

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT / VEREINIGTE KIRCHEN- UND KLOSTERKAMMER



ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The University of Erfurt is awarding one scholarship to doctoral students of the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies (Max-Weber-Kolleg) for **doctoral projects with a topic related to religious or theological themes** as part of its structured doctoral programme from 1 January 2021. The doctoral scholarship is funded by the Vereinigte Kirchen- und Klosterkammer.

General aim

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

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:

- a workspace at the Max-Weber-Kolleg with infrastructure;
- a structured study programme;
- support and start-up formats for research and networking
- an „Academic Career and Qualification Programme“ to promote interdisciplinary academic expertise, which involves free participation in workshops (attendance of at least 6 courses)
- a platform 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 coordinated study programme of the Max-Weber-Kolleg
- 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 the Max-Weber-Kolleg by the beginning of the funding period,
3. be matriculated as doctoral student 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:
 - An explanation why you plan to pursue doctoral research at the University of Erfurt and a clearly state for the application for a scholarship at 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.

Please note: Parallel applications for this doctoral scholarship and a doctoral scholarship in a certified graduate centre are not possible.

2. An exposé of your research project which includes:
 - an outline of your research project (max. 6-8 pages without the cover sheet) 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
 - a working schedule for the standard funding period of three years and projected date of completion
3. the [document](#) that confirms that you got in touch with the Max-Weber-Kolleg.
4. If you are already accepted as a doctoral candidate by the Max-Weber-Kolleg at the University of Erfurt: a copy of the acceptance letter
5. A list of publications or presentations of papers (if available)
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 (max. 2 pages) additionally.
8. The signed [consent to the processing of personal data](#).

Besides the above mentioned documents, an (internal or external) university teacher 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: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/forschung/aktuelles/aus-schreibungen>.

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 2020, 23:59h**. Start of funding is 1 January 2021 (at the latest 1 April 2021).

Selection process

1. Formal check of received application documents and transfer to the Max-Weber-Kolleg.
2. Invitations of shortlisted applicants to interviews
3. Applicants will be informed about the outcome of the selection procedure (December 2020).
4. The scholarships start on 1 April 2021.

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

Contact

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Legal framework

The scholarship charter of the University of Erfurt (https://www.uni-erfurt.de/fileadmin/Hauptseiten/Studium/Hochschulrecht/Satzungsrecht_UE/Stipendium/StipUE_2019-05-20_Ausfertigung_nach_Hinweisen_und_redaktioneller_Aenderung_TMWWDG_002_.pdf) or the „Thüringer Graduiertenförderungsverordnung“ (<http://landesrecht.thueringen.de/jportal/?quelle=jlink&query=GFV+TH&psml=bsthueprod.psml&max=true&aiz=true>) provide the legal framework for awarding doctoral scholarships.

Privacy policy

Please refer to the [information sheet](#) ("Datenschutzhinweise für Bewerber/innen") for information on data protection in accordance with Art. 13 of the EU Data Protection Basic Regulation (EUDSGVO).