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# Funding Guide for non-European Doctoral researchers

This funding guide is intended to help non-European Doctoral researchers at the European University Viadrina to identify additional grant and scholarship opportunities for their studies and research stays in Germany.

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# 1 Grants and scholarships at the European University Viadrina

## 1.1.1 Viadrina Center for Graduate Studies (VCGS)

The VCGS continuously awards funding for research projects to junior scientists, such as travel grants, publishing or editing grants, funds for acquiring data, etc. Applications are open to all doctoral and postdoctoral researchers who are members of the Viadrina.

The maximum amount granted is 500 Euros and 75 percent of the overall cost of the research project.

Please find important information as well as the application regulations on the [VCGS homepage](#).

## 1.1.2 Viadrina International Program

The Viadrina International Program (VIP) run by the Viadrina Department of International Affairs offers a range of grants for international junior researchers at the Viadrina. Applications are possible anytime. For information concerning grant applications, please contact Rebekka Manke (ipid-programm@europa-uni.de), coordinator of the VIP.

[Further information](#)

## 1.1.3 Scholarships funded by the Federal State of Brandenburg (Landesgraduierstipendien)

On a regular basis, the European University Viadrina offers scholarships funded by the Federal State of Brandenburg. These include three full scholarships of 1,100 € per month for the duration of three years. In addition, several PhD completion grants of 1,100 € per month for the duration of six months are offered recurrently to Doctoral researchers of the European University Viadrina (all subjects and nationalities) who are in the final stages of their PhD projects and whose completion of the doctorate would be at risk without appropriate funding. Calls for application for these grants are made public in due time on the [VCGS website](#).

## 1.1.4 Useful contacts and further information

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## **1.2 Viadrina Family Affairs Office**

The European University Viadrina, as a family-friendly institution, aims to provide support to academic staff and (young) scientists with children and / or with responsibilities of caregiving.

### **1.2.1 Bridging scholarships for post-/doctoral researchers looking after or caring for close relatives and PhD completion grants for women**

The Viadrina Family Affairs Office provides bridging scholarships for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers looking after or caring for close relatives as well as PhD completion grants for women. Applicants have to submit proof of a university degree, outstanding achievements in the field of academic work, a proof of supervision of the doctoral project by a university professor at the European University Viadrina, and the credible assurance by the supervisor that the PhD thesis can be completed within the funding period. Successful applicants receive 1.100 € per month for a period of 3-6 months. Please note that these grants are not available at all times. Calls for application for these grants are made public in due time at the website of the Viadrina family support office.

[Further information](#)

### **1.2.2 Useful contacts and further information**

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## 2 DAAD research grants

### 2.1 Who's behind the initiative

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is the world's largest funding organization for the international exchange of students and researchers. It offers a wide range of scholarships and research grants, which provide foreign doctoral candidates with an opportunity to carry out research or to continue their education in Germany. There are funding programs for various qualification phases and career stages. The grants also promote the exchange of experiences and networking amongst colleagues.

### 2.2 Research grants, 6 months – 4 years

Eligible candidates for this scholarship are outstanding doctoral researchers who do their PhD at a state or state-recognized institution of higher education or a non-university research institute in Germany, i.e. individual projects under the supervision of a university teacher or academic supervisor, or participation in a structured doctoral study program.<sup>1</sup> Applicants who have been resident in Germany for more than 15 months at the time of application cannot be considered. Time spent towards studies, language courses, etc., does not count towards this limit. Exceptions apply for applicants with refugee status.

A scholarship of 1.200 € per month is granted. In addition, health, accident and personal liability insurances are covered. A travel allowance is also granted, unless the home country or another source of funding covers these expenses. Under certain circumstances, grant holders completing an uninterrupted stay of more than 6 months may receive the following additional benefits: monthly rent subsidy and a monthly allowance for accompanying family members. To enable grant holders to improve their language skills in preparation of their stay in Germany, DAAD offers various services.

The award is usually granted for a maximum of three years, in exceptional cases up to four years; the duration of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule. Grants are initially awarded for a maximum of one year. Extensions depend on whether the selection committee considers the previous award period to have been successfully completed. For doctoral projects in Germany that require several years of research, research phases outside Germany can be supported if these are critical for the successful completion of the doctorate. Planned stays must be specified in the application in the work and time schedule and should not exceed a quarter of the anticipated total funding period.

