

Call for proposals

Small Grant Scheme for Doctoral Students by the Graduate Program in Psychology (GPP)

Deadline for applications: 15 September 2024!

**Doctoral students of the GPP can apply for the support of
(1) small research projects or (2) research visits in other institutions**

The **Graduate Program in Psychology (GPP)** is an institution that supports doctoral students while working on their psychological dissertation project at Saarland University. It is also open to doctoral students from the departments of Educational Science and Sport Science. The main objective of the GPP is to provide high quality training and to ensure high standards of supervision for all participating doctoral students.

The GPP offers a **Small Grant Scheme**, an opportunity for the participating doctoral students to apply for financial support for

- (1) **small research projects** that they wish to carry out in the framework of the GPP, or
- (2) **research visits** to other institutions (national or international).

GPP doctoral students can apply for this opportunity twice a year (until 15 March and 15 September). Up to two applications will be selected for each call for proposals. The proposed activity should be carried out within 12 months of receiving the notification of support.

The **main selection criteria** will be (a) the scientific merit of the proposed project or research visit and (b) the convincing communication of the significance of the activity.

If there are more excellent applications than available funds, we will give priority to projects that are submitted jointly by more than one GPP member as an internal collaboration between different working units.

Applicants should submit short proposals of up to 5 pages (double-spaced, font size 12) by e-mail to karolin.gieseler@uni-saarland.de by **15 September 2024**.

(1) Applications for small research projects

The aim of the Small Grant Scheme is to foster the development of the skills necessary to plan a research activity independently and to convince a scientific audience of its merit. Therefore, the scheme will *not* support activities that are an integral part of the doctoral students' actual PhD projects, but will support **additional research activities** by one or more doctoral students that are planned relatively independently of their PhD supervisor(s) (i.e., the supervisor(s) is/are invited to provide feedback, but the idea and responsibility for the activity should rest with the doctoral student(s)).

The Small Grant Scheme provides **financial support of up to € 1,500** per individual activity for single applicant proposals and **up to € 3,000** for a collaborative project for multi-applicant proposals (from different working units). The requested costs may be related to the implementation of the proposed research.

Applications for small research projects should include

- (1) a description of the research question,
- (2) a commentary on why it is important to address this research question,
- (3) a description of the proposed research,
- (4) a time schedule,
- (5) a justification for the requested funding. Applications for empirical projects must include a justification of the sample size (e.g., power analysis) and confirm that the proposed research will follow the principles of open and transparent science (i.e., preregistration, open methods, code, and data in a public repository after an embargo period),
- (6) and, in addition, a brief **letter of confirmation** from the primary supervisor stating that the supervisor is aware of the application and will provide the necessary resources to carry out the activity that cannot be covered by the Small Grant Scheme (e.g., laboratory space, additional funding).

(2) Applications for research visits

The Small Grant Scheme provides **financial support of up to € 1,500** per individual research visit. Eligible costs may be associated with required travel and accommodation.

Applicants for research visits should include

- (1) a description of what they will be working on during the visit,
- (2) the significance of the research visit for their scientific career,
- (3) how the visit relates to their current research interests,
- (4) and, in addition, a brief **letter of confirmation** from the primary supervisor stating that the supervisor is aware of the application and will provide any additional funding required for the research visit that cannot be covered by the Small Grant Scheme.

Please note that the funded doctoral students are required to submit a short **final report** on their project or research visit no later than three months after its completion.

We are looking forward to your application!

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