



Dear doctoral candidates and postdocs of the University of Erfurt,

we are pleased to send you the newsletter of the Graduate Services of the University of Erfurt! With our newsletter we inform you on a regular basis about current events, funding opportunities and qualification offers as well as upcoming changes at the University of Erfurt.

You will receive this newsletter once a quarter. Feel free to pass it on to other people interested in pursuing a doctorate, doctoral candidates, or postdoctoral researchers. You will find a link to subscribe and unsubscribe to the newsletter at the end of this issue.

We wish you a pleasant reading and look forward for further suggestions of yours!

Your team of the Research and Graduate Services.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **The Research and Graduate Services**

The team of the Research and Graduate Services develops strategies and concepts directing research, research funding and the promotion of early career researchers at the University of Erfurt. In close cooperation with the university governance and numerous researchers, we focus on ideas for research and fundings and transfer these into various programs, instruments and events, which we implement and supervise. In addition, we support researchers at the University of Erfurt, who aim to receive external funding for their research projects.

The Research and Graduate Services is generally available for consulting at every career level. In addition to comprehensive, personal consulting services, we offer doctoral candidates structural and financial support (e.g. by memberships in the Graduate Centers or by organizing workplaces, scholarships), a platform for discussions with other doctoral candidates or presenting your own research beyond your usual expert audience (e.g. the Christoph Martin Wieland Forum Discussions or the Erfurt Science Slam). You can find further information on those events and other offers on the [website](#).

Information on current internal and external offers can be found in this newsletter.

### **Ombudsperson for conflicts during doctoral studies**

The ombudsperson provides advice in the event of conflicts or other problems that arise during doctoral studies. They are an independent and neutral point of contact that all doctoral candidates and supervisors at the University of Erfurt can turn to. The ombudsperson for conflicts during doctoral studies at the University of Erfurt is [PD Dr. Andreas Pettenkofer](#)

## FUNDINGS AND EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

### RESEARCH AND GRADUATE SERVICES

#### **Project Funding**

The funding opportunity is aimed at all university teachers, post-doctoral researchers and doctoral students who are members of the University of Erfurt and who are planning a research project that they want to conduct at the University of Erfurt. Funding is possible up to a maximum of EUR 5,000. The funds can be requested for research assistants, material resources, funds for external work contracts, travel costs and funds for workshops. All activities must be completed within one year. Funding of the Research and Graduate Services is subject to available funds and a positive assessment of the project by the members of the research committee.

[Further Information](#)

## APPLICATION AND AWARDING PROCEDURE

The award decision is made by a vote of the members of the research committee after the application has been formally reviewed by the staff unit Research and Graduate Services.

Applications for internal university project funding can be submitted to the staff unit Research and Graduate Services on *31 March* and *15 September*. A total of up to EUR 20,000 in funding can be awarded per round of tenders.

As of this year, applications are submitted via the LimeSurvey platform. Project proposals can be submitted using the following link: <https://survey.uni-erfurt.de/839324?lang=de>.

## OFFICE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

### Funding opportunities from the Equal Opportunities and Family Office

#### **1) For female\* fellows (EPPP full members): Reimbursement of research costs**

From the budget for equality-promoting measures of the Equal Opportunities and Family Office, it is possible for female\* doctoral students (EPPP full members) to be reimbursed an additional EUR 300 per year for research costs. All doctoral candidates\* and postdoctoral researchers\* (with gender entry female, diverse or without specification) who belong to an EPPP-certified Graduate Centre or the Max Weber Kolleg and are registered as full members with the Research and Graduates Services are eligible to apply.

#### **2) For female\* academic staff: Reimbursement of research costs**

Research costs for research assistants\* (gender entry female, diverse or not specified) can be covered from the budget for equality-promoting measures of the Equal Opportunities and Family Office - e.g. for conference trips, for test subjects, data access, additional equipment, etc. Funding of up to EUR 500 per year can be applied for.

