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Guidelines of the Presidential Committee for the Allocation of Funds from the Qualification Fund of Leuphana University Lüneburg

On 23 FEBRUARY 2022, the Presidential Committee of Leuphana University of Lüneburg adopted the funding guideline Qualification Fund (QF) and announces its wording below.

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1. Support measures

¹Funding measures other than those listed in the following sections are not eligible. ²An overview of the funding measures is shown in Apendix 1.

1.1 Active conference participation

¹The funding measure *Active Conference Participation supports* participation on site or in digital form in a conference where participation involves an active contribution of one's own (e.g. lecture, moderation, organisation). ²The active contribution must be proven by a copy of the acceptance confirmation, the invitation or comparable documents. ³For the funding of persons who wish to participate in a conference jointly with an active contribution, the respective

shares in the active contribution must be explained by all applicants on a maximum of one (1) page and the joint participation must be justified.

⁴Doctoral students and postdocs at Leuphana are eligible to apply for this funding measure. ⁵This funding measure can be approved several times per person.

1.2 Basic conference participation

¹The funding measure *Basic Conference Participation supports* participation on site or in digital form at a conference without an active contribution of one's own. ²Participation must be proven by a copy of the registration confirmation. ³Doctoral students at Leuphana are eligible to apply for this funding measure. ⁴This funding measure can only be approved once per person.

1.3 Summer School

¹*The Summer School* funding measure supports active participation on site or in digital form in a Spring, Summer, Autumn or Winter School that has a minimum duration of two (2) days. ²Participation must be evidenced by a copy of the acceptance confirmation and a receipt for the duration of the Summer School.

³Doctoral students and postdocs at Leuphana are eligible to apply for this funding measure. ⁴This funding measure can be approved several times per person.

1.4 Research stay

¹*The research stay* funding measure funds an (inter)national research stay for which the following criteria are met and demonstrated:

- 1. The stay at the destination is mandatory for the research project,
- 2. Minimum duration of one (1) week,
- 3. Maximum duration of six (6) months,
- 4. official invitation from the university, research centre or comparable institution where the research stay is to take place indicating the duration of the stay.

²The existence of the criterion mentioned in sentence 1 no. 1 must be evidenced by a maximum one-page explanation by the applicant including confirmation by the first supervisor.

³Doctoral students and postdocs at Leuphana are eligible to apply for this funding measure. ⁴This funding measure can be approved several times per person.

1.5 Publication advice

¹The funding measure *Publication Advice provides* support for advice on the publication strategy of a journal article or a monograph by an external person from a university or research institution. ²The following criteria must be met in order for the measure to be funded:

- 1. The external person has published at least five times in relevant, peer-reviewed, (inter)national journals with a high impact factor or at least twice in high-ranking publishers.
- 2. A rough version of the journal article or monograph is ready, but not yet edited and published.

- 3. A journal with a high impact factor or a top-ranking publisher is advised for publication.
- 4. The period during which counselling is provided is a maximum of six (6) months.

³The existence of the above criteria must be proven by:

- 1. The external person's publication list with explanations on the assessment of the journals or publishers as to why they are considered high ranking in the respective subject. Five journal articles or two publishers are to be highlighted in the publication list; the impact factor is to be stated for the journals.
- 2. The rough draft or alternatively cover page, abstract and table of contents of the journal article or monograph.
- 3. A letter of justification on the quality of the advised journal or publisher.
- 4. An overview with the dates of the planned meetings with the external person.
- 5. An informal confirmation from the external person that the counselling has taken place.

⁴Doctoral students and postdocs at Leuphana are eligible to apply for this funding measure. ⁵The funding measure can be approved once per person. ⁶In the case of proven publication of a journal article or monograph that was funded by this funding measure, the funding measure can be approved for a maximum of one further journal article or monograph.

1.6 Conference organisation at Leuphana

¹The funding measure *Conference Organisation at Leuphana* supports the organisation of a conference/meeting at Leuphana on site or in digital form that meets the following criteria:

- 1. The applicant is primarily responsible for the organisation of the conference,
- 2. the conference theme reflects one of Leuphana's science initiatives,
- 3. Announcement of the conference within the (inter)national scientific community,
- 4. at least half of the lecturers come from other universities or non-university research institutions,
- 5. Public relations work is carried out (e.g. website, press release, flyer).

