

FAQs: BACK TO RESEARCH GRANT 2018

Programme for female postdoc-researchers

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **Which previous or current employment contracts do I need to fulfil the application requirements?**
You are eligible to apply for the grant if you have a fixed-term employment contract (for example, as a member of academic staff, both on predoctoral and postdoctoral level) or a freelance contract (for example, as a project team member or a lecturer)
 - that was concluded with the University of Vienna
 - that ended no longer than 2 years ago (as at October 2016)
- **Which employment contracts do not fulfil the application requirements?**
Contracts for work and services as well as research scholarships without an employment contract do not fulfil the application requirements.
- **Does it play a role when I obtained my doctoral degree?**
No. What matters is how long ago you have been a member of the University of Vienna, i.e. when your last employment with the University of Vienna ended or will end.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- **Do I have to teach a course as part of the grant?**
No, you are not obliged to teach. As many third-party funded projects do not provide funding for a teaching assignment, project staff often encounter the problem that they cannot provide the necessary evidence of teaching experience required for a habilitation or appointment to a professorship. Therefore, the Back to Research Grant also provides funding for a teaching assignment.
- **Do I have to describe the content of the course already in my application documents?**
You do not have to provide information about the content of the planned course in your application documents.
- **Do I already have to specify the semester during which I would like to teach a course?**
You only have to specify the semester during which you plan to teach a course after you have been awarded the grant.

SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME

- **Can I take up a secondary employment in addition to the grant?**
The Back to Research Grant aims at bridging potential career breaks. It is not a form of additional financing. Therefore, it is not possible to take up an academic or non-academic employment that goes beyond the scope of a marginal employment in addition to the grant.
- **Can the grant be used for project-related expenses, such as personnel costs?**
No. The grant does not aim at covering personnel costs in research projects, but to generate income from an independent service contract.

INTERRUPTIONS

- **What are the prerequisites to suspend the grant?**
You may suspend the grant due to maternity leave and care leave (when you care for family members).
- **Can I resume the grant in the following year if I suspended it?**
Yes. After suspending the grant (due to one of the reasons stated above), you can resume the grant in the following year. This has to be arranged individually.
- **What happens when I take up an employment shortly before or during the period of receiving the grant?**
The grant ends as soon as you take up an employment. Even if you take up a short fixed-term employment, such as a maternity leave replacement, you will not have a legitimate reason for suspending the grant. Rather, it will lead to the termination of the grant.

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