Further information on funding from the Equal Opportunities and Family Office can be found here: <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/universitaet/organisation/beauftragte/gleichstellungsbeauftragte/foerderungen-und-gender-in-forschung-und-lehre>

*Please note:* It is not possible to combine funding as a research fellow\* AND as a research assistant\* from the Equal Opportunities and Family Office within the same year.

## FOUNDERS SERVICE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ERFURT

### **What if your research is the beginning of something bigger?**

You are standing in the seminar room.

You are leading a project.

You write proposals, analyse data, develop ideas.

And perhaps you ask yourself a quiet question in between:

### **What if my expertise could also have an impact outside of science?**

Many research associates know this moment.

The joy of discovery – but also the uncertainty of fixed-term contracts.

The passion for content – but the question of long-term prospects.

### **What is often overlooked:**

You already have everything it takes to be a successful founder.

- You think analytically.
- You structure complex projects.
- You acquire funds.
- You develop innovative solutions.
- You work independently and responsibly.

Why should this potential be limited to academia?

### **The next step begins with a conversation.**

The [Founders Service of the University of Erfurt](#) offers academic staff confidential guidance counselling to explore new career paths – with a special focus on entrepreneurial opportunities.

Perhaps you have been carrying an idea around with you for a long time.

Perhaps you are attracted by the idea of solving social problems in an entrepreneurial way.

Perhaps you simply want to know what options exist beyond an academic career.

You don't have to have decided anything yet.

You don't need a business plan.

Curiosity is enough.

The consultation is about

- making your skills visible,
- identifying [potential start-up opportunities](#),
- learning about [funding and support options](#),
- and thinking ahead about your personal career prospects.

### **Research creates knowledge. Entrepreneurship creates impact.**

Perhaps your academic career is not an 'either/or' situation, but rather the starting point for something new.

**Make an appointment** at [gruendungsservice@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:gruendungsservice@uni-erfurt.de) for an orientation consultation with the Start-up Service at the University of Erfurt – and discover what is possible.

## Workshops as part of the cooperation with Falling Walls Foundation – Programme „Young Entrepreneurs in Science (YES)

**24.03.2026**                      *From Research to Impact: Creating Meaning and Value*

9 am - 2.30 pm

- digital via zoom
- [Registration](#) until 21.03.2026

**30.04.2026**                      *Social Entrepreneurship*

9 - 11.30 am

- digital via zoom
- [Registration](#) until 27.04.2026

## COMPETENCE-ORIENTED PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT FOR ACADEMICS

The Academic Skills Training is entering the next round!

In the summer semester 2026 and winter semester 2026/27, there will once again be a wide range of offers for academics at all career stages.

### Workshops

Below you will find a list of the workshops by target group.

There are offers:

- for persons who are interested in a doctorate or doctoral candidates in the early phase of their doctorate,
- exclusively for doctoral candidates,
- for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers,
- exclusively for postdoctoral researchers
- and for all scientists (regardless of career phase).

#### Persons who are interested in a doctorate / Early phase of the doctorate:

- [Project & Time Management: Optimize your research workflow and stay on schedule](#)  
15.04.2026, 9 am-5 pm, English, online
- [The library - more than just literature research](#)  
21.05.2026, 2-3.30 pm, English, presence
- [Doing a Doctorate – Yes or No?](#)  
09.07.2026, 9 am-5 pm, English, online

#### Doctoral candidates:

- [Thesis Defense Preparation - Compact Course](#)  
20.03.2026, 9.30 am-12 pm, English, online
- [Wissenschaftlich publizieren – ein Überblick](#)  
28.04.2026, 9 am-4 pm, German, online

- [Thesis Defense Training](#)  
15. & 16.10.2026, both days 9 am-5 pm, English, presence
- [Disputationsvorbereitung: Kompaktkurs](#)  
02.12.2026, 9.30 am-12pm, German, online

Doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers:

- [Mit Stimme überzeugen! Stimm- und Sprechtraining für Doktorand\\*innen & Postdocs](#)  
09.06.2026, 9 am-5 pm, German, presence
- [AI in Academic Writing: Basics, risks and opportunities](#)  
15.06.2026, 9 am-5 pm, English, online
- [Self-assessment and career options in Academia and beyond](#)  
22.06.2026, 9 am-5.30 pm, English, presence
- [Speed Reading: schneller lesen, besser verstehen](#)  
03.07.2026, 9 am-5.30 pm, German, presence
- [AI in Literature Reviews: Opportunities, Limitations, and Good Practices](#)  
25.09.2026, 9 am-5 pm, English, online
- [Grenzen setzen, Freiräume schaffen: Balance zwischen Wissenschaft und Care-Aufgaben](#)  
06.10.2026, 9 am-3.30 pm, German, online
- [Schlagfertigkeit und Durchsetzungsvermögen im akademischen Umfeld](#)  
03.11.2026, 9 am-5 pm, German, presence
- [Keeping Research Data on Track: Efficient and Sustainable Management](#)  
09.11.2026, 9 am-4 pm, English, online
- [Welcome to the Jungle: How to navigate third-party-funding in your early post-doctoral career](#)  
27.11.2026, 9 am-1 pm, English, presence (doctoral candidates in the late stage of their doctorate)
- [Future Skills – Kompetenzen für meine berufliche Zukunft](#)  
28.01.2027, 9am-1.30 pm, German, online

Postdoctoral researchers:

- [Bewerbungen auf Professuren: Überzeugende Unterlagen erstellen](#)  
17.11.2026, 9 am-3.30 pm, German, online

All academics:

- [KI- und Digitale Tools für die Forschung – Orientierung, Auswahl, Integration](#)  
26.03.2026, 9 am-12 pm, German, online
- [Advanced Research Workflows with AI Tools](#)  
19. & 20.10.2026, both days 9 am-12 pm, English, online
- [KI-gestützte Wissenschaftskommunikation](#)  
23. & 24.11.2026, both days 9 am-12 pm, German, online
- [Good Scientific Practice in Everyday Research: Conflict Areas and Pitfalls](#)  
19.01.2027, 9 am-12 pm, English, online

## **Access to the TwentyOne Skills digital learning platform**

In addition to the workshop programme, all scientists have the opportunity to register for the [TwentyOne Skills digital learning platform](#).

For six months (01/09/2026 to 28/02/2027), participants can take part in online courses at any time and from any location and thus expand their key skills.

## **Events**

The events are aimed at all scientists.

- **Best-Practice-Forum**  
[Beratung, Behandlung, Wissenstransfer – Wie Wissenschaft gesellschaftlich wirksam wird](#)  
21.04.2026, 4 pm, German, presence
- **Lunch & Talk – Wissenschaft im Gespräch**  
[Forschung kreativ vermitteln: Science Slam, Pecha Kucha & Co](#)  
29.05.2026, 12-1 pm, German, online
- **Lunch & Talk – Wissenschaft im Gespräch**  
[Karriere innerhalb & außerhalb der Hochschule](#)  
29.10.2026, 12-1 pm, German, online

## **Mailing list**

Doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers can now subscribe to the mailing list “Akademisches Qualifizierungsprogramm – Aktuell” to stay informed about programme news.

→ [Register for the mailing list](#).

You can find an overview of all offers of the Academic Skills Training [here](#).

Be sure to check back regularly on the [pages](#) of the competence-oriented personnel development for academics, as new offers can be added all the time!

## **INFORMATION FROM THE COMMITTEE OF PHD REPRESENTATIVES**

The Committee of PhD Representatives represents the doctoral candidates at the University of Erfurt. It promotes the interdisciplinary, cooperative, and international doctoral culture at the University of Erfurt, and campaigns for the interests of doctoral candidates in the university's internal committees. With various events, it also provides information on topics relevant to the doctorate and contributes to interdisciplinary and inter-faculty exchange and networking among doctoral candidates.

