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PANDOTA fund for doctoral research

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The PANDOTA fund supports doctoral researchers in the Faculty of Sciences. The fund's name is a combination of the name of the donor, Lothar Reinhold Panter (†), and ancient Greek wordsle.

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1. Relevant disciplines

Funding is provided for research projects from the University of Konstanz's Faculty of Sciences.

2. Target group

The target group consists of doctoral researchers in the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Konstanz. Applications can come from doctoral researchers admitted between 15.11. of the year before application to 14.11. of the application year, or from persons who can document having a concrete doctoral research project with a supervising professor. In the second case, the applicant must be admitted to the university as a doctoral researcher within 180 days. If possible, applicants should state existing funding options for their projects.

3. Selection criteria

The applications will be assessed on the basis of the applicants' final master's grades and their performance.

4. Funding format

A total of 12 doctoral researchers will receive 5,000 euros each to spend on material resources within a two-year period. The funds will be distributed evenly among the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics, and Psychology.

5. Call for proposals

The Faculty of Sciences publishes the call and the deadline for applications university-wide via digital and analogue communication media, in cooperation between the staff units Communications and Marketing, University Development, Research and Transfer as well as the Faculty of Sciences and the corresponding departments. Potential applicants should also be contacted directly.

6. Application | Deadline

The application documents consist of:

- Letter of motivation
- Description of the doctoral research project (max. 1 DIN A4 page)
- Academic CV
- Master's degree certificate and examination certificate

- Documentation of admission to the university as a doctoral researcher OR confirmation from a supervising professor
- Data protection information and consent form

Please submit your application electronically in a single PDF file with a max. size of 5 MB to **sek1.ref@uni-konstanz.de**. The name of the file should be "familyname_givenname_researchproject".

You may not submit the same application more than once.

There is a round of applications every year.

7. Selection process | Funding decision

Recipients of PANDOTA funding are selected based on their final master's grade. All applicants will be notified of the funding decision in writing, however, no reasons will be provided.

8. Payment | Use of funds

PANDOTA funding will be provided via dedicated project accounts that the doctoral researchers manage themselves. Recipients can only spend the allotted funds on staff expenses (for student assistants) and material resources, equipment (consumables), travel expenses, events or expenses for studies and publications.

If the recipient leaves the University of Konstanz during the funding period, the funds remain at the University of Konstanz. In this case, or if doctoral researchers discontinue their projects, or if recipients do not use all the allotted funds, the remaining amount will be returned to the PANDOTA fund for doctoral research to finance future projects. PANDOTA funding ends when the full allotted amount is used up. The university must be informed immediately if recipients discontinue their doctoral research.

9. Reporting requirements

Funding recipients provide the University of Konstanz with a final report (1,650-2,475 characters with spaces) by emailing a single PDF file to fundraising@uni-konstanz.de and sek1.ref@uni-konstanz.de. The final report consists of:

- Project report: Information on the dissertation's status and special incidents during implementation as well as completion of the dissertation and reasons for any deviations
- Financial report: Documentation of payments from the project account

10. External presentation | Publication

The university attaches great importance to reporting on projects supported by PANDOTA funding. Funding recipients should be contactable when university staff create corresponding press releases for online and/or digital media. In addition to this, recipients are requested to provide a brief description of their work (400-800 characters with spaces in everyday language) in Word format along with two or three photos of themselves and their work.

In particular, the university is free to publish the research results in accordance with its core task as a research institution (in line with the European Union's Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation (2014/C 198/01)).

11. Rights to research results

Funding recipients do not have to reach a specific research goal. The rights to intellectual property (e.g. development and work results, know-how, copyrights, inventions, other intellectual property) that is protectable or not-protectable shall be assessed in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions (e.g. Arbeitnehmererfindergesetz (law on inventions by staff)).

There is no right to appeal.

By signing the application, the applicant accepts these guidelines.