



"Meet Your Future You" - Germany's research funding landscape for international early career researchers



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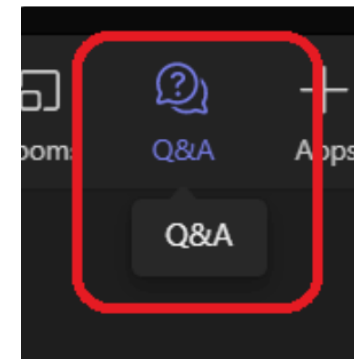


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Today's agenda



- Germany's research funding landscape (10min presentation)
- Antonia Sikotakopoulou (5-10min presentation)
- Manuel Nii Martey Mensah (5min interview)
- Evi Mariana (5min interview)
- Michel Tavares (5-10min presentation)
- Dr. Marcos Martínez Fernández (5min interview)
- Dr. Magdalena Parcheva (5min interview)
- Prof. Oluwatoyin Odeku (5-10min presentation)

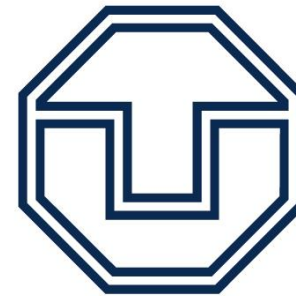
- Q&A session (approx. 20min)
- Short survey





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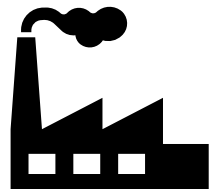
Career Path and Type of Funding



❖ Undergraduate engineering studies in Greece (Oil & Gas Technology)



❖ Postgraduate engineering studies, fully funded from DAAD in Germany (Subsurface Energy Systems)



❖ 4 years of industrial experience (GR/DE)



Since 2023

**Hired
Researcher at
TU Dresden**

Funding for international researchers



Direct employment in public universities (Technische Universität, Hochschule)

Key Highlights

Organization



Public universities
(technology, applied
sciences)

Level

Post-graduates



Duration

Depends on the
project and/or
contract, minimal
duration usually 3
years



Type of funding

Full or part-time
(100% , 75% etc.)
work contract (salary
based)

