

*? The application forms are written in English language: should the application be written in English or German?*

The application can be written in the language you prefer.

*? Do I need to decide whether I should apply for the CNV foundation or for the L'Oréal-Unesco Foundation? Are there different application forms?*

For both foundations the application forms are the same. Please use the forms provided on this webpage. The board of the CNV foundation assigns who is going to be funded by which foundation.

*? Is it possible to apply from a foreign country?*

Applications from abroad are welcome, however it is mandatory that you are doing your PhD studies associated with a German university / institute.

*? I'm PhD student since some years. From which timepoint on I'm too old to get funded?*

You should have not been older than 28 years starting your PhD thesis. If you would like to apply anyway, please explain your personal situation which has led to the circumstance that you have started later.

*? Is it possible to send documents / recommendations after the deadline?*

Yes, up to one week later documents / recommendations are accepted.

*? Is there another deadline than by the end of the year and can I apply later in the year when I have missed the deadline?*

No, the only deadline for applications and prolongations is at the end of December each year. You are welcome to apply any time, however your application will be evaluated only by the end of the year.

*? I'm working as a PhD student, while my partner is taking care for the child(ren). Do I get funding?*

Unfortunately not, as you are already less stressed if your partner does take care of the kid(s).

*? Can I apply for a travel grant at the CNV foundation, if I would like to take the child(ren) with me on to scientific meetings or working stays abroad?*

The foundation doesn't award travel grants, however if you get funded, you can use the money for travels.

*? Can I apply for a stipend for my scientific work at the CNV foundation?*

You are eligible to apply only if you already have a valid contract at a university or institute.

*? I'm working on my PhD thesis in the last year and will finish it in some months. Can I apply for the stipend?*

You can apply if your work requires at least 12 months and daily presence in your institution.

*? I have finished my PhD thesis successfully. Do I get funding for my further career as a postdoc or professor?*

The CNV foundation is funding experimentally working PhD students only. Funding of postdocs, senior scientists and professors is not possible.

*? I am working in informatics / mathematics / humanities. Can I apply for a stipend?*

Unfortunately not, as the CNV foundation funds PhD studies in experimental sciences only.

*? I am a scientist, however I'm working on a theoretical project and can work from at home. Will I get funded?*

Only women, who need to be present daily at their working place can be awarded.

*? I have already applied at the CNV foundation without success, can I try again?*

You are welcome to apply several times.