²Conferences funded by the Leuphana Research Service are not eligible for funding. ³The organisation of the conference must be proven by a copy of the call for papers, a copy of the programme, a list of speakers (surname, first name and institution), proof of public relations work and a cost plan according to Appendix 2.

⁴Postdocs at Leuphana are eligible to apply for this funding measure. ⁵This funding measure can be approved several times per person.

2. Funding criteria and scope of funding

2.1 Formal eligibility criteria

¹The formal eligibility criteria include the receipt of the complete application in due form and time and personal eligibility.

2.1.1 Timely receipt and funding period

¹An application for funding can be submitted to the Leuphana Graduate School on an ongoing basis. ²An application is considered to have been received in due time if it is received at least one day before the start of the funding period. ³The funding period covers the period from the first to the last day of a funding measure, including the necessary travel time to and from the event.

⁴It is possible to combine a funding period with a private stay. ⁵The costs arising from the private stay are generally not eligible for funding. ⁶If the funding period is combined with a private stay of more than five (5) working days, the costs for travel to and from the destination are not eligible for funding. ⁷If the funding measure is also financed within the scope of a business trip in addition to the funding from the Qualification Fund, the regulations of the Business Travel Manual shall also apply.

2.1.2 Personal eligibility

¹Only doctoral students and postdocs are eligible for funding; whether they are eligible for funding for a specific measure can be found in sections 1.1 to 1.6.² On at least one day of the funding measure, the applicant must belong to a group of persons eligible for the funding measure.

³The group of doctoral students includes all persons admitted to doctoral studies at Leuphana and enrolled as students. ⁴Doctoral Track students are also included. ⁵Doctoral students are eligible to apply until the end of the semester in which the doctoral defence takes place at the latest.

⁶The group of postdocs includes all persons who are connected to Leuphana via temporary employment for their own further academic qualification or a postdoc scholarship and whose completion of the doctorate (= date of the defence) was a maximum of six (6) years ago at the beginning of the funding period. ⁷This period since the completion of the doctorate is extended, if necessary, by

- 1. Periods of taking parental leave in accordance with the Federal Parental Allowance and Parental Leave Act (Bundeselterngeld- und Elternzeitgesetz), nursing leave in accordance with the Nursing Leave Act (Pflegezeitgesetz) or family nursing leave in accordance with the Family Nursing Leave Act (Familienpflegezeitgesetz),
- periods of a prohibition of employment under sections 3 to 6, 10 sub-section 3, section 13 sub-section 1 no 3 and section 16 of the Maternity Protection Act to the extent that gainful employment did not take place, as well as
- 3. Times of own illness.

⁸Assistant professors (Juniorprofessor*innnen) do not belong to the group of postdocs according to sentence 6. ⁹A maximum of two (2) applications per person per calendar year can be approved.

2.2 Content-related eligibility criteria

¹Applications are eligible if the funding measure is related to the applicant's own qualification.

2.3 Heights

Support measure	Headroom
Active conference participation	maximum EUR 1,500
Basic conference participation	Maximum EUR 500
Summer School	maximum EUR 1,000
Research stay	maximum EUR 2,000
Publication advice	maximum EUR 1,000
Organisation of a conference at Leuphana	maximum EUR 2,000

2.4 Eligible costs

¹Costs other than those listed below for the respective funding measures are not eligible for funding. ²For the assumption and amount of travel/flight and accommodation costs, the regulations on business trips valid at the time of the funding measure as well as the regulations of the Leuphana Business Travel Manual apply accordingly. ³Material damage to motor vehicles cannot be covered. ⁴The amount of the eligible rental costs for an office room is based on the daily rates for accommodation costs applicable in accordance with the business travel regulations. ⁵Rental costs for an office room are only eligible for funding when participating in funding measures in digital form. ⁶Daily allowances are not granted within the scope of the funding by the Qualification Fund. ⁷It is not possible to settle eligible costs that have not been applied for.

⁸Eligible costs for the measures *Active Conference Participation, Basic Conference Participation* and *Summer Schoo*/are:

- 1. Travel/flight costs,
- 2. Accommodation costs,
- 3. Conference or participation fees,
- 4. Office space rental costs for digital participation.

⁹Eligible costs for the *research stay* measure are:

- 1. Travel/flight costs,
- 2. Accommodation costs.

¹⁰Eligible costs for the *publication advice* measure are

- 1. Travel/flight costs of the sponsored person or the counselling person,
- 2. Accommodation costs of the sponsored or the counselling person.