#### [Further information](#)

### 2.3 Research grants - Bi-nationally Supervised Doctoral Degrees / Cotutelle

The aim of this program is the funding of bi-national doctoral projects at the home university and at a university in Germany. The program offers two options:

**A) Doctorate with bi-national supervision:** The doctoral project is supervised both by a university teacher at the home university and an academic adviser at the host institute in Germany (so-called "sandwich model"). The project must be coordinated with both supervisors. Based on this flexible, multi-phase funding system, doctoral candidates start their doctoral degree in their home country but subsequently spend research periods in Germany. The doctorate is completed in the home

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that dissertations in the areas of human medicine (Dr. med.), veterinary medicine (Dr. med. vet.) or dentistry (Dr. med. dent.) cannot be supported.

country with participation of the German academic adviser; the doctoral degree is awarded by the home university.

**B) Doctorate following the “Cotutelle” procedure:** Funding of bi-national doctoral degrees at the home university and at a university in Germany according to the so-called "Cotutelle" procedure. The prerequisite is an individual cooperation contract between the participating universities about the doctoral project which is to be supervised. After successful completion of the doctorate, the German university and the foreign partner university award a doctoral degree together.

For a maximum of 2 years, an award of 1,200 € per month as well as payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover are granted. Additional allowances (for the purpose of travel and research as well as for travel and accommodation of visiting supervisors) may also be granted. Under certain circumstances, grant holders completing uninterrupted stays in Germany of more than 6 months may receive the following additional benefits: monthly rent subsidy and monthly allowance for accompanying members of family.

The length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule. The grants are initially awarded for a maximum of twelve months. Extensions depend on achievements rendered in the first year. During stays at the home university, the grant is interrupted.

To enable grant holders to improve their language skills in preparation for their stay in Germany, DAAD also offers the various services with regard to Germany language courses and certificates.

[Further information](#)

## **2.4 Useful contacts and further general information**

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### **3 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation**

#### **3.1 Who's behind the initiative**

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation sponsors scholarly research on problems of violence, aggression, and dominance. The foundation provides both research grants to established scholars and dissertation fellowships to doctoral candidates during the dissertation-writing year.

#### **3.2 Dissertation fellowship**

Doctoral researchers of Humanities, Life Sciences, Social Sciences, Health Sciences, and Law are eligible for the dissertation fellowship. There are no citizenship requirements. The fellowship is only available to researchers approaching the final year of their PhD work. Dissertation must be relevant to understanding human violence and aggression.

An award of 20,000 \$ for one year is granted.

#### **3.3 Research grant (fellowship)**

Doctoral researchers and postdocs of Humanities and Social Sciences, including population studies, psychology, social problems and conflict, social systems, women studies and feminism are eligible for the research grant. There are no citizenship requirements. The highest priority is given to research that can increase understanding and improvement of urgent problems of violence and aggression in the modern world.

An award of 15,000 \$ to 40,000 \$ per year for periods of one or two years is granted.

#### **3.4 Useful contacts and further information**

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[Further information](#)



## **4 Brot für die Welt: Protestant Development Service**

### **4.1 Who's behind the initiative**

Brot für die Welt is the globally active development and relief agency of the Protestant Churches in Germany. It promotes the academic and professional training of international Doctoral researchers in Germany and overseas. The aim of the scholarships is not primarily to advance individual careers but to contribute to the qualification of partner organizations overseas. This project is supported by schemes that promote peace and justice.

### **4.2 Academic partnership program**

Scholarships for advanced studies - especially for doctoral studies - are granted for studies in Germany, other European countries and developing countries. Studies in North America and Australia are not funded. Applicants from developing countries (OECD list) are eligible, whereas candidates with European or North American citizenships are not eligible. The candidates must be proposed primarily by a partner organization of "Brot für die Welt" as part of their personal development plan of an institution. "Brot für die Welt" intends to increase the proportion of women in the scholarship program. Therefore, women are preferably funded. Brot für die Welt prefers younger applicants (up to 35 years of age). It also favors candidates who want to study in Germany or in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

[Further information on scholarships of the Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst \(EED\)](#)

[General information on the Academic partnership program](#) (in German only)

### **4.3 Useful contacts and further information**

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## 5 Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD)

### 5.1 Who's behind the initiative

The Catholic Academic Exchange Service (Katholischer Akademischer Ausländerdienst - KAAD) is the scholarship institution of the Catholic Church in Germany for academics primarily from developing countries, e.g. in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Support is provided via educational events, funding as well as personal and spiritual supervision.

