a broad variety of key research topics as well as a large number of non-university research institutions are located in the state of Brandenburg. The structure of the scientific landscape, which combines the advantages of manageable institution sizes with short distances between research

locations in a state-of-the-art research environment, provides excellent conditions for establishing and expanding individual research collaborations and networks for young and advanced researchers.

Application

We ask to email your complete application written in English or German in electronic form only, **as one pdf-document** to info@postdoc-network-brandenburg.de.

Your application should include a CV, copies of academic certificates and documents (diplomas only), if applicable, a written proof of association status with a scientific institution in Brandenburg, a list of publications, contact details of two potential reviewers without joint scientific publications or common research projects within the last five years, and a four-page outline of the proposed research project tailored to the research profile of the chosen university. Please also submit a letter of support from a professor/mentor of the selected host university. The host provides the office and laboratory space and any funding exceeding the allowance, if necessary for the project. Questions regarding the positions may be directed to info@postdoc-network-brandenburg.de.

Please, send your application to info@postdoc-network-brandenburg.de by May 4th, 2025 (23.59h CEST).

Documents for download:

[Guide for Applicants](#)

For further information on this call, please visit: [FAQ](#)

For more information on the Postdoc Network Brandenburg, please visit:

<https://www.postdoc-network-brandenburg.de/en/>

For further information on the involved research institutions and for detailed information on the research fields, please visit:

University of Potsdam

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/research/>

Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg

<https://www.b-tu.de/en/research>

European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

<https://www.europa-uni.de/en/forschung/index.html>

Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF

<https://www.filmuniversitaet.de/en/research-transfer/research>

University of Applied Sciences Potsdam

<https://www.fh-potsdam.de/en/research-transfer/research>

Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau

<https://en.th-wildau.de/research-transfer/research/research-fields-and-research-groups>

Brandenburg University of Applied Sciences

<https://englisch.th-brandenburg.de/research-at-the-thb/>

Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development

<https://www.hnee.de/en/research>