



The Leibniz Programme for Women Professors enabled the DWI – Leibniz Institute for Interactive Materials to create a new W2 position for me, together with RWTH Aachen University. As Aachen is scientifically a great environment for my type of research on biomaterials, this opportunity allows me to stay in Aachen and continue building my academic career.



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The Leibniz Association

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Leibniz Programme for Women Professors



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Promoting excellent women in academia

Aims of the Programme

The Leibniz Programme for Women Professors seeks to significantly increase the number of excellent female researchers in leading positions at Leibniz Association institutions. When academics are planning their careers, reliable prospects are a particularly important decision-making criterion, which is why the Leibniz Programme for Women Professors either offers a position not limited to a fixed term or a tenure track position guaranteed by the university and the respective Leibniz Institute.

The Leibniz Programme for Women Professors is also a tool for further consolidating the content and strategy of the Leibniz Association's collaborations with universities, and for generating additional impetus for the expansion of joint appointments.

Scope of the Programme

Successful candidates will receive funding of up to 1.7 million Euros to fund their own research group over a period of five years. This may include personnel costs for the group leader, for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral staff, as well as funds for equipment and facilities.

The Leibniz Institute and the collaborating university guarantee either a tenure track or an unlimited position on the W2/W3 pay scale for the designated Leibniz Professor.

In case of a tenure track professorship, the institute and the university will jointly decide to annul the fixed term no later than one year before the end of the funding phase.

Eligibility and assessment criteria

The Leibniz Programme for Women Professors targets women in all disciplines who have an outstanding international track record. It aims to reward the institute both for successfully recruiting outstandingly talented women as well as for initiating and pursuing the early phases of the recruitment process.

Applicants must have a track record of outstanding academic work in their field. They will be assessed on the basis of their academic qualifications and future career prospects. The proposed scientific project will be judged according to its academic and methodological quality, prospects of success as well as its contribution to strategic scientific collaboration between the institute and the respective university department.

The Leibniz Association explicitly encourages international candidates to apply. German language skills are not required.



For the Leibniz Association, the establishment of gender equality is an important element in the long-term assurance of its scientific excellence. We want to win the best minds. And the best minds are women and men.



MATTHIAS KLEINER,
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How to apply

First step

Candidates need the support of the Leibniz Institute of their choice in the application process. Therefore, you are advised to contact the respective Leibniz Institute and discuss the fit of your research project as well as possible collaborations with a German university. Please get in touch early enough to allow sufficient time for application procedures. Ideally, this should be in between June and September of the year preceding the submission of your proposal.

Visit www.leibniz-association.eu/institutes-museums/ for a list of all Leibniz Institutions.

Second step

Applications must be submitted to Leibniz Headquarters by the director of the Leibniz Institute of your choice. The applications undergo an external peer-review process and are evaluated by an academic panel. The annual application deadline for the Leibniz Programme for Women Professors is the end of March, funding can start any time after 1 January of the following year.