

Funding programmes at Trier University

Scholarships for beginning/completing your PhD

At irregular intervals, the Research Office and the International Office of Trier University offer scholarships designed specifically to facilitate either the beginning or completion of your PhD. These scholarships are subject to available resources. In order to qualify, you must be enrolled as a PhD student at Trier University. For more information, please visit:

www.forschung.uni-trier.de

www.international.uni-trier.de

(Wege nach Trier > Doktoranden > Förderung)

Re-entry Scholarships for female academics

The Equal Opportunity Office of Trier University offers scholarships designed specifically to help female academics resume working on their PhD and re-entry in their career in academia. You are eligible to apply for this funding if you are a female academic who paused her PhD due to maternity leave, educational or caring responsibilities, or the pursuit of other professional obligations for a maximum of five years.

www.gleichstellung.uni-trier.de

(Frauenförderung > Förderung von Nachwuchswissenschaftlerinnen > Wiedereinstiegsstipendien)



Counselling and additional information

The Scholarship Office of Trier University:

- We regularly organize and host information events on, for instance, on individual scholarship foundations. Please check www.stipendien.uni-trier.de for the latest news about our events.
- If required, we offer individual counselling; for instance, to help find the right scholarship for you or to help you with your application.
- We connect you with lecturers who are partnered with and/or liaise with different foundations and current scholarship holders.

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To make an appointment, please sign up via Stud.lp or send an email.

Scholarships and Funding for International PhD Students

**Scholarship Office
Trier University**



Scholarships

You may apply for **PhD scholarships and funding** if you are a doctoral student who is registered at a German university and are supervised by a senior academic of a German university. Some scholarship foundations may also require you to be enrolled at a German university.

- **Be in good time!** Read up on your scholarship-programme of choice and their individual deadlines sooner rather than later. Application processes may take up to six months after submitting your documents.
- **It's not all about the grades!** Scholarship foundations value commitment and personality just as highly as excellent grades.
- **Choose wisely!** Familiarize yourself with the profile and mission statement of your potential sponsor or scholarship foundation before handing in your application, as the aims and procedures of their programmes may vary significantly. Find a foundation that suits your personality (your interests and personal values are usually reliable indicators to point you in the right direction).

Where can I find more information about scholarships?

The following websites contain a lot of helpful information about scholarships, in general, including more specific information about the profiles of individual foundations:

- www.stipendiumplus.de (German/English/French): detailed information on scholarships and the major scholarship foundations.
- www.stipendiumlotse.de (German): a database that makes your search for the right scholarship a lot easier.
- www.stiftungen.org (German/English): detailed information on scholarships and search assistant
- www.stifterverband.org (German): information about the Stifterverband (association of several foundations) and the German Stiftungszentrum (Centre for Scholarship foundations); search assistant
- www.mystipendium.de (German): detailed information on scholarships and search assistant

What are the major nationwide foundations that offer PhD scholarships for international PhD students, and what level of German do they expect?

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

www.studienstiftung.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: no certificates required; however, interviews etc. are conducted in German

Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft

www.sdw.org/home

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1/DSH-2

Union foundation:

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung

www.boeckler.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: no certificates required; however, interviews are conducted in German

Factional/Political scholarship foundations:

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

www.fes.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1/DSH-2/TestDaF (Level 4)

Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung

www.freiheit.org

Expected level of German language proficiency: no certificates required; however, interviews are conducted in German

Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

www.boell.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

www.kas.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2

Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung

www.rosalux.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2

Denominational scholarship foundations:

Avicenna Studienwerk

www.avicenna-studienwerk.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1

Cusanuswerk/KAAD

www.cusanuswerk.de; www.kaad.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2

Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk

www.eles-studienwerk.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1

Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst e.V.

www.evstudienwerk.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2/DSH-Certificate/TestDaF

Moreover, some foundations offer scholarships for PhD students from specific countries of origin and facilitate alternative application processes for refugees. For the latest information on this, please check the scholarship foundations' and the Scholarship Office's websites.

Funding from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

The DAAD offers scholarships for international PhD students in Germany (for a maximum funding period of 4 years). International PhD students both with or without knowledge of German may apply. Generally, only applications from abroad are considered, unless your current stay in Germany has not exceeded 15 months. Application requirements and deadlines are set differently for individual countries. You can find more information in the DAAD's database:

www.daad.de (Information for Foreigners > Finding Scholarships > Scholarship database)