

## Postdoc Network Brandenburg

**Call for applications open from May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The four Brandenburg universities\* have founded the **Postdoc Network Brandenburg** (network for the career development of postdoctoral researchers). To work out synergies in the promotion of young scientists the individual strengths of the universities will be used to establish a new model for the promotion of young researchers at state level in line with the state's mandate.

\*Brandenburg universities:

Brandenburg University of Technology (BTU) Cottbus – Senftenberg  
European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)  
Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF  
University of Potsdam

The network will provide opportunities for national and international young researchers to further their academic careers by pursuing research projects in their scientific fields at a Brandenburg university of their choice. Fellows will be offered a position at their preferred host university, which will provide an encouraging environment and support them in their research. Fellows may pursue an individual project or join one of the many existing groups of young researchers. They will receive the opportunity to work in an inspiring scientific environment in the Berlin-Brandenburg region. In addition, fellows have access to professional training and coaching on the development of individual and professional competencies.

The Berlin-Brandenburg region has a leading position in the German and international innovation landscape. The capital region offers young researchers the highest concentration of universities and research institutions in Germany. Universities with a broad variety of research focuses, as well as a large number of external research institutions, are located in the Federal State of Brandenburg. The structure of the Brandenburg scientific landscape, which combines the advantages of a manageable institution size and short distances between research locations with a state-of-the-art research environment presents excellent conditions for building and extending individual research co-operations and networks.

**Within the network, the four Brandenburg universities are announcing two funding lines for postdoctoral researchers.**

## Funding line 1: Junior Research Group

### Humanities and Social Sciences

Funding will be granted for one junior research group in the research fields of the Humanities and Social Sciences. This funding line gives qualified early-career researchers the chance to qualify for the position of professor by leading an independent junior research group for a period of four years. The program is open to postdoctoral researchers at an early stage in their careers. The junior research group receives up to €250.000 per year for four years. This covers costs for:

- the group leader position TV-L E14 for four years
- scientific staff, maximum three TV-L E13 for three years
- expenses for materials, travel, and investments.

Applicants should clearly indicate which of the four universities they are applying for. They should also explicitly outline their plans for potentially interfacing with current host university activities in research and teaching. The specific scientific work must be defined in the detailed research plan.

We expect:

- a Ph.D. degree and at least two years of postdoctoral research
- an excellent academic record with peer-reviewed publications
- experience in acquiring research funds

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**Applications (in electronic form, one pdf-document please, in English or German, addressed to the network coordinator Dr. Bettina Buchholz)** should include a CV, copies of academic certificates and documents, a list of publications, a list of conducted courses, a list of externally funded projects, contact details of two potential references, and an outline (5 to 7 pages) of the proposed research project tailored to the research profile of the chosen university. Please also provide an employer's declaration (see form) and a letter of support from the dean of the chosen department of the selected host university. The host is expected to provide the office and laboratory space and funds exceeding the allowance, if such are required for the project. Questions regarding the positions may be directed to [postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de). **Send applications to [postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:postdoc-network@uni-potsdam.de) by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

## Funding line 2: Individual Grants

### Open Topic Postdoc Positions

Funding will be granted for temporary positions limited to a term of 6 months up to 24 months starting in July 2019 or later. Depending on the host university, it is possible to award scholarships or temporary contracts determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L E13). We are looking for highly motivated researchers at an early stage of their careers. 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. In addition to the salary, the positions include an allowance of €1.000 per year for research purposes (e.g. mobility, travel, scientific events).

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### Documents for download:

[Employer's Declaration \(Arbeitgebererklärung\)](#)

[Guide for applicants](#)