Call for applications for re-entry scholarships
as part of the initiative programme ‘Research-oriented equality of women scientists and acquisition of women professors’ at TU Darmstadt

The transition to research which follows receipt of the doctoral degree represents a crucial biographical threshold for junior scientists. Recently, the DFG emphasized how important it is to motivate young women scientists to stay in science after they receive their doctoral degrees. To promote the Postdoc phase or (depending on the subject culture) the postdoctoral qualification, attractive and sufficiently differentiated solutions must be developed. In addition to junior professorship (possibly with a tenure track), TU Darmstadt supports women scientists with ‘re-entry scholarships’ - in the sense of a ‘non-exit option’ despite pregnancy and childbearing phase. These can also be used as suitable re-entry funding (e.g. in the phase of application after the doctorate).

Applicants may be women scientists who have already completed a doctorate and had to suspend their research due to caring responsibilities. Re-entry scholarships make it possible to return to science. Up to three fellows receive monthly funding of EUR 1,800 for ten months, for example, to apply for their own research project. A one-time extension for another five months is possible.

The application deadline for each re-entry scholarship is 1st March, 1st July and 1st November 2019. The application documents, consisting of:
- Motivation letter
- Exposé about the research project (approx. two DIN A4 pages)
- Academic career
- List of publications
- Two letters of recommendation from professors in which they comment on the scientific achievements and prospects of success of the project (application)
- Declaration by a professor in which they declare that the infrastructure required for the research (factual and personal) is provided by their institute free of charge

should be sent to the Equal Opportunity Office,
Dr. Uta Zybell (S1/03 Room 74a, Hochschulstraße 1, 64289 Darmstadt)

Decisions on the granting of the scholarship are made by the Advisory Council on Research-Oriented Gender Equality at TU Darmstadt.

We wish you every success in your application for a re-entry scholarship!

Prof. Dr. Hans Jürgen Prömel, President of TU Darmstadt
Dr. Uta Zybell, Equal Opportunity Officer of TU Darmstadt