



# EXIST-Women (EWO)



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## EXIST Women: The funding programme for women interested in entrepreneurship

Do you want to start a business? We want to support you – in a targeted, non-bureaucratic and personal way.

### What is EXIST Women?

The EXIST Women funding programme run by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy is a special programme for women at higher education and research institutions who are interested in starting a business. The funding generally runs for one year and supports the development of a business idea and entrepreneurial capabilities – even if you're just getting started.

### Who is eligible for funding?

- Female students (who have completed at least 50% of their studies or who already have their BA degree)
- Female graduates and scientists
- Women with vocational training related to higher education

### How does the funding work?

You take part in a 12-month training and skill development programme – complete with workshops, mentoring, networks and one-to-one guidance.

#### Monthly stipend (optional for up to 3 months; available for those working < 20 hours per week):

- €1,000 for students
- €2,000 for women with vocational training
- €2,500 for graduates
- €3,000 for doctorate holders
- Also: €150 child supplement per child

#### Material expenses:

Up to €2,000 for advisory services, coaching, travel costs, technical equipment and prototypes.

#### Extras:

Your institution can apply for an additional €20,000 per year to use to better support you and other female founders.

## How does it all work?

- Apply via your higher education or research institution
- Selection and start of the 12-month training and skill development phase
- Optional 3-month stipend for the intensive founding phase
- Idea development, pitch training, networking & more

## Requirements for higher education and research institutions:

In order for institutions to make use of EXIST Women funding, they have to have the following in place:

- A central point of contact for women interested in starting a business
- An advisory service especially for women
- Assistance through all phases of starting a business
- Existing cooperation with female mentors, female entrepreneurs and networks

## Where can I find more information?



[www.exist.de](http://www.exist.de)

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