

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

General aim

The University of Erfurt awards scholarships from funds of the Thuringian State Graduate Support to doctoral candidates as part of its structured doctoral programme from 1 January 2024.

The scholarships will be awarded to candidates with excellent research projects. It is mandatory that doctoral candidates must become members of a certified Graduate Centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg relating to the “Erfurt Doctoral and Post-doctoral 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, please check out the [web-site of the University of Erfurt](#). The scholarships can also be awarded for cooperative doctorates (meaning doctorates in cooperation with a University of Applied Sciences or a research facility).

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:

- support and start-up formats for research and networking with other academics;
- a [Competence-oriented personnel development for academics](#) to promote interdisciplinary academic expertise, which involves free participation in workshops;
- platforms for communicating the own research to the general public (e.c. Erfurt Science Slam).

We require the following from our scholarship holders:

- regular participation in the programme of your certified Graduate Centre / the Max-Weber-Kolleg;
- attendance of at least six courses of the [Competence-oriented personnel development for academics](#);
- active networking;
- annual reports on the progress of your project.

Selection criteria

To receive a doctoral scholarship, applicants have to

1. demonstrate an outstanding academic record that shows a future academic potential and aptitude,
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,
4. be a member in one of the Graduate Centres or the Max-Weber-Kolleg by the beginning of the funding period and
5. be able to provide a current proof of insurance through a health insurance 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 two pages), which includes the following points:
 - a clear indication for which certified Graduate Centre (or Max-Weber-Kolleg) you are going to apply; NB: Applicants have to decide and can only apply for one Graduate Centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg;
 - 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 on thematic overlaps with other Graduate Centres and the resulting synergy effects is welcomed;
 - Information on the current progress on the doctoral project; 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;
 - [the document that confirms that you got in touch with a certified Graduate Centre or the Max-Weber-Kolleg;](#)
4. 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 acceptance letter;
 5. optionally: a list of publications or presentations of papers;
 6. 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;
 7. 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;
 8. [the signed consent to the processing of personal data](#) (available in German only; you can find an English information sheet [here](#)).

Besides the above-mentioned documents, a university teacher (University of Erfurt or other) must submit a signed letter of recommendation or evaluation in which they discuss your qualifications for doctoral research. The reviewer must submit the letter of recommendation or evaluation by using this [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 the [website of the announcements](#).

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 2023, 11:59 pm CET.
Start of funding is 1 January 2024 (at the latest 1 April 2024).
Please estimate about eight weeks for the process of evaluation and decision of your application. Applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection procedure by the end of November / beginning of December.

Contact

For any inquiries about the application and selection process, please contact
Dr. Daniel Albrecht
E-mail: nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de
Phone: +49(0)361 / 737-5047

Legal framework

The [Thüringer Graduiertenförderungsverordnung](#) and the scholarship charter of the University of Erfurt ([Satzung der Universität zur Vergabe von Stipendien](#)) 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).