### 5.2 Scholarship Program 1

This scholarship program addresses post-graduates and academics living in their home countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East or Latin America who already gained professional experience and who are interested in postgraduate studies (or research stays) in Germany or who want to acquire a PhD at a German university. Applicants must be Catholic Christian (or generally belong to a Christian denomination). Candidates from other religions can apply if they are proposed by Catholic partners and can prove their commitment to interreligious dialogue. Students must possess German language skills before entering Germany (KAAD can provide a language course of max. 6 months in Germany).

[Further information](#)

### 5.3 Scholarship Program 2

The Scholarship Program 2 sponsors candidates from developing countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East or Latin America who are already enrolled at a German university and want to acquire a PhD at a German university. Scholarship candidates must be proposed by the corresponding Campus Ministry. Furthermore, applicants must be Catholic Christian (or - particularly for candidates from the Middle East - belong to another Christian denomination). Candidates from other religions can apply if they can prove their commitment to interreligious dialogue. Candidates must possess German language skills (at least on a general communication level).

[Further information](#)

### 5.4 Eastern-Europe-Program

This program provides – as an invitation program in collaboration with partner bodies – usually shorter study or research stays in Germany. Normally applicants are expected to reside in their home countries at the time of applying to KAAD through the regional partner committee. Eligible applicants are Doctoral researchers and postdocs working on their dissertation or habilitation project in their home country. In exceptional and justified cases, Doctoral researchers intending to graduate in Germany can be funded up to a maximum of 3 years.

[Further information](#)

### 5.5 Useful contacts and further information

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## 6 Special Scholarship Programs of German Scholarship Foundations for International doctoral researchers

There are several foundations in Germany offering scholarships to international researchers. Some of these foundations are running special international programs. In some cases, the amount of scholarship for applicants from Non-EU countries can differ from the general amount applying to EU nationals.

Under special conditions, international doctoral researchers can also apply for the regular scholarship programs offered by the respective foundations. For more information, please see [chapter 7](#).

### 6.1 Friedrich Ebert Foundation: Scholarship program for International doctoral researchers

#### 6.1.1 Who is behind the initiative?

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) is a political foundation associated with the German social democratic party (SPD). It seeks to improve the political education of the people and to promote democracy and pluralism as well as international understanding and cooperation. It especially aims at supporting women, children of working-class families as well as students and doctoral researchers from a migration background.

#### 6.1.2 Who is eligible?

International doctoral researchers fulfilling the following requirements:

- proof of admission to a doctorate at a German university,
- an above-average study performance,
- strong social commitment.

Furthermore, the applicants must prove a language level of C1. Accepted certificates are:

- DSH-2 at "Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang",
- Level 4 of the "Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache",
- Zertifikat C 1 of Goethe Institute.

Additionally, at the time of application the applicant should not have been in Germany for more than 15 months. An exception is a stay connected with studies, PhD studies, a research project, or for a preparatory language course. Refugees are exempted from this rule, too.

#### 6.1.3 The scholarship

Scholarship amount: up to 1,200 € per month

Duration: 2 years, may be extended by a maximum of one additional year

#### 6.1.4 Useful contacts and further information:

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## 6.2 Konrad Adenauer Foundation: Sponsorship Program for International doctoral researchers from Non-EU countries

### 6.2.1 Who is behind the initiative?

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation, associated with the German Christian Democratic Union (CDU), committed to fostering democracy and the rule of law, to implementing social and market-economic structures and to promoting human rights in Europe and worldwide. In line with these principles, the Foundation awards scholarships to international master students and graduates doing a PhD in order to enable study and research at universities in Germany. This way, KAS actively promotes intercultural dialogues, the formation of international networks as well as the internationalization of universities and science.

### 6.2.2 Who is eligible?

The Sponsorship Program for Foreign Students (Ausländerförderung) is aimed at international graduates who have acquired a university degree in their home country and who intend to complete postgraduate or master studies, a PhD or a research stay at a university in Germany. Applicants should

- be able to provide evidence of above average academic performance
- bring broad general education and distinct interest in political issues
- have a positive attitude towards democracy and human rights
- have been actively engaged in voluntary work for the benefit of the people and the society in their home countries
- be open to develop their personal points of view and practice tolerance towards those with different beliefs
- be highly motivated and be able to convince the foundation with their own plans and potential.