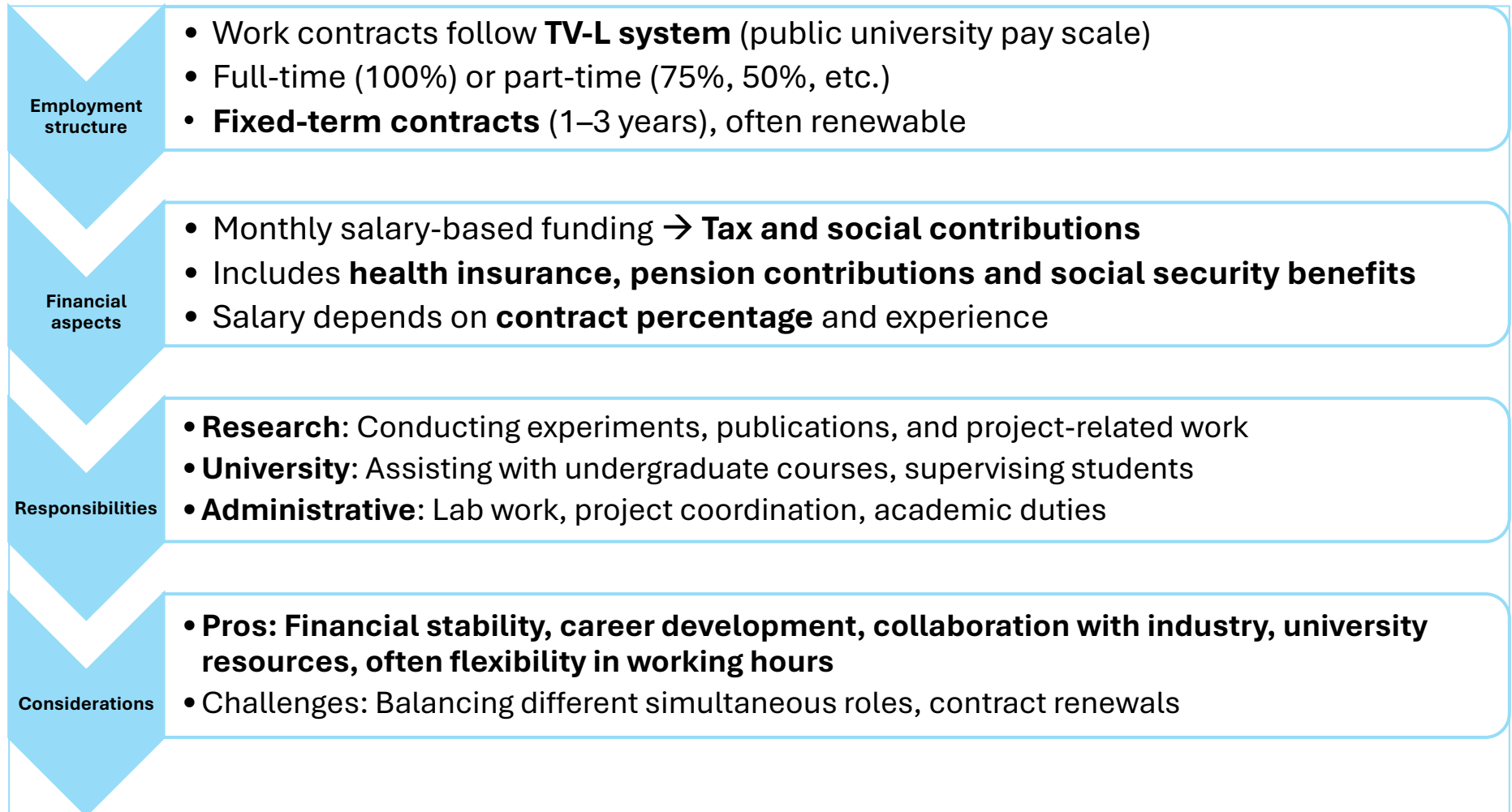
Type of funding – Important aspects

Work contracts in public universities



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How to find such opportunities and what to do

Work contracts in public universities



Job Portals

- DAAD
- Euraxess

Databases

- University
- Alumni Portal
- Social media
- Research Gate

Networking

- Direct contact with professors and researchers
- Keep touch with people after postgraduate studies
- Cold-call emails
- DAAD, Alumni Events

Actionable tips to succeed

1. Understand the requirements (to what extent is German necessary, do you need to provide also a research proposal in advance)
2. Prepare a strong application (tailored to the research CV, **emphasis on motivation letter**)
3. Reach out (before or after applying)
4. Interview preparation
5. Follow-Up after the interview





Highlights during the funding journey

- Opportunity spotted on DAAD Database
- Applied and didn't hear back → **Follow-Up Email** to the corresponding research leader asking if I was considered → Interview process → **Position secured**
- Transitioned to a **new engineering specialization** → Space and time to grow and expand field of expertise
- Vast exposure to **industry through collaborations** on additional projects → Networking and information exchange
- Opportunity to participate in **(inter)national conferences** → **Research Impact** → **Exposure and Networking**





Manuel Nii Martey Mensah

Master of Philosophy in Transport Geography, University of Cape Coast in, Ghana

Sustainable Mobility

International Climate Protection Fellowship from the **Alexander von Humboldt Foundation**



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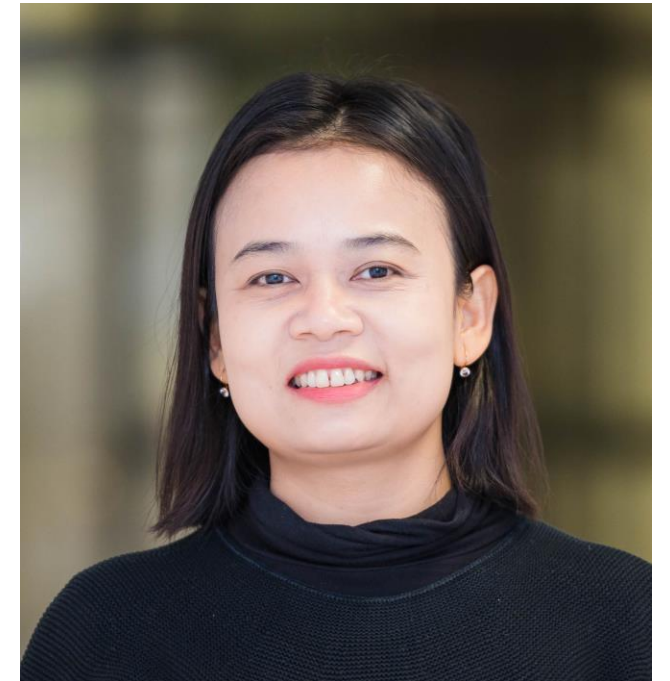


