Successful Research at Max Planck – also with a baby

Childcare subsidy for infants if you’re a young scientist pilot project – apply now!
It’s up to you

Children and career under one roof

Family and career

Want to spend as much time with your baby as possible but still continue your scientific career at the same time?

Combining the two is only possible if you have excellent childcare tailored to your own professional and family situation. But childcare like that is expensive.

Subsidy for care for infants

A new subsidy from the Max Planck Society comes into play here: from July 2017, we will be helping young scientists finance childcare for children aged between three and twelve months. The pilot project will initially run for a year.

Apply now!

Submit your applications to your Institute Administration as quickly as possible and inform your colleagues about it, too. This flyer tells you more about the eligibility criteria for this subsidy.
Act quickly

Who is eligible for the subsidy?

**Doctoral students and postdocs**

Do you work at a Max Planck Institute?
Is your child under the age of one?

Eligible are:

- ✔ Young scientists (postdocs with TVöD contract)
- ✔ Doctoral students with an MPG support contract

**Both parents working**

The deciding factor is whether both parents are working a certain minimum amount of hours.

The following variants apply:

- ✔ Both parents each work at least 25 hours a week.
- ✔ One parent works at least 20 hours a week and the other works at least 30 hours a week.

**Exceptions**

If only one parent works, please give reasons why the other parent can’t look after the child.

**Single parents**

Single parents are eligible for the subsidy if they work at least 20 hours a week.
Simple and flexible

Choose your childcare – we’ll reimburse 50% of the costs

Childcare types
What childcare option is best for your professional and family situation? It’s up to you: the subsidy is payable for crèches, as well as childminders or babysitters who provide an official bill for their services.

What we cover
We will reimburse 50% of the childcare costs, up to a maximum of EUR 400 a month. During the pilot project, the subsidy will initially be available for a maximum of ten months, for children from the age of three to twelve months.

Application
Please contact your Institute Administration for the application form and more information. Please provide details of the childcare option you are planning on using, how much this costs and how many hours both parents work. If only one parent works, please give reasons why the other parent can’t look after the child.

Payment
If your application is successful, the Institute will pay the subsidy monthly in advance in return for submission of the corresponding cost receipts.

Important!
You are not automatically entitled to the subsidy, even if you meet all the formal criteria. The funds for the pilot project are limited.