

Announcement of the
Margarethe Koenig-Award
at the Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig

The **Margarethe Koenig Award** is an award to fund international female junior scientists shortly after completing their PhD. It is awarded as an employment (TV-L 13), which is limited to 12 months, and should serve as a "stepping stone" for the further academic career. The award can also be used family-friendly as a part-time job for 2 years.

The funding period for the **Margarethe Koenig Award** should be used for the preparation of publications, the acquisition of external funded projects, as well as the participation in conferences and workshops. The award does not include research funds. The award winner will be accompanied by a mentor at the house.

Application requirements

- The doctoral examination may not be older than 2 years.
- The dissertation must be submitted at least for the doctoral procedure. The funding can only start after a successful doctoral examination.
- The applicant's age may exceed 35 years only in exceptional cases.
- Applicants of the award must work in Bonn at the ZFMK.
- Applicants must submit a research plan for one year, related to the collections and/or infrastructure and laboratories provided by the ZFMK (see ZFMK website: www.zfmk.de for collections of the departments Arthropoda and Vertebrata, the Biobank, the Biohistoricum, and research infrastructure).

Selection procedure

The selection committee consists of four scientists from the ZFMK, who take into account two external assessments. The supervisor of the dissertation is not allowed to be a member of the selection committee.

The award will be announced internationally. In case of equal qualification, applicants of the ZFMK will be prioritized.

Application documents

The application, written in German or English, should contain the following documents:

- CV incl. a full list of publications.
- Copy of the dissertation (please as PDF).
- Publications (if available, maximum 3) as PDF.
- Concept for a research project at the ZFMK for one year.
- Explanation how the award supports the academic career of the applicant.

- Confirmation letter from the museum's host department about the provision for a workspace.

It is not possible to claim the award in parallel with an existing employment. In case of a hiring during the period of the funding, the funding stops in the following month.

It is expected that the award winner will present her project in a colloquium at the beginning of the funding period and report on the progress of her work not later than the end of the funding period at the ZFMK.

Please send your written application to the following address:

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Background information

In its own history, the ZFMK can refer to an outstanding woman who, without ever having put herself in the foreground, has done great work for the museum, for her husband's research expeditions and their evaluation and thus for the research as a whole. Margarethe Koenig (née Westphal, 1865-1943), after marrying Alexander Koenig in 1884, spent 56 years with her husband and accompanied him on almost all of his extensive and often dangerous expeditions. She accurately kept a diary on the research trips and wrote numerous writings about the journeys, which were partly lost during the World Wars. The accomplishments of this special female personality are honored with the Margarethe Koenig Award of the ZFMK, which is dedicated to the promotion of women.