



Start-up grants for doctoral/project plans

The TRANSMARE Institute is offering **start-up grants for young female scientists for research focusing on the maritime regions and agents involved in them.** These grants are funded at regular intervals within the framework of the Jeanne Baret Fund by the RLP 2024-2028 research initiative as part of the interdisciplinary joint project 'Maritime Transfers'.

The scholarship is intended to support female academics in their transition to the next qualification stage, which is often associated with high time and financial pressure. In particular, it provides financial support for preparing scholarship or third-party funding applications, thus promoting the upcoming academic qualification phase. The aim of the Jeanne Baret Fund is to support prospective female (post-)doctoral students and to counteract the "drop-out" of highly qualified young female academics.

Funding is available for specific doctoral theses and projects that deal with the maritime region or people working in it, and are thematically linked to the TRANSMARE Institute's research priorities. Funding is provided for a period of up to six months. A one-off extension for a further six months is possible in the event of outstanding performance. Doctoral students receive a monthly scholarship instalment of 1,365 Euros, postdoctoral students up to 2,000 Euros. In addition to financial support, scholarship holders also receive advice on their research projects, support in applying for third-party project funds or further scholarships, and the opportunity to take part in events organised by the TRANSMARE Institute. A certain amount of presence in Trier is expected, as the grant is tied to an active participation in TRANSMARE.

The application requirements are: an academic degree entitling the candidate to a doctorate with well above-average study and examination results or a well above-average doctoral performance as well as the planned realisation of a qualification project with a thematic focus on the maritime region. The application documents include

1. Cover letter/letter of motivation
2. Fully completed application form
3. Short synopsis of the dissertation proposal (max. 2-3 pages) or the project proposal (max. 6-7 pages)
4. Curriculum vitae in tabular form
5. Copy of the university degree certificate or doctoral certificate
6. For postdoctoral researchers: Information on funding institutions to which an application is to be submitted as well as a time and work plan for the funding period

What?

Start-up grant for the preparation of a scholarship and/or third-party funding application for the next qualification level

Who?

PhD students and postdocs with a research focus on the maritime region

When?

15. March & 15. September

Applications can be submitted to the programme coordinator (transmare@uni-trier.de) twice a year, on 15 March and 15 September. The programme coordinator will first formally review the applications. Only complete applications submitted on time will be considered in the selection process. A selection committee appointed by the participating consortia will decide on awarding the scholarships. Selection criteria are the relevance and connectivity of the research topic, the quality of the dissertation/project and previous study/examination/research achievements.

Applicants will be informed of the decision in a timely manner. There is no legal entitlement to funding.