The required German level is at least B2. It is recommended to have one of the following certificates:

- DSH-2 at "Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang"
- Test-DAF with a high degree.

### 6.2.3 The scholarship

Scholarship amount:                    up to 1,200 € per month  
    + 120 € Health insurance  
    + 276 € family allowance if applicable  
    + 194 € child allowance if applicable  
    + up to 500 € support for tuition fee if applicable

Duration:                                    3 years

### 6.2.4 Useful contacts and further information

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## 6.3 Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

### 6.3.1 Who is behind the initiative?

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (RLS) is a political foundation affiliated with the German Left Party. It seeks to promote democratic decision-making and social justice. Therefore, it favors female applicants and applicants with disabilities. Since ten years, the foundation has its focus on foreign students and graduates. International doctoral researchers can apply for either a PhD scholarship or a research grant.

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation offers three different PhD scholarship programs. International doctoral researchers can respectively apply for one of these programs, depending on their eligibility.

### 6.3.2 Research grant program for International doctoral researchers

The program supports doctoral researchers who want to go to Germany in order to do their PhD or a research stay beneficial for their PhD.

#### Who is eligible?

International doctoral researchers

- with proof of admission to a doctorate at a German university
- with a supervisor at a German university
- with above-average study performance
- strong social commitment in line with RLS

The required language level is C1. A language certificate is not necessary. The language proficiency can also be proven by an obvious declaration in the CV that clearly shows how the applicant has reached the C1 level (e.g. a German bachelors or master's degree or corresponding language courses). The foundation does not fund German courses.

#### The scholarship

Scholarship amount:                    1,200 € per month  
  + 100 € research cost allowance  
  + 20 € for fringe benefits monthly.

Duration:                                    2 years, may be extended by a maximum of one additional year.

### 6.3.3 Scholarship program for doctoral researchers from Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, Libya, Iraq und Morocco

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation gives scholarships to people from the above-named countries who want to do their PhD in Germany. These scholarships are payed with funds of the Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt).

#### Who is eligible?

Doctoral researchers from the above-named countries can apply if they can prove

- their enrolment at a German university or at a university abroad

- a supervision by a German Professor or lecturer in Germany
- very good grades, degree or diploma
- activities in social, political and/or community services.

The applicants should have a basic knowledge of the German language and at least a very good knowledge of English language. Further German classes can be sponsored by the foundation.

### **The Scholarship**

Scholarship amount: 1,200 € per month  
+ 100 € research cost allowance.

Duration: 2 years, may be extended by a maximum of one additional year

Note: Applications can only be accepted in German or English.

### **6.4 Useful contacts and further information**

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## 7 Regular Scholarship programs of German Foundations

Some German scholarship foundations do not offer special programs for international doctoral researchers. Nevertheless, under special conditions an application in the regular scholarship programs is sometimes possible.

### 7.1 Short description of the foundations

#### Avicenna Studienwerk

The Avicenna Studienwerk is the youngest foundation for scholarships in Germany. It promotes and supports highly committed Muslim students and doctoral researchers from all fields of study. The main aim of Avicenna foundation is to educate responsible and qualified Muslim characters in order to open them the way to leading positions in science, civil society, business, politics and the culture sector.

[Further Information](#)

#### Cusanuswerk

The Cusanuswerk is the catholic foundation for scholarships in Germany. It already supported around 9,000 highly talented catholic students and doctoral researchers. The aim of the foundation is to promote excellent characters with above-average commitment who will contribute to the common good of the society and work in high positions of church, society, science, politics and business.

[Further information](#)

Note: If you are not eligible to apply at Cusanuswerk, please check if the [KAAD](#) is an option for you.

#### Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk

The Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk (ELES) promotes the education of highly talented Jewish students and doctoral researchers in Germany, the rest of the European Union and Switzerland. Although the foundation focuses mainly on talents from Germany and EU-countries, an application for Non-EU-members is also possible in special cases.

[Further information](#)

#### Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst e.V.

The Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst e.V. is the protestant foundation for scholarships in Germany. It currently supports around 1200 students and 200 doctoral researchers from all fields of study.

[Further information](#)

#### Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) is a political foundation associated with the German social democratic party (SPD). It seeks to improve the political education of the people and to promote democracy and pluralism as well as international understanding and cooperation. It especially aims at supporting women, children of working-class families as well as students and doctoral researchers from a migration background.

Besides the special program for international doctoral researchers offered by FES (please see [chapter 6.1](#)), under certain conditions, an application for the regular scholarship program is also possible.

[Further information](#)

### **Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom**

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) is the foundation committed to liberal politics and affiliated to the Free Democratic Party (FDP) of Germany. It aims to promote the principle of freedom for the dignity of all people and in all areas of society, both in Germany and abroad.

The support of human rights, rule of law and democracy in more than 60 countries form the core of the work of the regional offices in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Central America. The foundation supports local, regional, and national initiatives to promote the rights of minorities, the democratic control of security forces and for strengthening international human rights coalitions.

[Further information and application form for Non-German applicants](#)

### **Hanns Seidel Foundation**

The Hanns Seidel Stiftung (HSS) is affiliated with the German Christian Social Union (CSU). The focus of the foundation is the political education of young people with the objective of promoting democratic and civic education for Germans and “Bildungsinländer” (please see [§ 8 BAföG](#)). In special cases, an application of Non-Germans is possible, if they did their Bachelor or Master studies in Germany.

[Further information](#) (only in German)

### **Hans Böckler Foundation**

The Hans Böckler Foundation (HBS) is affiliated with the German Trade Union Federation (DGB) and aims to promote democratic participation. Therefore, among other issues, it supports different ways of education of junior academics.

[Further information](#) (only in German)

### **Heinrich Böll Foundation**

The Heinrich Böll Foundation (hbs) maintains close ties to the German Green Party (Alliance 90/The Greens), supports green visions and projects, and aims to foster democracy and uphold human rights.

[Further information](#)

### **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung**

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation, associated with the German Christian Democratic Union (CDU), committed to fostering democracy and the rule of law, to implementing social and market-economic structures and to promoting human rights in Europe and worldwide. In line with these principles, the Foundation awards scholarships to international master students and graduates doing a PhD in order to enable study and research at universities in Germany. This way, KAS actively promotes intercultural dialogues, the formation of international networks as well as the internationalization of universities and science.



Besides the special programs for international doctoral researchers offered by KAS (please see [chapter 6.2](#)), international doctoral researchers can under certain conditions also apply for the regular scholarship program.

[Further information](#)

### **German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes)**

The German Academic Scholarship Foundation is Germany's oldest and largest organization that sponsors outstanding students and doctoral researchers in the Federal Republic of Germany. It awards scholarships to outstanding students and doctoral researchers, irrespective of their political, ideological or religious convictions and affiliations.

[Further information](#)

### **Foundation of German Business (Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft)**

The Foundation of German Business (Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft - SDW) works closely with German business associations and the family of the business leader Dr. Klaus Murmann. The SDW aims to provide young people with the best possible conditions for a good start to a successful and fulfilling professional career. An essential issue is the advancement of entrepreneurial thinking and socially responsible action.

[Further information](#)

### **Rosa Luxemburg Foundation**

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (RLS) is a political foundation affiliated with the German Left Party. It seeks to promote democratic decision-making and social justice. Therefore, it favors female applicants and applicants with disabilities. Since ten years, the foundation has its focus on foreign students and graduates. International doctoral researchers can apply for either a PhD scholarship or a research grant.

Besides the special programs for international doctoral researchers offered by RLS (please see [chapter 6.3](#)), international doctoral researchers can under certain conditions also apply for the regular scholarship program.

