

BRIDGING SCHOLARSHIPS

ANNOUNCEMENT

General aim	Bridging scholarships are available to support doctoral candidates who have family obligations, a disability or a severe chronic illness and are nearing the completion of their dissertation. The funding aims to help them complete their dissertation and their doctorate successfully.
Duration and scope of funding	Bridging scholarships are awarded for up to 24 months. The monthly amount of funding is €1,400. Applicants with children are eligible for an additional subsidy of €300 for one/ their first child and €150 for any further child.
Selection criteria	<p>The scholarships are aimed at doctoral candidates who currently receive financial support from other public or publicly funded sponsors. The duration of their previous funding must not exceed a total duration of four years. If the applicant already received a scholarship extension because of family obligations, a disability or a severe chronic illness, s/he can apply for bridging scholarship only when the extension was less than 24 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Applicants must have been accepted as doctoral candidates at a faculty of the University of Erfurt or the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies▪ Scholarship holders have to be enrolled as doctoral students by the beginning of the funding period. <p>To be eligible, applicants must</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ be the primary carer of a child who is under the age of 14 at the time of application (child has to live in the own household), or▪ be the primary carer of a close relative (evidence of the relative's need for care is required), or▪ have a disability or severe chronic illness as defined in the Chroniker Richtlinie (chronic patients' guidelines, available in German only) of the Joint National Committee. <p>Funding can only be granted if the applicant anticipates completing their dissertation within the funding period. NB: Scholarship holders receiving a Christoph-Martin-Wieland (CMW)-Scholarship or a Landesgraduerten (LG)-Scholarship of the University of Erfurt cannot apply for the bridging scholarship.</p>
Application documents	<p>Submit the following documents to apply for a bridging scholarship:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ an application letter (max. 2 pages),▪ a CV in the German tabular format,▪ a document attesting the reason for the requested extension (e.g.: birth certificate, confirmation from the nursing insurance fund or medical service, disability certificate or similar, medical certificate),▪ a document attesting your previous funding (e.g. scholarship agreement)▪ a research proposal (max. 2 pages),▪ description of previous work on the project (max. 2 pages),▪ a project schedule covering the months for which funding is being requested,▪ If you are already accepted as a doctoral candidate by one of the faculties or the Max Weber Centre at the University of Erfurt: a copy of the faculty's or Max Weber Centre's acceptance letter▪ a reference and brief academic assessment from the applicant's supervisor▪ the signed consent to the processing of personal data.
Submission of application	<p>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 nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de.</p> <p>You can also send your application documents in encrypted form. You can find information on this here: https://www.uni-erfurt.de/forschung/aktuelles/ausschreibungen.</p>

Application deadline and start of the funding period	Applications must be submitted between six and two months before the expiry of your current funding period. We aim to complete the selection procedure and make a decision within two to four weeks. New funding periods start on the first day of the respective month.
Contact	For any inquiries about the application and selection process, contact the Research and Graduate Service: Jennifer Dinkler Email: nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de Telephone: +49 (0)361 737-5047
Legal framework	The scholarship charter of the University of Erfurt provides the legal framework for awarding initialization scholarships. It is available at: 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
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