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Evi Mariana

PhD candidate in the International PhD Program of Agricultural Economics, Bioeconomy, and Sustainable Food Systems (IPPAE), JLU Gießen



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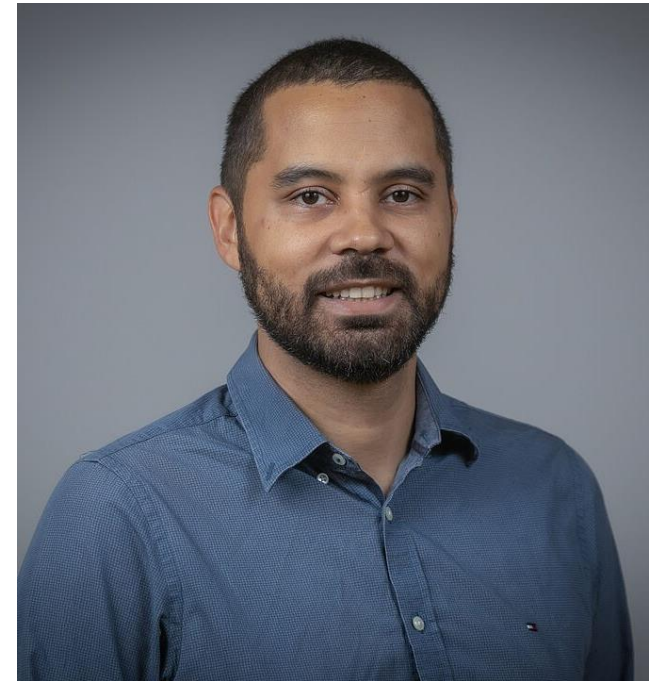
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M.Sc. Michel Reis Pedreira Muniz Tavares

PhD candidate in Mechanical Engineering at TU
Berlin & Federal University of Santa Catarina

CNPq-Brazil (Scholarship), **DAAD** (short term
scholarship), **TU Berlin (Anschubfinanzierung)**



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Highlights during your funding journey



South
Brazil



Santa Catarina
State



Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina
Centro de Cultura e Eventos
Reitor Luiz Carlos Canceller de Oliveira



42 Beaches



46 000 Students



~ 600 000 inhabitants



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Funding for international researchers

Different programmes for different purposes and levels, e.g.:



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Funding for international researchers

Different programmes for different purposes and levels, e.g.:



Level
PhD
students

Duration
6 months to 4 years

Type of funding
Work contract



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Funding for international researchers

Different programmes for different purposes and levels, e.g.:



Level

PhD
students

Duration

2 years with possible
2 years extension

Type of funding

Work contract



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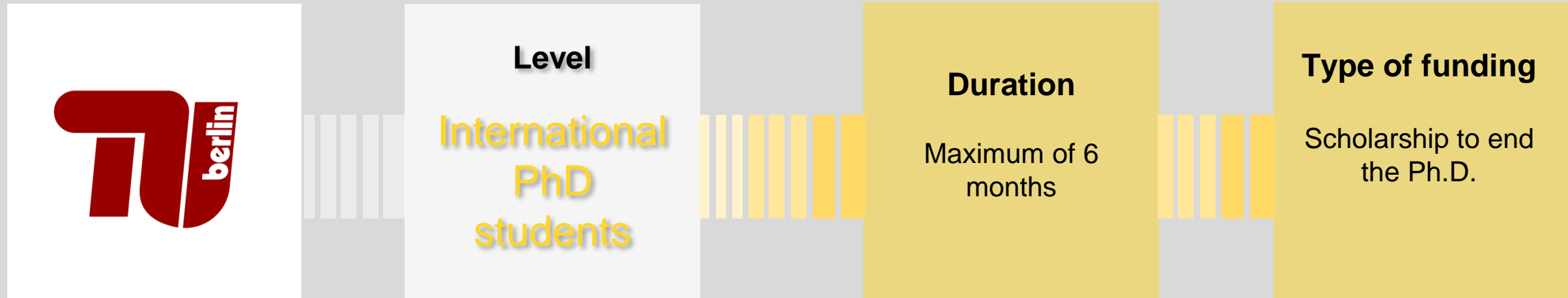
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Funding for international researchers

