



ANNOUNCEMENT

The University of Erfurt is a reform university with a strong profile in the humanities, educational 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 up to 11 scholarships to doctoral students as part of its structured doctoral programme from 1 January 2021.

General aim

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

The scholarships can also be awarded for cooperative doctorates.

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 (depending on capacity)
- 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 programme of your certified graduate centre / the Max Weber Centre
- 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 one of the University's faculties or the Max Weber Centre 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:
 - a clearly state for which certified graduate centre (or Max Weber Centre) you apply.
 - 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 Centre
 - 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.

NB: Applicants have to decide and can only apply for one graduate centre or the Max Weber Centre.

2. A CV in the German tabular format.

In addition to the usual information, the curriculum vitae must contain the following information:

- gender;
- citizenship;
- presence of a university of applied sciences degree;
- planning of a cooperative doctorate.

This information is required for reporting to the Thuringian Ministry of Economics, Science and Digital Society and will be passed on in anonymised form.

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.

4. The [document](#) that confirms that you got in touch with a certified graduate centre or the Max Weber Centre.

5. 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.

6. A list of publications or presentations of papers (if available).

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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	<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 Research and Graduate Services: 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> <p>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.</p>
Application deadline and start of the funding period	<p>All applications must be submitted by 30 September 2020, 23:59h. Start of funding is 1 January 2021 (at the latest 1 April 2021).</p>
Selection process	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Formal check of received application documents and transfer to the graduate centres or Max Weber Centre. 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 January 2021 (at the latest: 1 April 2021). <p>Successful applicants have to be accepted and matriculated as doctoral students at the University of Erfurt by the beginning of the funding period.</p>
Contact	<p>For any inquiries about the application and selection process, please contact Jennifer Dinkler E-mail: nachwuchsfoerderung@uni-erfurt.de Phone: +49(0)361 / 737-5047</p>
Legal framework	<p>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=bsthue-prod.psml&max=true&aiz=true) provide the legal framework for awarding doctoral scholarships.</p>
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