



# Early Career Researchers in Focus

## Promoting Postdoctoral Researchers at Goethe University Frankfurt



# Focus: Promotion of Independent Grant Proposals

## WHO?

Early career researchers, up to six years<sup>1</sup> after completion of their PhD, who have an innovative research idea and are currently preparing their own independent grant proposal.

<sup>1</sup> Parental leave is taken into account (up to 2 years per child).

## WHAT?

Participation in a grant application workshop, flexible funding of up to EUR 10,000 (e.g. for student assistants, travel costs) and additional support by an academic mentor during the application phase.

## WHY?

Increasing chances of successful extra-mural funding when future research independence is observable, and strengthening of visibility in the research community.

## GOAL

Submission of grant proposal within the twelve months of funding by the Focus program and start into an independent career.

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## APPLICATION

Please submit the following documents:

- completed online application form (see <https://tinygu.de/focusgrade>)
- a short, generally comprehensible, and precisely written description of the grant proposal you plan to submit to a third-party funding agency at the end of the Focus period (3 pages max.):
  - outline what kind of proposal is being planned and why (including the name of the third-party funding institution and the funding program)
  - describe current research, planned cooperation projects, and goals
  - point out how the funds applied for contribute to or enhance the chances of a successful grant proposal
- summary of the planned expenditure of the Focus funds
- time schedule for the duration of the Focus program
- Curriculum Vitae
- list of publications
- letter from your department/institute verifying the institutional support (infrastructure like rooms, computers, necessary facilities), and the affiliation with Goethe University by employment or scholarship for the duration of the Focus program (see website <http://tinygu.de/VBlen>)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 19, 2024

# Information and Contact

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