¹¹Eligible costs for the measure *Organisation of a conference at Leuphana* are:

- 1. Travel/flight costs for speakers,
- 2. Accommodation costs for speakers,
- 3. Fees of the speakers,
- 4. Personnel funds for student and research assistants,
- 5. Material resources for conference materials (e.g. conference folders, pads, pens),
- 6. Catering costs.

3. Application form

¹The Graduate School determines the form of the funding application, which also specifies the type, scope and form of the minimum evidence to be enclosed, and announces this in a suitable place. ²Informal applications are not permitted.

³The complete funding application consists of

- 1. the details of the funding measure applied for,
- 2. the information on personal eligibility,
- 3. proof of eligibility for funding in terms of content,
- 4. the measure-specific evidence according to Sections 1.1 to 1.6
 - a) in the case of the *Active Conference Participation* measure, the explanation for joint participation, if applicable,
 - b) in the case of the *Summer School* measure, the receipt for the duration of the Summer School,
 - c) In the case of the *research stay* measure, an explanation of the necessity of the stay, including confirmation from the first supervisor and an invitation from the university, research centre or comparable institution stating the duration of the stay,
 - d) In the case of the publication *advice* measure, the external person's publication list with explanations on the assessment of the journals or publishers, why they are considered to be high-ranking in the respective subject, including the highlighting of five journal articles or two publishers and the indication of the impact factor for the journals, the rough version - or alternatively cover sheet, abstract and table of contents - of the journal article or monograph, a letter of justification on the quality of the advised journal or publisher and an overview with the dates of the planned meetings with the external person.
 - e) in the case of the *conference organisation* measure, a copy of the call for papers, a copy of the programme, the list of speakers (surname, first name and institution) and the budget as per Appendix 2,

⁴The information and evidence referred to in sentence 3 must have been received before the start of the funding period (see section 2.1.1).

4. Approval criteria and procedures

4.1 Approval criteria

¹Approval is made on the basis of the following criteria:

- 1. The formal eligibility criteria of the respective funding measure are fulfilled.
- 2. The content-related funding criteria of the respective funding measure are fulfilled.

4.2 Approval procedure

¹The incoming applications are reviewed by the Leuphana Graduate School to ensure that they meet the formal and content-related funding criteria.

²The Vice-President, who is responsible for the academic qualification, usually decides on behalf of the Presidential Committee on a monthly basis during the lecture period on the approval of the incoming applications on the basis of

the criteria named in section 4.1 and after recommendation of the Graduate School, which subdivides the applications according to:

- 1. fully eligible (formal and substantive criteria are met),
- 2. eligible (formal criteria are met, but content is decided on a case-by-case basis),
- 3. not eligible (formal criteria are not met).

³Approval or rejection is made by the Leuphana Graduate School electronically to the Leuphana email address specified in the application and contains the name of the funding measure and, in the case of approval, the amount of funding. ⁴The approval takes place

- 1. with the condition that the sponsored person submits the documents pursuant to Section 5 within the cut-off period specified therein in a form to be determined in the notice of grant,
- 2. subject to revocation after examination of these documents and
- 3. in the case of funding for a trip to a foreign country (outside) Europe, subject to the non-existence of a travel warning issued by the Federal Foreign Office at the beginning of the funding period.

⁵Reasons must be given for a rejection and an appeal must be filed. ⁶There is no legal entitlement to funding.

4.3 Disbursement and accounting of the subsidies

¹The funding will be paid out to a personal account of the sponsored person at the earliest after the application has been approved. ²In the case of the funding measure Conference Organisation at Leuphana, the funding will be paid into a university fund to be named by the person receiving funding. ³The final settlement of the funding received with the actual costs incurred will be made after all documents to be submitted in accordance with section 5 have been submitted.

5. Obligations in the event of authorisation

¹In the event of approval, the documents specified in sentences 4 and 5 or sentence 6 must be received by the office named in the notice of approval no later than six (6) months after the end of the funding period (cut-off deadline). ²The deadline begins on the day after the end of the funding period. ³If the documents are not received in due form and time, the funding will be cancelled and any funding already received must be repaid.

⁴For all funding measures, the following must be submitted:

- 1. a numbered, tabular list of the actual costs in euros in accordance with Appendix 3,
- 2. the original cost vouchers numbered and sorted according to the tabular list and, if applicable, provided with exchange rate vouchers,
- 3. a final report (maximum two (2) pages),
- 4. proof of personal eligibility to apply,
- 5. for travel to (non)European countries, confirmation that there was no travel warning issued by the Federal Foreign Office at the beginning of the funding period,
- 6. if the funding period is combined with a private stay of max. five (5) working days, the documents to be submitted in accordance with the Business Trip Manual.

