

FAU PostDocDay 2026

Pathways to Professorship – Financial and Career Insights for Postdocs/ June 29, 2026

You as postdocs are very important to us at FAU! That is why we are once again organizing our Postdoc Day for you this year. As always, we have put together some interesting topics for you, which will hopefully bring you a step closer to your career goal professorship!

09:00 am **Welcome Note**

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Prof. Dr. Andreas Hirsch - Vice president PEOPLE FAU

Dr. Silke Schnurbusch - Career Developer for Postdocs, Head of Postdoc Career programm FAUnext, Certified Senior Career Coach

9:10 am **Navigating uncertainty: resilient personal financial planning for postdocs**

Dr. Maria López Quijorna - Financial Coach

9:45 am **National funding options:** DFG, Foundations, BMBF – Funding sources for PostDocs

Patrik Stör, Dr. Cordula Glass - Faculty Research Service Institutions / Representatives of the Faculties Research Representatives of the Faculties

10:05 am **Research environment: How to become part of a research consortium**

Dr. Sonja Pöttsch - FAU Research and Early Career Support

10:25 am **Support with EU funding:** FAU services for EU Funding from opportunity to final report

Dr. Silke Häusser-Kinzel, euRO - European Research Office at FAU

10:40 am **COFFEE BREAK** for networking

11:10 am **Insights of applying for a ERC Starting Grant:**

Dr. Johannes Fürst - Head of ERC Starting Grant FRAGILE. Next generation framework for global glacier forecasting

11:30 am **Q& A-Session: Do's and Dont's for the Application for a professorship:**
Karolin Benker / Eszter Szántó - Appointments and Appointment Procedures

11:50 am **LUNCH BREAK** for networking

12:45 – 2:30 pm

Appointment Simulation

Insights into the Appointment Process – The Interview with the Appointment Committee

Simulated FAU Appointment Committee with contributors from various faculties:

Experienced members of FAU appointment committees re-enact interviews for a simulated appointment process. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss what you have experienced.

2.30 pm **Farewell**