The Committee of PhD Representatives is made up of one member and one deputy per faculty and the Max-Weber-Kolleg. The term of office is one year and starts on 1 October each year.

## **New doctoral student representatives from October 2025**

Dear doctoral students from all departments,

We are the current doctoral student representatives, committed to representing your interests and addressing your concerns. As the doctoral students at the University of Erfurt are spread across many departments and institutions, we would like to encourage you to join the Moodle group 'Doctoral Students at the University of Erfurt', where we regularly share the latest information with you (self-enrolment key: PromV\_2025). This group is not only about interesting job advertisements, but also about free training opportunities and social activities such as the doctoral students' regulars' table. We look forward to getting in touch with you there!

You can also contact us directly. We would like to take this opportunity to briefly introduce ourselves to you individually. We are:

[Lucas Auradniczek](#), doctoral candidate at the Max Weber Kolleg, musicologist.

Member of the Commission for International Affairs.

With experience as a mentor and in science support, I know how confusing the academic system can sometimes be! I am happy to help you.

[lucas.auradniczek@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:lucas.auradniczek@uni-erfurt.de)

[Anna-Lena Finkler](#), doctoral candidate and research assistant in the field of psychology.

Member of the Commission for Equal Opportunities.

This is my second term on the doctoral candidate representative committee. I am familiar with the perspective of both research assistants and doctoral candidates.

I am happy to assist you with your concerns again.

[Paul Klausning](#), doctoral candidate in sociology at the Max Weber Kolleg. I represent your interests on the Commission for Research and Graduate Services and look forward to exchanging ideas and working together. Please feel free to approach me with any concerns you may have.

[Carolin Neubert](#), doctoral candidate and research assistant in the field of social pedagogy, sociologist, member of the Senate. I look forward to exchanging ideas, joint activities and meetings – feel free to contact me at any time!

## **THE EPPP GRADUATE CENTRES / MAX WEBER KOLLEG**

The university's own funded Graduate Centres are a specific feature at the University of Erfurt: they are the supporting pillars of the structured promotion of early stage researchers at the University of Erfurt and are based on the [Erfurt Doctoral and Postdoctoral Programme \(EPPP\)](#). They serve to support, supervise and qualify young academics at different stages of their careers.

Within the framework of the EPPP, Graduate Centres pursue a research-oriented guiding theme. The professional and interdisciplinary qualification of the early stage researchers is supported in a structured and target-oriented way.

Below you will find an overview of public events organized by the colleges, for which you are welcome to register:

### **Glocal Religiosities: Entanglements, Identities, Belongings (GlocRel)**

- 05.05.2026** 9 am-12 pm *Masterclass "Thinking, Un-Thinking, and Re-Thinking Religion. Some Insights on Getting Out of Disciplinary Ruts"*
- François Gauthier (Université de Fribourg)
  - Registration at: [glocal.religiosities@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:glocal.religiosities@uni-erfurt.de)
- 05.-07.05.2026** *Workshop "Marketisation of Religion in Eastern Europe"*
- Registration at: [sebastian.rimestad@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:sebastian.rimestad@uni-erfurt.de)
- 17.-19.06.2026** *Workshop „Narratives Between the Worlds: Interdisciplinary Approaches“*
- Internationales Begegnungszentrum (IBZ), Michaelisstr. 38
  - Call for Papers until 27 March:  
[glocal.religiosities@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:glocal.religiosities@uni-erfurt.de)
  - [Further information](#)

### **Sprachbeherrschung**

- 12.03.2026** 10 am-6:30 pm *Systematic Reviews and other forms of evidence synthesis: A Practice-Oriented Overview*
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. med. Jan Stratil (UMIT Tirol)
  - Further information and registration via mail at Sarah Thumbek: [sarah-maria.thumbek@uni-erfurt.de](mailto:sarah-maria.thumbek@uni-erfurt.de)