Different programmes for different purposes and levels, e.g.:



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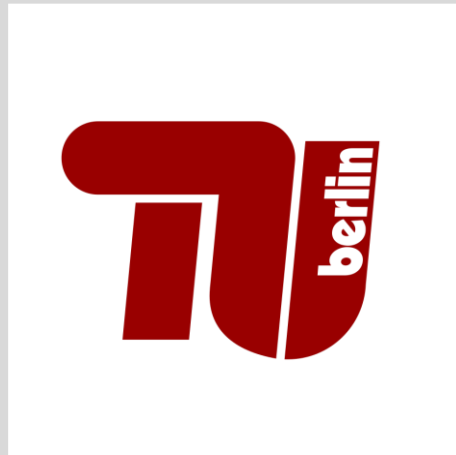
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Funding for international researchers

Different programmes for different purposes and levels, e.g.:



Level

Researcher
seeking a
project

Duration

Up to 1 year

Type of funding

100% or 50% Work
contract

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Dr. Marcos Martínez Fernández

PhD at UCM: design and synthesis of covalent organic frameworks (COFs) for catalytic applications

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship for postdocs



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Dr. Magdalena Parcheva

Lecturer on entrepreneurship and planning and forecasting at the University of Economics – Varna

DAAD Short-term Research Fellowship, Roman Herzog Research Fellowship, Ernst Mach Research Fellowship



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Prof. Oluwatoyin Odeku

Professor of Pharmaceutics, FAS, FAAS, FNAPharm
University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation, DAAD, DFG

Humboldt Ambassador Scientist in Nigeria



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My Background



Education

- Bachelor of Pharmacy – University of Ife, Nigeria
- M.Sc and PhD in Pharmaceutics – University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Postdoctoral

- UNESCO/Israel Co-Sponsored Post-Doctoral Fellowship - Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- John D. and Catherine MacArthur Foundation Staff Development Grant - University of Manchester, UK

Research Visits

- CAS-TWAS Visiting Scholar Fellowship - Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, Shanghai, China
- CV Raman International Fellowship for African Researchers - JSS College of Pharmacy, India

Posts Held

- Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- Director, Office of International Programmes, University of Ibadan, Nigeria



German Funding



Georg Foster Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

- Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany
- 2006-2007

DAAD Visiting Scholar Fellowship for Experienced Researcher

- University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
- 2009

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Group linkage Grant

- University of Bonn, Germany
- 2011-2014

DFG Grants to Support the Initiation of International Collaboration

- University of Potsdam, Germany
- 2021-2022

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Group linkage Grant

- Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
- 2024-2026



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Benefits of Research in Germany

- Good quality of life
- Excellent lab infrastructure and state of the art equipment
- Excellent mentoring opportunities
- Good family support
- Conduct research and publish in English
- International recognition
- Alumni funding support



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Alumni support



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Alumni Support

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Challenges

- Language barrier
- Cultural adaptation
- Lack of social network
- Visa and immigration issues



Useful Hints

- Be open minded
- Learn the language
- Develop a support network
- Be focused on your career development
- Create a publishing strategy – leave a paper trail
- Integrate in your institution
- Attend conference and network with people
- Be visible



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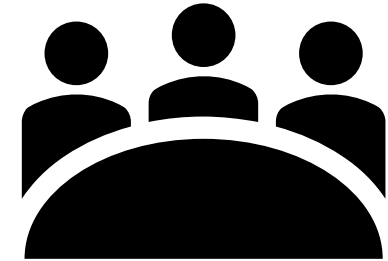


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Q&A session

Your turn! 😊





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