⁵In addition, the following funding measures must be submitted:

- 1. *Active conference participation*: a copy of the acceptance confirmation, the invitation or comparable documents,
- 2. Basic conference participation: a copy of the registration confirmation,
- 3. *Summer School*: a copy of the acceptance confirmation,
- 4. Research stay: no further documents,
- 5. Publication advice: an informal confirmation from the external person that the advice has been given,
- 6. Conference organisation at Leuphana: a proof of public relations (e.g. link to the website, press release, flyer of the conference), a proof of approval of catering costs (if requested and to be funded by the Qualification Fund), copies of accounting instructions including corresponding copies of invoices as per Appendix 4, copies of the "Belegjournal" [Receipt Journal] as per Appendix 4, and copies of the "Budgetbericht Jahreswerte" [Budget Report Annual Values] of the fund through which the grant funds are accounted for as per Appendix 4.

⁶If a sponsored person is unable to participate in an approved funding measure due to illness at short notice or due to other external circumstances for which he/she is not responsible, the following documents must be submitted in order to receive the funding of non-cancellable costs:

- 1. in the case of illness: an assurance that participation in the measure was not possible due to the illness, including details of the period of illness,
- 2. in the case of other, external circumstances: an explanation of the external circumstances including a justification why the sponsored person is not responsible for them,
- 3. Proof(s) of immediate cancellation of bookings or registrations already made,
- 4. a numbered, tabular list of the non-cancellable costs in euros in accordance with Appendix 3, and
- 5. the original cost vouchers of the non-cancellable costs numbered and sorted according to the tabular list and, if applicable, provided with an exchange rate voucher.

6. Data protection

¹To ensure access to the qualification fund with the aim of funding doctoral researchers and postdocs, the collection and processing of their personal data is necessary for the examination and implementation of the funding. The collection and processing of personal data takes place within the framework of the application, the granting of funding and the subsequent evaluation exclusively for specific purposes. The following categories of personal data of the persons concerned are collected for the application, review and granting of the funding:

- 1. Name, first name
- 2. Postal address
- 3. Leuphana email address
- 4. Status (doctoral student or postdoc)
- 5. Matriculation number (doctoral students only)
- 6. (Working) title of the doctoral thesis (doctoral students only)
- 7. Designation of the research field (postdocs only)
- 8. Requested funding measure

- 9. Surname, first name of the other applicants in the case of joint participation (only for the funding measure *Active Conference Participation*)
- 10. Details of the funding measure applied for
- 11. If the funding measure is combined with a private stay: period of the private stay, number of days of the private stay and, in the case of air travel, the amount of the flight costs
- 12. Data from evidence of eligibility
- 13. Data from cost documents: invoices, bank statements or booking instructions
- 14. Amount of the actual costs of the funding measure
- 15. Account details

⁴The following categories of personal data of the data subjects are used for the subsequent evaluation:

- 1. Status (doctoral candidate or postdoc)
- 2. Faculty
- 3. Gender
- 4. Requested funding measure
- 5. Date of receipt of the application
- 6. Form of the funding measure (on-site / digital)
- 7. Country in which the funding measure takes place
- 8. Total costs requested
- 9. Formal funding recommendation (fully eligible / eligible / not eligible)
- 10. Amount of the funding recommendation
- 11. Funding decision (approved / rejected / withdrawn)
- 12. Amount of funds granted
- 13. Amount of funds disbursed
- 14. Amount of the actual costs of the funding measure

⁵The personal data will only be stored for as long as is necessary for the above-mentioned purposes. ⁶Automated decision-making including profiling as defined in Art. 22 (1) and (4) DSGVO does not take place.

⁷Data required for evaluation purposes are anonymised before being passed on to the recipient agencies, so that no reference to a person can be made.

7. Entry into force

¹This guideline comes into force on 01 OCTOBER 2022 and applies to all applications on which a final decision is made after 01 October 2022. ²Applications already submitted before 01 October 2022 do not have to be resubmitted.