### **Webersches Forschungsprogramm des Max-Weber-Kollegs für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien**

- 30.03.2026** *Symposium "Technology and the Good Life"*
- Venue: Research Building "Weltbeziehungen", C19.00.02/03
  - Registration: James William Santos / João Tziminadis
- 09.-10.04.2026** *Conference "Philosophische Erzählungen"*
- Venue: Research Building "Weltbeziehungen", C19.00.02/03
  - Registration: Markus Vinzent / Sarah Al-Taher
- 22.05.2026** *Workshop „New Regimes of Indifference“*
- Venue: Research Building „Weltbeziehungen“, tba
  - Registration: Andreas Pettenkofer

**01.-05.06.2026**     *KFG Jahres- und Abschlusstagung*

- Venue: Haus St. Martin (Erfurt)
- Registration: Anke Blümm

## EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

### **Körber Stiftung | Call for applications for the German Study Award 2026**

The competition is aimed at early-stage researchers from all disciplines who have submitted an excellent dissertation of particular social importance in 2025. With three top prizes of 25,000,- EUR each, it is one of the most highly endowed prizes for young academics in Germany. Former students also have access to a wide range of funding opportunities - from mentoring for scientific careers and a conference fund to participation in the Max Planck Programme for Start-ups.

**Application deadline: 1 March 2026.**

[Further information](#)

### **Volkswagen Foundation | The Young Academy | Best Research Environment 2026**

A strong research environment fosters excellent research by making individual strengths visible and bringing them together into a cohesive whole. For researchers, it is crucial to be part of an environment that creates space for creativity, supports successful academic work and promotes a culture of appreciation.

If you share this view and consider your own research environment to be particularly successful, you are warmly invited to apply for the Best Research Environment 2026 award. The Young Academy, together with the Volkswagen Foundation, is announcing the award for the second time. From a shortlist, five teams will be selected by lot in June, each receiving prize money of 10,000,- EUR.

**Application deadline: 1 March 2026**

[Further information](#)

### **Masterclass for Applications for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship**

Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, the CNRS (Centre national de la recherche scientifique) and the IRD (Institut de recherche pour le développement) are organising an on-site masterclass for candidates intending to apply for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships (MSCA-PF) 2026.

The masterclass will take place from 1 to 5 June 2026 in Paris.

**Application deadline: 5 March 2026**

[Further information](#)

## **Ettersberg Foundation | Doctoral Completion Grants**

The Ettersberg Foundation awards Doctoral Completion Grants starting on 1 July 2026. Each grant amounts to 1,500,- EUR per month and is awarded for a period of six months. It is intended as final-stage funding to support the completion of a doctoral dissertation.

In line with the Foundation's mission, funding is provided for doctoral projects that contribute to research on the history of European dictatorships and the processes of overcoming them.

**Application deadline: 6 March 2026**

[Further information](#)

## **German PostDoc Network | Lunch Talk Series: Beyond the Postdoc - Succeeding as a Scientist in Consulting**

As part of our series *Career Perspectives: Beyond the Postdoc*, we invite you to an online lunch talk on **6 March from 13:00 to 14:00** with **Dr. Andrea Covini**, Senior Consultant at Struktur Management Partner. Andrea will share his journey from a PhD and lecturer position to roles in industry, an MBA in strategy, and his current position in consulting. We will talk with him about his transition path, how research skills translate into consulting, and which competencies are particularly valuable outside academia.

[Further information and registration](#)

## **DFG | Info Talks on DFG Funding Opportunities for Research Careers**

The German Research Foundation (DFG) offers a wide range of funding opportunities for postdoctoral researchers in the early career phase. In its online information series "Prospects", the DFG provides regular updates on these funding programmes.

