

TU Dresden exist Women Program – application form

Personal details

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Mail address: _____

Highest educational qualification to date: _____

University: _____

Current status: ___ Student (Semester: ___)
 ___ in training
 ___ Graduate
 ___ Self employed
 ___ Employment: ___ yes (hours per week: ___)
 ___ scientific reference
 ___ other
 ___ no
 ___ Others: _____

Request for additional financial support for personal expenses during the exist Women program:

___ yes ___ no

Please note: Answering "yes" to this question does not guarantee that you will receive the three-month financial support for living expenses included in the program. All participants in the EXIST Women Program at Dresden University of Technology receive a lump sum of up to €2,000 to advance their start-up projects. Only a selection of participants will receive additional financial support for three months during the program to help cover their living expenses. In return, these participants may not engage in any other paid work for more than 20 hours per week during these three months.

Availability:

How many hours per week can you invest in the program?

- in the program content (events): _____ hours per week
- in developing your start-up idea: _____ hours per week

Idea from a research-based or STEM field: ___ yes ___ no

Note: Only ideas or start-up projects with a STEM or research-based background are eligible to apply for the Technical University's EXIST Women Program 2026.

Startup Idea Portfolio

Founding idea

Describe your idea or start-up project (problem, solution, product or service, and future customers).

approx. 600 characters

Innovation and research background

Describe the innovation in your idea. Does your idea stem from research you conducted during your studies, thesis, doctoral work, or other scientific activities? If so, please explain briefly.

approx. 400 characters

Advantages/benefits of your idea & USP

Are there any similar ideas or solutions? How does your solution differ from previous solutions? What are the advantages or benefits of your idea for future customers?

approx. 400 characters

Status of the business idea or start-up project

Are there any similar ideas or solutions? How does your solution differ from previous solutions? What are the advantages or benefits of your idea for future customers?

approx. 400 characters

Financial requirements

What are you planning to use the lump sum for materials for within the program? Where do you see potential further financial requirements?

approx. 400 characters

Team

Do you already have a team with whom you are working on your project? If so, what tasks do they take on and what skills do they bring to the table?

If not, what tasks do you need additional team members for and what skills do they need to have?

approx. 300 characters

Motivation

What motivates you to participate in the exist Women program and to start your own business or become self-employed? Why are you particularly suited to implementing your business idea?

approx. 300 characters

Expectation of exist Women

What are your expectations of the exist Women program?*approx. 300 characters*

Outlook

Are you already planning to apply for follow-up funding (e.g., exist start-up grant, exist research transfer, InnoStartBonus) for the period after exist Women, or what would be the ideal next step for you after exist Women?

approx. 300 characters