Early Career Researchers in Focus
Promoting Postdoctoral Researchers at Goethe University Frankfurt

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Focus: Promotion of Independent Grant Proposals

**WHO?**
Early career researchers, up to six years\(^1\) after completion of their PhD, who have an innovative research idea and are currently preparing their own independent grant proposal.

\(^1\) Parental leave is taken into account (up to 2 years per child).

**WHAT?**
Participation in a grant application workshop, flexible funding of up to EUR 10,000 (e.g. for student assistants, travel costs) and additional support by an academic mentor during the application phase.

**WHY?**
Increasing chances of successful extra-mural funding when future research independence is observable, and strengthening of visibility in the research community.

**GOAL**
Submission of grant proposal within the twelve months of funding by the Focus program and start into an independent career.
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APPLICATION
Please submit the following documents:
• completed online application form (see https://tinygu.de/focusgrade)
• a short, generally comprehensible, and precisely written description of the grant proposal you plan to submit to a third-party funding agency at the end of the Focus period (3 pages max.):
  – outline what kind of proposal is being planned and why (including the name of the third-party funding institution and the funding program)
  – describe current research, planned cooperation projects, and goals
  – point out how the funds applied for contribute to or enhance the chances of a successful grant proposal
• summary of the planned expenditure of the Focus funds
• time schedule for the duration of the Focus program
• Curriculum Vitae
• list of publications
• letter from your department/institute verifying the institutional support (infrastructure like rooms, computers, necessary facilities), and the affiliation with Goethe University by employment or scholarship for the duration of the Focus program (see website http://tinygu.de/VBlen)

APPLICATION DEADLINE
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