Appendix 1 to Section 1 of the "Funding Guideline Qualification Fund of Leuphana University Lüneburg". Overview of support measures

Support mea- sure	Eligible per- sons	Formal Proof of funding	Measure-specific evidence of support	Frequency of funding	Eligible Costs	Maximum Headroom	
Active con- ference partici- pation Postdocs		 Certificate of enrol- ment (doctoral stu- dents) Employment con- tract or grant notifi- cation and doctoral certificate or alter- native proof of doc- toral defence date (postdocs) 	 Copy of the acceptance con- firmation, invitation or com- parable document Explanation for joint partici- pation, if applicable 	Multiple funding	 Travel/flight costs Accommodation costs Conference or participation fees Rental costs for office space with digital participation 	EUR 1,500	
Basic con- ference partici- pation	con- Doctoral stu Certificate of enrol Co e partici- dents ment (doctoral stu- fir		- Copy of the registration con- firmation	One-time funding	Ũ		
Summer School			 Copy of the acceptance con- firmation Receipt for the duration of the Summer School 	Multiple funding	 Travel/flight costs Accommodation costs Participation fees Rental costs for office space with digital par- ticipation 	EUR 1.000	
Research stay	Doctoral stu- dents and Postdocs	Certificate of enrol- ment (doctoral stu- dents) Employment con- tract or grant notifi- cation and doctoral certificate or alter- native proof of doc- toral defence date (postdocs)	 Explanation of the necessity incl. confirmation of the first supervisor Invitation from the university, research centre or compara- ble institution stating the du- ration of the stay 	Multiple funding	 Travel/flight costs Accommodation costs 	EUR 2,000	
Publication ad- vice	Doctoral stu- dents and Postdocs	 Certificate of enrol- ment (doctoral stu- dents) Employment con- tract or notification of scholarship and doctoral certificate or alternative proof of doctoral defence date 	 List of publications by the external person with explanations on the assessment of the journals or publishers, why they are considered to be of high standing in the respective subject, including the highlighting of five journal articles or two publishers and the indication of the impact factor for the journals. Rough draft - or alternatively cover page, abstract and table of contents - of the journal article or monograph 	Once or twice funding	 Travel/flight costs of the sponsored or the counselling person Accommodation costs of the sponsored or the advising person 	EUR 1,000	

Support mea-	Eligible per-	Formal	Measure-specific evidence of support	Frequency	Eligible	Maximum
sure	sons	Proof of funding		of funding	Costs	Headroom
Conference or- ganisation	Postdocs	- Employment con- tract or notification of scholarship and doctoral certificate or alternative proof of doctoral defence date	 Letter of justification on the quality of the advised journal or publisher Overview with the dates of the planned meetings with the external person informal confirmation from the external person that the consultation has taken place. Copy of the call for papers Copy of the call for papers Copy of the programme List of speakers (surname, first name and institution) Evidence of public relations work Cost plan according to Appendix 2 	Multiple funding	 Travel/flight costs for speakers Accommodation costs for speakers Fees of the speakers Personnel funds for stu- dent and research assis- tants Material resources for conference material (e.g. conference folders, pads, pens) Catering costs 	EUR 2,000

Appendix 2 to Section 1.6 of the "Funding Guidelines Qualification Fund of Leuphana University Lüneburg". Sample cost plan

Cost plan for the organisation of the conference [CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION].

Applicant:

Fund number¹ :

Means name	Specification	Date / Period	Costs in Euro
Travel/flight costs for speakers			
Accommodation costs for speakers			
Fees for speakers			
Personnel resources for SHK			
Personnel resources for WHK			
Material resources for conference material			
Catering costs			

Total

Appendix 3 to Section 5 of the "Funding Guidelines Qualification Fund of Leuphana University Lüneburg". Sample cost statement

Statement of costs for the funding measure [title of measure]

Funded person:

Document no.	Cost type ²	Date	Specification ³	[foreign cur- rency] ⁴	Euro

Total cost:

 $^{^2}$ e.g. travel costs, accommodation costs, participation fee, etc. 3 e.g. train Lüneburg-Frankfurt, hotel, conference etc.

⁴ Please replace [Foreign Currency] with the appropriate currency, e.g. US Dollar.

Appendix 4 to Section 5 of the "Funding Guidelines Qualification Fund of Leuphana University Lüneburg". Sample Voucher Journal, Accounting Instruction and Budget Report Annual Values⁵

The settlement items listed in the "Receipt journal" must be marked with the sequential numbers you have indicated on the individual booking instructions.

Sample "Receipt journal

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Sample "Booking instruction



Sample "Budget Report Annual Values

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⁵ Only relevant for funding measure *Conference organisation at Leuphana*