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# Polycarp-Leporin-Program

Starting Grants from Medical Faculty Magdeburg

## About PLP

This program supports for young scientists **after** their doctorate (PhD) in order to enhance their qualifications and improve their ability to apply for external third- party funding (e.g. DFG grant).

**3 open grants and 3 clinician scientist's grants** are available

Up to **80,000 €** are available per application/project including staff expenses, equipment and consumables

max. duration of **2 years**

if own funds (for at least 1/3 of the granted sum) can be proven, the duration of the project can be extended to 3 years

Funding should **begin on 01.07.2025**

Willingness to participate in the academy *Med4Science*, incl. submission of a 1st application (DFG, other funding organisations)

**Submission date 31.01.2025**

Please submit your complete documents as one pdf file by 31.01.2025 to REFO/DMV: [forschung-antrag@med.ovgu.de](mailto:forschung-antrag@med.ovgu.de) with the subject Leporin-Program.

# Eligible to apply are:

- all scientists with a completed doctoral degree who are (primarily) employed at the Medical Faculty / UMMD
- who have not raised relevant extramural third-party funding in their own name ( $\leq 30.000\text{€}$ )
- with at least one first authorship (published or accepted in a listed, peer-reviewed journal)
- **Postdocs**<sup>1</sup> up to max. 6 years, **Clinician scientists**<sup>1</sup> up to max. 9 years after completion of their doctoral degree (from the date of the doctoral degree to the application deadline on 31 January 2025)
- time limit after graduation: can be extended by up to 2 years per child (in case of parental leave)

## Evidence for clinician scientist status must be provided by:

- confirmation of clinical activity / periods of training as consultant (Fachärzt\*in) minimum of one year with 50% average training time / periods of training as a psychological psychotherapist (enrolled at institute for minimum of one year)
- support letter (form Leporin MED)

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<sup>1</sup> The LEPORIN grant has no impact on the personal max. fixed-term period according to WissZeitVG.

# Documents to be submitted

## Details

### 1. Motivation letter

- max. 2 pages

### 2. Project plan naming the OVGU-MED partner(s) and structured into:

- max. 3 pages without literature
- (theory), background, research topic & working hypotheses, methods, impact, potential for further research/outlook, risks in the implementation of the project
- work program with milestone plan and time frame (incl. Gantt chart)
- Arial, font size 11, single spacing, page margins 2 cm minimum
- numeric citation style

### 3. Bibliography

- max. 15 relevant references

### 4. Finance plan

- equipment, consumables & staff expenses e.g. person months, pay scale (see template)

### 5. Curriculum vitae

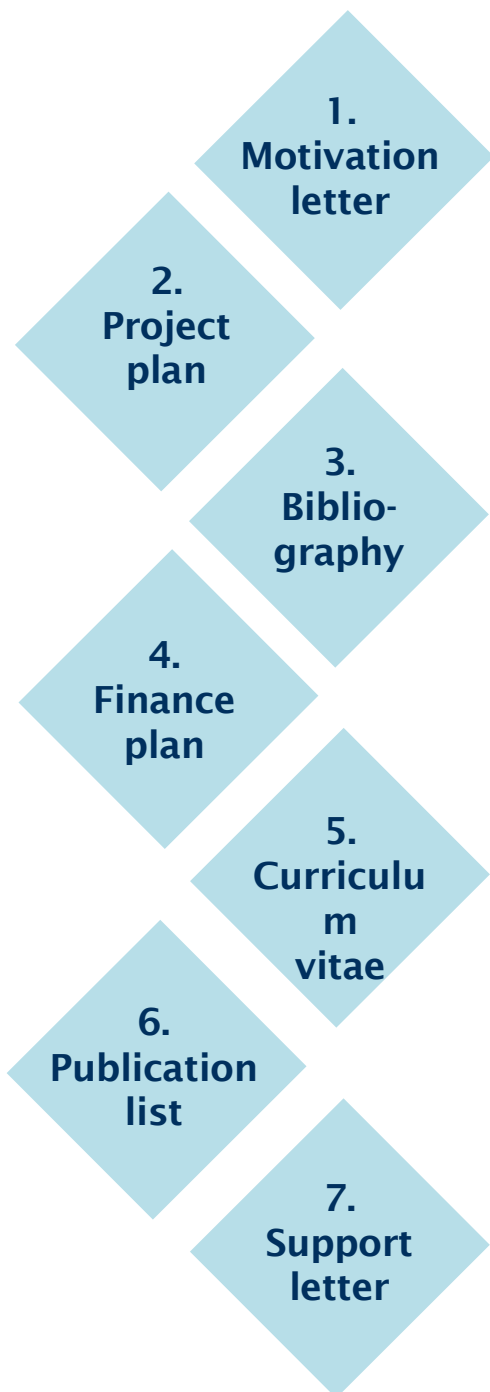
- presentation of own qualifications, max.1 page (see template)

### 6. Complete **publication list** of the applicant

- chronological

### 7. **Support letter** from the head of the clinical department and confirmation of clinician scientist status, if applicable (see template).

**Note: Failure to comply with the formal requirements will result in exclusion from the application process.**



# FAQ

**When does the approved PLP project have to start?**

The project should start six months after approval.

**Can third party funding be obtained before PLP funding starts?**

Other third-party funds may be acquired between receipt of the application and the start of PLP funding. The deadline for submission is 31.01.2025. The submitted project is not or will not be publicly funded by another grant or contract.

**How can the structural unit's own contribution be presented in the application?**

The own contribution can be calculated in the form of personnel or material costs. Please explain the exact amount of your own contribution per year and who will bear or assume these costs (e.g. budget or third-party funded project).

**Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!**

**Janett Rothhardt  
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**Prof. Florian Junne  
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