INFORMATION ON GRANT REQUIREMENT
“PhD must have been completed no longer than 6 years ago”

The relevant date is the official conferral date of the doctoral degree (generally, the date on the doctoral certificate) in relation to the application deadline. Applications of scientists with a “Dr. med.” will be accepted as well.

The time frame can be extended for the following periods:

- Parental leave for children born before or after the completion of the doctorate (women: standard extension of 18 months per child or – if longer – actual parental leave period, if it exceeds 18 months / men: actual parental leave period)
- Clinical qualification (e.g. specialist medical training) after completion of the dissertation
- Long-term illness (more than 90 days) after completion of the dissertation
- Long-term illness of family member or close relative (child, spouse, parents, siblings) after completion of the dissertation
- Military service after completion of the dissertation

All exceptional cases must be evidenced by official certificates.

If you have an additional PhD/doctoral degree in another field, the relevant date is the conferral date of the first doctoral degree.