

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

The University of Erfurt is a reform university with a strong profile in humanities, educational and social sciences. On a campus nearby the Old Town of Erfurt, junior researchers benefit from an innovative promotion, mentoring and an excellent research infrastructure.

The University of Erfurt awards up to 12 scholarships to doctoral students as part of its structured doctoral programme from 1 January 2022.

General aim

All scholarships will be awarded to candidates with excellent research projects. As a rule, doctoral candidates have to become members of a certified graduate centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg relating to the "Erfurt Doctoral and Postdoctoral Programme" and participate in the graduate centre's or Max-Weber-Kolleg's coordinated doctoral programme. For more information on these certified graduate centres and the Max-Weber-Kolleg, [click here!](#)

The scholarships can also be awarded for cooperative doctorates.

Duration and scope of funding

Scholarships are awarded for three years and can be extended for another year upon request. The advertised doctoral scholarships include a stipend of €1.400 per month with an extra family-allowance (€300 for one/the first child plus €150 for any further child).

Beyond financial support, the University of Erfurt offers its scholarship holders the following benefits:

- an individual workspace (depending on capacity);
- support and start-up formats for research and networking with other academics;
- an „Academic Career and Qualification Programme“ to promote interdisciplinary academic expertise, which involves free participation in workshops;
- platforms for communicating your own research to the general public (e.c. Science Fair, Science Slam, ...).

We require the following from our scholarship holders:

- regular participation in the programme of your certified graduate centre / the Max-Weber-Centre;
- attendance of at least 6 courses of the Academic Career and Qualification Programme;
- active networking;
- annual reports on the progress of your project.

Selection criteria

To receive a doctoral scholarship, applicants have to

1. produce above-average examination results that proof an excellent qualification for scientific work;
2. be accepted as doctoral candidate by one of the University's faculties or the Max-Weber-Kolleg by the beginning of the funding period;
3. be matriculated at the University of Erfurt by the beginning of the funding period.

Application documents

Submit the following documents in the given order to apply for a scholarship:

1. a cover letter (maximum 2 pages), which includes the following points:
 - a clearly state for which certified graduate centre (or Max-Weber-Kolleg) you apply;
NB: Applicants have to decide and can only apply for one graduate centre or the Max Weber Centre.
 - an explanation why you plan to pursue doctoral research at the University of Erfurt and why you apply for the respective graduate centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg;
 - information, if and for how long you have already been working on your research project. What preliminary work has been done so far?;
 - if you deem it relevant for your application (voluntary information): information on special concerns of family, disabilities, chronic disease, voluntary work or other social criteria;
2. a CV in the German tabular format and the [form additional to your CV](#);
3. an exposé of your research project which includes:
 - an outline of your research project with a stringent discussion of your research questions, the current state of research on the topic, the conceptual and methodological approach and a bibliography of the literature used for your exposé. The project outline should not exceed 6-8 pages in length without the cover page and bibliography,

- a working schedule for the standard funding period of three years and projected date of completion;
- 4. [the document that confirms that you got in touch with a certified graduate centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg](#);
- 5. if you are already accepted as a doctoral candidate by one of the faculties or the Max-Weber-Kolleg at the University of Erfurt: a copy of the faculty's or Max-Weber-Kolleg's acceptance letter;
- 6. a list of publications or presentations of papers (if available);
- 7. a copy of your academic degrees (Diploma-/ or Magister-/ Bachelor- and Master's certificate).
NB: if your original degree certificates are in languages other than German or English, a certified translation of your original documents is required additionally;
- 8. a full copy of your final thesis for the completion of your Diploma-, Magister-, or Master-degree.
NB: If your final thesis is in languages other than German or English, please submit a German or English summary (maximum 2 pages) additionally ;
- 9. [the signed consent to the processing of personal data](#).
You can find the translated version [here](#).

Besides the above mentioned documents, an university teacher (University of Erfurt or other) must submit signed letter of recommendation or evaluation in which s/he discusses your qualifications for doctoral research. The reviewer must submit the letter of recommendation or evaluation by using the [form](#) separately to Research and Graduate Services via E-mail.

Submission of application

All application documents must be submitted in the form of one complete PDF file with a size of no more than 5 MB. Join the documents in the above order, prefix a table of contents and email the PDF to Research and Graduate Services: nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de. You can also send your application documents in encrypted form. You can find information on this [here](#).

Please note that applications which are incomplete, do not meet formal criteria or are submitted after the stated deadline cannot be considered for the selection procedure.

Application deadline and start of the funding period

All applications must be submitted by 30 September 2021, 11:59 pm CET.
Start of funding is 1 January 2022 (at the latest 1 April 2022).

Selection process

1. Formal check of received application documents and transfer to the graduate centres or Max-Weber-Kolleg.
2. Invitations of shortlisted applicants to interviews.
3. Applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection procedure (December 2021).
4. The scholarships start on 1 January 2022 (at the latest: 1 April 2022).

Successful applicants have to be accepted and matriculated as doctoral candidate at the University of Erfurt by the beginning of the funding period.

Contact

For any inquiries about the application and selection process, please contact Jennifer Dinkler
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Legal framework

The scholarship charter of the University of Erfurt and the [Thüringer Graduiertenförderungsverordnung](#) provide the legal framework for awarding doctoral scholarships.

Privacy policy

Please refer to [the information sheet for data protection](#) in accordance with Art. 13 of the EU Data Protection Basic Regulation (EUDSGVO).