

Instructions for submitting applications for printing cost grants in the humanities and social sciences

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In the humanities and social sciences, the publication of research findings in book form still has a very high priority, and this will remain so in the foreseeable future. This is partly due to the fact that books are often the ideal publication medium for the specific way in which cultural studies topics are presented in larger contexts, and partly because many research findings in the humanities and social sciences attract attention not only in smaller professional circles, but also among the broader public.

However, because of the relatively high publishing costs, the research achievements presented in **dissertations** cannot usually be published without printing cost grants. Even the most renowned academic publishers are rarely willing to finance the publication of books with specific research achievements in advance. Sponsors such as the Fritz Thyssen Foundation and the Gerda Henkel Foundation can only finance a fraction of the aid applications for covering printing costs. Under these conditions, printing cost grants can make a pronounced contribution to increasing the visibility of research achievements in the humanities and social sciences at Johannes Gutenberg University.

Early-career researchers in particular often have great difficulty raising the money to pay the sums demanded by publishers. Shortening the gap between the completion of the doctorate degree and the publication of the associated dissertation through the financial support of the university therefore contributes to the promotion of early-career researchers in the long term.

Doctoral candidates at JGU who wish to gain further academic qualifications at JGU can apply printing cost grants within the framework of Stufe I. Based on previous experience with publishers, grants of up to **€2,500** may be awarded to help cover printing costs.

Funding is only available for dissertations that have earned the honor of ***summa cum laude*** or for works with the overall distinction of *magna cum laude*, provided that *summa cum laude* was proposed for them in at least one evaluation. The defense of the dissertation may not have taken place more than **12 months** prior to the time of application. The applicant must be employed at JGU beyond the application and printing period.

In addition to the evaluations, the following must also be enclosed with the applications:

- Proof of completion of the doctoral degree assessment procedure
- Publishing contract or printing cost estimate
- If applicable, application or applications for printing cost grants submitted to other funding institutions