

## Call for Applications: Individual Grants for Postdoctoral Researchers

Location: Brandenburg Universities / Closing Date: **August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (23.59h CET)**

The Postdoc Network Brandenburg (PNB) invites postdoctoral researchers to apply for **Open Topic Individual Grants** starting in January 2024 or later. Funding will be granted for temporary positions limited to a term of 6 months up to 24 months. Successful applicants can choose between a scholarship or a temporary employment contract determined by the collective bargaining agreement for public employees in Germany (TV-L E13).

In addition, the PNB is filling by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 **two postdoc positions with the possibility for habilitation** located at the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus - Senftenberg (BTU) at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Energy Systems. The PNB encourages outstanding researchers to apply for these two positions directly at the Chair of Thermal Energy Technology by August 6<sup>th</sup>. Successful applicants will automatically become PNB associates. For further information, please refer to the following calls at the BTU:

<https://www.b-tu.de/en/university/career/job-vacancies/detail/59-23>

<https://www.b-tu.de/en/university/career/job-vacancies/detail/97-23>

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, concerning the Open Topic Individual Grants, a competitive and innovative research proposal compatible with the research profile of the host university. In addition to the salary, these positions include an allowance of €1.000 per year for research purposes, mobility, scientific events, or similar. Organizational support regarding visa, insurance, housing, etc. will be provided by the host university.

Brandenburg universities strive to maintain gender balance among their staff and to foster career opportunities for women. Applicants with health impairments shall receive preference in case of equal qualifications. In case of the PNB Individual Grants, the most important selection criteria are the outstanding quality of the planned research project and the academic excellence of the applicant.

### Institutional Framework

The Postdoc Network Brandenburg (PNB) was founded by the four Brandenburg universities - University of Potsdam, Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder), and Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF - with the aim of developing the potential of postdocs working at the state's scientific institutions to the fullest possible extent.

The PNB invites national and international postdoctoral researchers to further their academic careers by pursuing their individual research projects or joining one of the many existing groups of young researchers at a Brandenburg university of their choice. PNB Fellows will be offered a position at their preferred host university, which will provide an encouraging environment and support them in their research. In addition, PNB fellows have access to professional training and coaching supporting the development of their individual and professional competencies.

The Berlin-Brandenburg capital region offers young and advanced researchers the highest density of universities and research institutions in Germany, while at the same time holding a leading position in the German and international innovation landscape. Four universities with a broad variety of key research topics as well as a large number of non-university research institutions are located in the state of Brandenburg. The structure of Brandenburg's scientific landscape, which combines the advantages of manageable institution sizes with short distances between research locations in a state-of-the-art research environment, provides excellent conditions for establishing and expanding individual research collaborations and networks.

## Application

We kindly ask to submit your application for a PNB Open Topic Individual Grant in electronic form only, as one pdf-document, in English or German, addressed to Dr. Heike KÜchmeister, managing director of the Postdoc Network Brandenburg.

Your application should include a CV, copies of academic certificates and documents, a list of publications, contact details of two potential references, and a four-page outline of the proposed research project tailored to the research profile of the chosen university. Please also submit an employer's declaration (see [form](#)) and a letter of support from a professor of the selected host university. The host provides the office and laboratory space and any funding exceeding the allowance, if necessary for the project. Questions regarding the positions may be directed to [info@postdoc-network-brandenburg.de](mailto:info@postdoc-network-brandenburg.de).

Please, send your application to [info@postdoc-network-brandenburg.de](mailto:info@postdoc-network-brandenburg.de) by August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 23.59h CET.

## Documents for download

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

[Guide for Applicants](#)

For further information on this call please visit: [FAQ](#)

For more information on the Postdoc Network Brandenburg please visit:

<https://www.postdoc-network-brandenburg.de/en/>

For further information on the involved universities and for detailed information on the research fields, please visit:

University of Potsdam

<https://www.uni-potsdam.de/en/research/>

Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg

<https://www.b-tu.de/en/research>

European University Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

<https://www.europa-uni.de/en/forschung/index.html>

Film University Babelsberg KONRAD WOLF

<https://www.filmuniversitaet.de/en/research-transfer/research>