

*? 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?*

No. The application forms are the same. Please use the forms provided on this webpage. The board of the CNV Foundation decides who will be funded by which foundation.

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

Applications from abroad are welcome. The foundation supports female scientists conducting their research at a university or research institute in Germany. Postdoctoral applicants may continue their research abroad if they have obtained their degree at a German university.

*? I have been a PhD student / Postdoc for some years. From which time point on am I too old to be funded?*

You should have been no older than 28 years when you started your PhD thesis and no older than 32 years when you started as a Postdoc. Exceptions can be made only in **very rare cases** if you provide a strong justification in your covering letter for why you have had breaks or delays in your career.

*? I did not change my area of research after doctoral studies. Am I eligible for funding?*

You are eligible, but candidates who have switched fields will normally be preferred, unless there are very compelling reasons for having continued in the same field.

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

No. Recommendations and all documents have to be received by the deadline.

*? Will the referees be reminded to submit their reference?*

No. You have to make sure that the references are submitted on time via the portal and remind your referee if necessary.

*? How do I know if my referees submitted their reference and my application is complete?*

You can check your application any time and notice the colour change from red to blue which signals that a reference has been submitted. You will be informed per automated email that your application is complete when both references and your application are submitted.

*? Can I send in applications after the deadline?*

Not for the current funding period. You can only apply again for the next deadline.

*? I'm working as a PhD student / Postdoc while my partner is taking care of the child(ren). Can I be funded?*

No, if your partner is taking care of the child, you are already relieved of much of the additional burden.

*? Can I apply for a travel grant from the CNV foundation if I would like to take the children with me to scientific meetings?*

The foundation does not award travel grants. However if you are funded, you may use the money to enable you to deal with care of the children during conferences.

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

We do not provide fellowships to fund your living expenses. You must be employed or have obtained a full fellowship from other sources.

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

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

*? I have finished my PhD thesis and postdoctoral work successfully. Can I obtain funding for my further career as a senior scientist or professor?*

Funding for **independent group leaders, senior scientists and professors** is not possible.

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

The CNV-foundation only funds researchers in the experimental sciences.

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

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

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

You may apply several times.