Throughout the year, various online seminars present specific funding instruments and programmes designed for the period following the doctorate.

The next events in the Prospects series are:

- **11.03.2026**, 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon – DFG-Förderangebote für Postdocs
- **14.04.2026**, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Das Walter Benjamin-Programm
- **20.05.2026**, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – DFG funding Opportunities for Postdocs (in English)
- **25.06.2026**, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. – The Emmy Noether Programme (in English)

Further information on the event and the slides of past lectures in the Prospects series can be found at: <https://www.dfg.de/en/research-funding/funding-opportunities/research-careers/info-talks>

## **Reichart Prize 2026**

The Academy of Non-Profit Sciences in Erfurt, in cooperation with the City of Erfurt, the University of Erfurt and Erfurt University of Applied Sciences, invites applications for the Reichart Prize 2026, endowed with 2,000,- EUR.

This Erfurt Early Career Award for Applied Research honours graduate theses from any academic discipline that demonstrate a clear practical relevance. The intended applicability should serve the common good, as reflected in the programme of the Erfurt Academy and in the life's work of Christian Reichart.

**Application deadline: 15 March 2026**

[Further information](#)

### **German Atlantic Association | Security Slam**

Are you studying, conducting research, pursuing a doctorate, teaching or working on a topic in the field of security policy and are you proficient in German? Would you like to present your findings in an innovative format and take part in professional training on how to communicate your research in an engaging and accessible way? Then apply for the Security Slam and present your work on a major stage.

All topics are welcome – from artificial intelligence and fake news to questions of modern warfare or climate change.

**Application deadline: 30 March 2026**

[Further information](#)

### **Wübben Foundation for Science | Sandpit Programme**

The new annual theme of the Sandpit Programme of the Wübben Foundation for Science is "Understanding, Shaping and Transforming Bureaucracy." Researchers from all disciplines (from postdoctoral level onwards) are invited to apply by submitting a two-page concept note.

Sandpits are creative idea labs bringing together up to 20 participants to collaboratively develop innovative research approaches.

The funding amount is 50,000,- EUR. Proposals are reviewed in an anonymised evaluation process.

**Submission deadline: 31 March 2026**

[Further information](#)

### **Gerda Henkel Foundation | Prospekt Utopia**

On the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, the Gerda Henkel Foundation is launching the new funding programme "Prospekt Utopia."

The programme is open worldwide to postdoctoral researchers in all disciplines funded by the Foundation – ranging from archaeology to the historical sciences and the social sciences. Funding is provided for research projects that explore the future in its various dimensions and reflect on its interpretation and shaping. Possible thematic fields include historical concepts of progress, community and justice. They also encompass contemporary visions of future forms of coexistence, the role of science and technological developments.

A total of 50 projects will be funded with up to 50,000,- EUR each. The selection procedure consists of two stages.

**Application deadline: 15 April 2026**

[Further information](#)

### **TMBWK | Fellowships for Innovations in Digital Higher Education Teaching**

This year once again, the Thuringian Ministry for Education, Science and Culture (TMBWK), in cooperation with the Stifterverband, is inviting applications for up to nine Fellowships for Innovations in Digital Higher Education Teaching within the framework of the Thuringian Strategy for the Digitalisation of Higher Education. Up to four individual fellowships may be awarded to individual teaching staff members, and up to five tandem fellowships.

The call is addressed to teaching staff at higher education institutions under the responsibility of the Free State of Thuringia. The funding is intended to generate momentum for the development and piloting of digitally supported teaching and assessment formats, as well as for the curricular redesign of modules through the systematic use of digital technologies.

Up to 50,000,- EUR may be applied for per individual fellowship and up to 60,000,- EUR per tandem fellowship. Project funding will commence on 1 September 2026 and end on 31 December 2027.

