

DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

General aim

The University of Erfurt is awarding one scholarship to doctoral candidates of the Graduate Centre "Theology - Tradition - Transformation" (t^3) for a doctoral project as part of its structured doctoral programme from January 1, 2024. The doctoral scholarship is funded by the Vereinigte Kirchen- und Klosterkammer and will be awarded to candidates with excellent research projects. As a rule, doctoral candidates must become members of the Graduate Centre t^3 relating to the "Erfurt Doctoral and PostDoctoral Program" (EPPP) and participate in the Graduate Centre's coordinated doctoral programme. For more information on the Graduate Centre t^3 please check out the [website of the Research Centre](#). The scholarships can also be awarded for cooperative doctorates (i.e. 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:

- a workspace at the Graduate Centre t^3 with infrastructure (according to availability);
- a structured study programme;
- 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.g. Erfurt Science Slam, Colloquia of the Research Centre, various workshops)

We require the following from our scholarship holders:

- regular participation in the coordinated study programme of the Graduate Centre t^3

- attendance of at least six courses of the [Competence-oriented personnel development for academics](#);
- active networking
- annual reports on the progress of the project.

Selection criteria

To receive a doctoral scholarship, applicants must

1. demonstrate an outstanding academic record that shows a future academic potential and aptitude;
2. be accepted as doctoral candidate by the Graduate Centre t^3 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;
4. 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 the scholarship:

1. A cover letter (maximum two 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 Graduate Centre t^3 ;
 - information on the current progress on the 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;
3. 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.
4. If you are already accepted as a doctoral candidate by the Faculty of Catholic Theology: 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 (available in German only; you can find an English information sheet [here](#)).

Besides the above-mentioned documents, an (internal or external) university teacher must submit 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 the [form](#) to the secretariat of the Theological Research Centre 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 Secretariat of the Theological Research Centre: manuela.seifert@uni-erfurt.de.

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 **October 31, 2023, 23:59 CET**. The funding starts at January 1, 2024 (and not later than April 1, 2024).

Contact

For any inquiries about the application and selection process, please contact Manuela Seifert.

E-Mail: manuela.seifert@uni-erfurt.de

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