

# Award of Excellence for Female Researchers



# ANNOUNCEMENT

The POLiS Award of Excellence for Female Researchers is given annually to an outstanding female early and mid-career researcher working in one of the scientific topics of the POLiS Cluster. It entails up to 70,000 € for one or several research stays at one of POLiS participating institutions (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Ulm University and Justus Liebig University Giessen) to establish and strengthen international collaborations.

## Application

The POLiS Award of Excellence for Female Researchers is given annually to an outstanding female early and mid-career researcher (with 2-7 years of experience since completion of PhD. For maternity leave, this is extended by 18 months per leave) with outstanding record of scientific achievements related to the topics of the Cluster on new battery materials and technology concepts based on sodium, magnesium, calcium, potassium, aluminum and chloride ions to improve energy storage, safety, and cost-effectiveness for stationary and mobile electrochemical storage.

Applicants are asked to include a formal application letter, a CV including scientific achievements, a two-page description of planned joint research during the stay at POLiS, a publication list (incl. five most relevant publications as pdf files), and two recommendation letters. The application and all submitted documents must be in English. POLiS members and affiliates as well as candidates from POLiS participating institutions are excluded. Application deadline is June 15th, 2026.

Please upload your application documents here: <https://t1p.de/polis2026>.

## Selection Process

The candidates will be evaluated with respect to following selection criteria:

1. Significance of research in the research areas of post-lithium energy storage
2. Publications or patents, awards
3. Potential for future collaborations in the POLiS Cluster
4. Role model function of the candidate with regard to pursuing her own career development

An award selection committee consisting of a POLiS Presiding Spokesperson, leaders of the POLiS Research Units, a member of the EES Academy and the EDI officer will evaluate the applications in all criteria in relation to the scientific career level.

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