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Amplonius Scholarship

The 'Bibliotheca Amploniana', now part of the University and Research Library Erfurt-Gotha, was founded in 1412 by the physician and scholar Amplonius Rating de Berka (*d.* 1435). It forms the largest medieval collection of manuscripts by a single owner that is still preserved intact.

Thanks to subsequent donations and acquisitions, the current holdings amount to some 1,000 manuscripts as well as numerous incunabula and post-incunabula. Thematically, the collection covers the whole range of subjects studied at a medieval university, with a special emphasis on theology and medicine.

Doctoral students and scholars at or beyond doctoral level can apply for 'Amplonius Scholarships', which have been designated to enable research on the holdings of the 'Bibliotheca Amploniana' and are tenable for up to three months. Applications are accepted on a rolling deadline. Candidates may choose the dates of their visit at their convenience. The scholarship scheme is operated by the Faculty of Catholic Theology.

The stipend is worth 1,600 Euro per month (the amount may be adjusted, if the stay is shorter than three months). The proposed research project should be connected with the holdings of the 'Bibliotheca Amploniana'. Scholarship holders are expected to be resident in Erfurt for the duration of their fellowship and present their research in a public lecture or colloquium to members of the University.

Applicants should submit the following:

- an outline of the proposed research (up to 15,000 characters), including a working schedule and comments on previous research
- a Curriculum Vitae and letter of recommendation (by a senior scholar familiar with the candidate's work)
- a list of publications
- a certificate of the highest academic qualification held
- Doctoral students should additionally enclose a reference letter from their supervisor.

Grant recipients will enter into a contract with the Faculty. A report on research undertaken during the scholarship is to be presented upon completion of the funded period.

Applications should be made either by post or e-mail to: Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, Dekanat, z.Hd. Herrn Matthias Kraus, Postfach 90 02 21, D-99105 Erfurt, Germany; e-mail: matthias.kraus@uni-erfurt.de