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Director Emeritus of the Max Planck Institute for Developmental Biology
Studied biology, physics and biochemistry in Frankfurt and Tübingen. PhD in 1973, professorship in 1985. Embryology and genetics. Nobel Prize in Medicine 1995. Member of numerous committees. German Founder's Prize 2007 of the Association of German Foundations. 2006: honorary award from the L'Oréal-Unesco "For Women in Science" programme for services to the promotion of women in science.



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Developmental Genetics Unit, Genetics Institute, University of Cologne
Studied mathematics and biology in Bonn and Heidelberg. PhD 1979, professorship 1994. Cellular and developmental biology. Member of numerous committees. 2 sons.



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President of the European Platform of Women Scientists EPWS, Brussels
Studied pharmacology in Würzburg and Bonn. PhD in 1969. Member of numerous committees.



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Studied chemical engineering in Hamburg and biochemistry at the Brandeis University, Waltham, Ma, USA.
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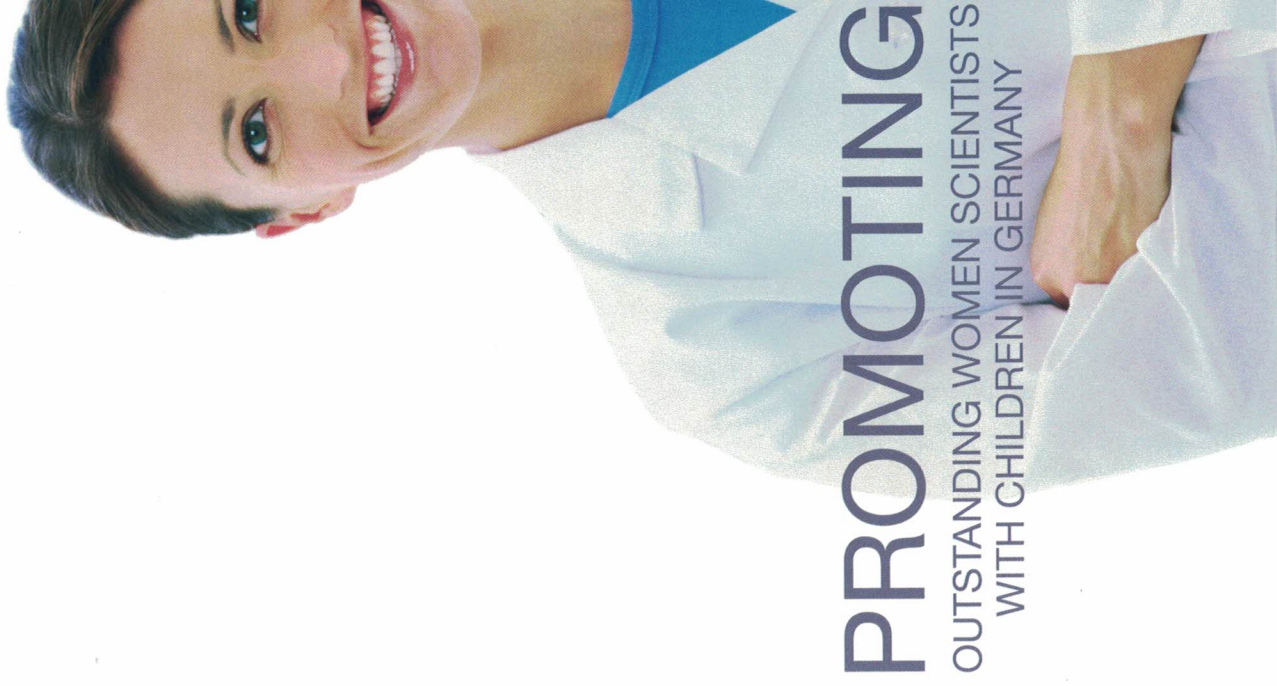
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**PROMOTING
OUTSTANDING WOMEN SCIENTISTS
WITH CHILDREN IN GERMANY**

Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard-Foundation

The foundation for the promotion of science and research was set up in 2004 to support talented young women scientists with children to provide them with the freedom and mobility necessary for a career in science.

The foundation would like to assist in ensuring that more highly qualified women can be involved in leading-edge research in Germany in future.



Why is this assistance provided?

Women are underrepresented in leading positions in science and research when measured against their scientific potential. The Christiane Nüsslein-Volhard Foundation aims to provide practical assistance to tackle precisely the problem that makes life difficult for many women research scientists, namely the difficulty of reconciling family duties with the career goal of being an independent researcher.

What assistance is provided?

Financial assistance is provided with the cost of running a household and childcare in order to free up time for scientific work.

The stipend is 400 euro per month for an initial period of one year. It may be extended up to a maximum of another year upon request.

Who can apply?

The grants of the Foundation are aimed at excellent women scientists in the field of experimental natural sciences. The CNV-Foundation sponsors graduate students from the start of the second year of their thesis and as long as the project is still in its experimental stage. With postdoctoral fellows we are particularly keen to support those who have changed their area of research after their doctoral studies. Funding to continue research in the area of your doctoral research project will require particularly compelling reasons stated in your cover letter.

Eligible to apply are graduate students and postdoctoral fellows of all nationalities, who are conducting their research at a university or research institute in Germany, as well as postdoctoral fellows who have obtained their doctoral degree at a German university and continue their research abroad.

Financial assistance will be given for decreasing the amount of time spent with household tasks and for additional childcare. These funds can be used to, for example, hire help, buy a

dishwasher or washing machine, and for additional childcare (baby sitter during the evenings or while attending conferences).

The stipend is not intended to cover the living expenses of the applicant and her family. These must already be covered from other sources. It is expected that during the funding period the applicant works full time and full time daycare is already provided for and financed.

How to apply?

All applications must be made via the online application portal. You will find a link for access on the foundation's website at www.cvn-stiftung.de. The application deadline is 30th November in each calendar year.



What is the selection procedure?

Applicants who have been shortlisted based on their written applications will be invited to an interview. The interview will take place approximately 10 to 12 weeks after the application deadline. All applicants will be informed on the results the week following the interviews.

Three of the successful postdocs will additionally benefit from the L'Oréal-Unesco For Women in Science programme.

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They will be selected at the annual foundation meeting each calendar year.