

## Call for proposals

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

**Deadline for applications: September 30, 2023!**

**Doctoral researchers 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 supporting doctoral researchers while working on their psychological dissertation project at Saarland University. The main aim of the GPP is to offer high-quality advanced training and to ensure high standards for supervision for all participating doctoral researchers.

The GPP offers a **Small Grant Scheme**, an opportunity for the participating doctoral researchers to apply for financial support of **(1) small research projects** that they want to conduct in the framework of the GPP, or **(2) research visits** in other (national or international) institutions.

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

The Small Grant Scheme offers **financial support of up to € 1.500** per individual activity of single-applicant proposals and **up to € 3.000** for a joint project by multi-applicant proposals (from different working units). Requested costs may be associated with conducting the proposed research and/or with required travels and accommodation.

Doctoral researchers of the GPP can apply twice per year for this new opportunity (usually until March 15 and September 15). Up to two applications will be selected for each call for proposals. The proposed activity should be conducted within 12 months after receiving the support notice.

The **main selection criteria** will be (1) the scientific merit of the proposed project or research visit and (2) the compelling communication of the significance of the activity. In case of 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 cooperation between different working units.

Applicants should submit brief proposals of up to 5 pages (double-spaced, font size 12) until **September 30, 2023**, by e-mail to [theo.jaeger@uni-saarland.de](mailto:theo.jaeger@uni-saarland.de).

- **Applications for small research projects** should include (a) a description of the research question, (b) a commentary on why it is important to address this research question, (c) a description of the proposed research, (d) a time schedule, and (e) a justification of the requested funding. Applications for empirical projects need to include a sample size justification (e.g., power analysis) and confirm that the planned research will follow principles of open and transparent science (i.e., preregistration, open methods, code, and data in a public repository after an embargo period).
- **Applicants for research visits** should include a description of (a) what they will be working on during the visit, (b) the significance of the research visit for their scientific career, and (c) how the visit relates to their genuine research interests.

Both types of applications should be accompanied by a brief **letter of confirmation** of the primary supervisor indicating that the supervisor is aware of the application and will provide the necessary resources to conduct the activity that cannot be covered by the Small Grant Scheme (e.g., lab space, additional financial resources).

Please note that the supported doctoral researchers are required to submit a brief **final report** on their project or research visit not later than three months after its completion.

**We are looking forward to your application!**

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