

UBTGS bridging fund – Information for applicants

Which situations can be funded?

- Unforeseen gaps in funding during the current doctorate
- Starting the doctorate if funding has not yet been approved (scholarship, project application, etc.)
- The final phase of a doctoral project or the waiting time between submission of the thesis and the oral examination **are not funded**.
The transition phase between dissertation and postdoc cannot be financed either.

General Information

- Membership in the University of Bayreuth Graduate School is a prerequisite for funding
- If the funding is to take place in the starting phase of the doctorate, the immediate registration as a doctoral candidate in BayDOC is mandatory. Later membership in the UBTGS is expected.
- A limited budget is available for the bridging fund. Applicants and their supervisors are therefore asked to observe the principle of thrift and, if necessary, to terminate the NwHK employment supported by the fund prematurely if the originally planned financing is available
- “Double funding” (NwHK from the fund and other employment at the university) is not allowed.
- Support by the bridging fund is possible only once during the doctorate.

How does the bridging fund support?

- The bridging fund finances an employment as a part-time scientific assistant (NwHK).
Employment usually takes place at the supervisor's chair.
Master's students who have not yet received a final degree require a preliminary master's certificate to be hired.
- The bridging fund usually finances a NwHK employment for a maximum of 4 months with 18 hours/week.
Individual adjustments (e.g. extension of the duration at fewer weekly hours) are possible.

How do I apply for support from the bridging fund?

- Before submitting an application, you must consult the UBTGS office. The specific requirements for an application and the individual distribution will be discussed.
- The application is informal, but must be made in writing (letter or email).
- Please comment on the following topics or attach separate evidence:
 - Brief description of the current funding and the resulting gap as well as the timeline until the planned completion of the doctorate
 - Planned period for funding from the bridging fund
 - Statement from the first supervisor on the application for support
 - Copy of a scholarship application (which does not have to be approved yet) or
 - Copy of a project application (which does not have to be approved yet)

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