**Application deadline: 24 April 2026**

[Further information](#)

For prospective applicants, an online information event will be held on *Monday, 16 March 2026, from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm*, providing details on the programme, application procedures and selection criteria. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

**Registration deadline: 13 March 2026**

[Registration](#)

### **DAAD Funds Congress and Lecture Visits**

Since 01 March 2023, the DAAD again offers funding for participation in congresses and lectures.

In the congress travel program active congress participation is funded, in the lecture travel program a lecture activity outside of congresses and conferences is funded. The announcements can be found at [www.daad.de/kongressreisen](http://www.daad.de/kongressreisen) and [www.daad.de/vortragsreisen](http://www.daad.de/vortragsreisen) (both pages are available in German only).

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the DAAD Infocenter. You can reach our advisors by calling 0228-882 180 at the following times: Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (CEST), Friday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (CEST), or via [DAAD contact form](#)

### **“Writing Friday” for Doctoral Candidates**

The *schreibzentrum.berlin* offers doctoral candidates free online writing days. **Every 1st Friday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**, doctoral candidates meet like-minded

people and get supported by experienced writing coaches with the help of moderation techniques and writing exercises.

Doctoral candidates of all subjects and every writing phase are welcome to join. Participation is possible at any given time.

[Further information](#)

### **FAZIT Foundation**

The FAZIT Foundation is a non-profit publishing company that specifically promotes science and research by awarding doctoral scholarships and grants for printing and travel costs.

Applications for a two-year doctoral scholarship as well as grants for printing costs and travel expenses are possible at any time.

[Further information](#)

### **Scholarships by the Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates**

The 13 publicly funded Initiatives for Academically Gifted Students and Doctoral Candidates promotes students and doctoral candidates, who stand out for their excellent performance as well as their social commitment. Each initiative has a specific ideological, religious, or political focus.

It is usually possible to apply for a scholarship **once or twice a year**. Some foundations do also offer the opportunity to submit applications for funding throughout the year.

You can find general information about the scholarship organizations on the website of the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space ([BMFTR](#)).

Following you find the next application deadlines of each initiative (please note that all dates are subject to correction):

<a href="#">Avicenna-Studienwerk</a>	1 April and 1 October
<a href="#">Cusanuswerk</a>	1 June and 1 November
<a href="#">Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk (ELES)</a>	31 March and 30 September
<a href="#">Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst</a>	1 March to 1 June 1 September to 1 December
<a href="#">Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung</a>	Applications are possible at any time.
<a href="#">Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit</a>	1 April to 30 April 1 October to 31 October
<a href="#">Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung</a>	15 December to 15 January

	15 June to 15. July
<a href="#">Hans-Böckler-Stiftung</a>	31 March and 2 November
<a href="#">Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung</a>	1 March and 1 September
<a href="#">Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)</a>	15 January and 15 July
<a href="#">Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung</a>	1 October
<a href="#">Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes</a>	Applications are possible at any time.

Further information on the Initiatives for Academically Gifted Doctoral Candidates as well as the Lectures of Confidence of the University of Erfurt can be found [here](#).

External event information and calls for applications, including those advertised at short notice between the Graduate News, can be found regularly updated on the News for [News for Early Stage Researchers](#) page.

***Editor's note: The Department of Research and Graduate Services is not responsible for the content of websites outside the University of Erfurt that are linked to in the newsletter. All information is provided without guarantee.***

## ON ONE'S OWN BEHALF

### **Registration for (Inter)national Research Funding News**

If you would like to receive information about national and European calls for proposals once a month in addition to the Graduate Service Information, we recommend subscribing to the Research Funding News.

Information on how to subscribe as well as the previous issue of the „Fördernews“ can be found [here](#).

### **Participation in Defensiones**

If you are interested in participating in a defensio to get an insight into the possible procedure of defending your own dissertation, then take a regular look at the page "[News for Early Stage Researchers](#)". Here you will find a list of all current defenses and disputations that have been reported to the Research and Graduate Services.

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