

Call for Proposals “Small Gender Projects”

Two-year Doctoral Scholarship

With the 2022 Call for Proposals, Goethe University Frankfurt is supporting – within the framework of what are known as “Small Gender Projects” – the start or completion of **two** doctoral projects in gender and intersectionality studies with €1,450 per month each for the duration of two years, provided that the faculties provide one-time finance of €3,000 for this purpose.

Gender studies projects that deal in particular with the following questions or focus areas can be funded:

- Research on gender relations in the (neoliberal) university: Is the socio-historical construction of the male scientist, which was institutionally safeguarded until into the 20th century, reinforced by neoliberalisation or rather dismantled? Where and how do further social differences and inequalities interwoven with gender come into play – which women and men, for example, gain access to universities and university careers and which do not? To what extent are gendered inequalities reinforced in the process of neoliberalising higher education, or does this even have the inherent potential to dismantle “old-boy networks”, whiteness and class discrimination in higher education? How do bachelor’s and master’s programmes structure gender relations?
- Research on artistic, literary or aesthetic representations in the media of female researchers (their lives and decisions, confrontation with cultural orders, gender relations in the university microcosm, etc.) and on the performance of gender in university contexts.
- Research on the performance of gender in digitalised learning and research contexts, gender relations in an increasingly digitalised world of work:
Are the transformation processes associated with the digitalisation of work also changing gender relations in relation to the world of work? Does this also apply to research contexts? How is digitalisation changing the research world and the gender relations established there?
- Research on gender in schools, subject didactics and teacher education.

What are the application conditions or requirements?

The scholarship is open to persons who have been admitted to doctoral studies at Goethe University Frankfurt. It is intended to foster the academic qualification of early career researchers in women’s, gender and intersectionality studies.

Which documents must I submit?

A short exposé of approx. 5-10 pages describing the project’s research question, objectives, methods, approach and time schedule. In addition – if necessary – a bibliography, font size at least 11, line spacing 1.5 and Arial, Times New Roman or Calibri font.

A completed application form.

Short curriculum vitae in tabular form and proof that the applicant has been accepted as a doctoral candidate at Goethe University Frankfurt (copy).

Written confirmation from the Dean’s Office of supplementary funding. The faculty’s supplementary funding may not come from third-party sources.

When submitting your application, please provide a bank account that can be used for processing project funding, if applicable.

All the application documents required as well as further information on the award of scholarships can be found on the Equal Opportunities Office’s website [Goethe-Universität – Equal Opportunities Office \(goethe-university-frankfurt.de\)](https://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de).

What are the selection criteria? What should I highlight in my application?

Selection is based on an evaluation of the quality of the research project in the context of gender studies. The 2022 Call for Proposals for “Small Gender Projects” lists the criteria.

Who will decide on my application?

Applications are managed by the Equal Opportunities Office and decisions made by the “Small Gender Projects” committee. Committee members are gender studies academics from different subject cultures.

When will I be notified about my application?

The application deadline is 30.09.2022. We will process applications as quickly as possible. The committee is responsible for the selection procedure. It could therefore take about six to eight weeks before we can announce a final decision.

Why do I have to provide details of my employment situation and other scholarships?

For legal reasons, no doctoral scholarship can be awarded to a person employed on a larger scale. Within certain limits, however, scholarships can be combined with other sources of finance. Details can be found in the “Guidelines of Goethe University Frankfurt on the Award of Scholarships to Doctoral Candidates and Postdoctoral Researchers in accordance with the Resolution of the Executive Board of 01 October 2013” https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/51480969/Generic_51480969.pdf (in German). We are obliged to check and take into account any double funding.

What if my employment/income situation changes after I have submitted my application?

It is important that you notify us immediately of any changes in your employment/income situation in the application phase as well; in the event that you are awarded a scholarship, you are obliged to provide this information.

Applications evaluated positively are subject to reporting obligations.

If you have any **questions** about submitting an application, please contact Dr Anja Wolde, head of the Equal Opportunities Office, wolde@em.uni-frankfurt.de.

Please send your application by email (as a PDF) to Michaela Müller (Mich.Mueller@em.uni-frankfurt.de) by **30 September 2022**.