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## 7.2 Overview of the Regular scholarship programs

|  | Scholarship conditions   | eligibility   | language skills   |
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| <b>Avicenna Studienwerk</b>                    | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>up to 100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years (may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muslim denomination</li> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• strong social commitment</li> </ul>   | <p><b>C1</b><br/>proved by DSH-3 of the “Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang” (German Language Exam for University Admission)</p>                  |
| <b>Cusanuswerk</b>                             | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 3 years (may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catholic or orthodox denomination</li> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• the applicant has already studied in Germany with DAAD (or something comparable)</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> </ul>   | <p><b>at least B2</b><br/>A certificate is not necessary. However, as part of the selection process applicants have to pass an oral colloquium in German.</p> |
| <b>Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Foundation</b>         | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years (may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jewish denomination</li> <li>• proof of admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• strong social commitment</li> </ul>   | <p><b>proved B2</b></p>   |
| <b>Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst e.V.</b> | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years (may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evangelic confession (in special cases an application is also possible if the applicant is not a member of the protestant church but gives a convincing reason why he/she applies at an evangelic foundation)</li> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• strong social commitment</li> </ul> | <p><b>B2</b><br/>Even if no proof is required, the whole program will be in German. A fluid German is therefore necessary.</p>                                |

|   | Scholarship conditions   | eligibility  | language skills   |
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| <b>Friedrich Ebert Foundation</b>               | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years (may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• status of a “Bildungsinländer” in reference to <a href="#">§ 8 BAföG</a></li> <li>• above-average academic performance and a quickly completed study degree</li> <li>• strong social and political commitment</li> </ul>  | <p><b>C1</b><br/>proved by one of the following certificates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least level DSH-2 of the “Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang”</li> <li>• at least level 4 of the “Test Deutsch als Fremdsprache”</li> <li>• “Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung” of the Goethe Institute</li> </ul> |
| <b>Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom</b> | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years<br/>(may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• strong social and political commitment</li> <li>• At the time of application, the applicant should not have been in Germany for more than 15 months, already. However, this condition is not relevant if the applicant has been in Germany for a longer time because of studies or research.</li> </ul> | <p><b>sufficient language skills</b><br/>A certificate is not necessary.</p>  |
| <b>Hanns Seidel Foundation</b>                  | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years (may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• applicant holds a Bachelor or Master degree done at a German university (in German)</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• strong social, political or church commitment</li> </ul>   | <p><b>fluid German</b><br/>Instead of a certificate, the necessity of a German Bachelor or Master degree serves as proof for the proficiency.</p>   |
| <b>Hans Böckler Foundation</b>                  | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years<br/>(may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• permanent residence in Germany</li> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• commitment in trade union politics or socio-political issues</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• sociopolitical relevant dissertation topic</li> </ul>   | <p><b>no proof necessary</b><br/>The dissertation can be done in English. There is only need of an exposé in English.</p>   |

|                                   | Scholarship conditions   | eligibility  | language skills  |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <b>Heinrich Böll Foundation</b>   | <p><b>Scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>Research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional fringe benefits are possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years<br/>(may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• strong social and political commitment</li> <li>• innovative, interdisciplinary research strategies</li> </ul>  | <p><b>B2 / DSH-2</b><br/>Has to be proven by a certificate.</p>  |
| <b>Konrad Adenauer Foundation</b> | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years, depending on the accomplishments<br/>(may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• the study degree which qualifies for the doctorate should not have been completed more than 5 years ago</li> <li>• identification with the political line of the foundation</li> <li>• strong social and political commitment or the readiness to reactivate it during the duration of the scholarship</li> <li>• interest in other cultural circles and languages</li> <li>• long-term residence permit</li> </ul> | <p><b>at least C1</b><br/>proven by the “Zentrale Mittelstufenprüfung” of the Goethe Institute or something comparable</p> |
| <b>Rosa Luxemburg Foundation</b>  | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years<br/>(may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p>                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proof of unconditional admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• above-average academic performance</li> <li>• strong social and political commitment</li> </ul>   | <p><b>at least B2</b><br/>no special certificate required</p>  |

|   | Scholarship conditions   | eligibility   | language skills   |
|---|--|---|---|
| <b>Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft</b>    | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years<br/>(may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• status of a “Bildungsinländer” in reference to <a href="#">§ 8 BAföG</a></li> <li>• proof of admission to a doctorate at a German or state recognized university</li> <li>• above-average academic achievements</li> <li>• , social commitment, communication and social competence</li> <li>• single-mindedness</li> <li>• good general education and joined-up thinking</li> <li>• the last study degree should not have been completed more than 5 years ago</li> </ul> | <p><b>B2 / DSH-2</b><br/>Has to be proven by a certificate.</p> |
| <b>Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes</b> | <p><b>scholarship</b><br/>up to 1,350 € per month</p> <p><b>research allowance</b><br/>100 € per month<br/>(additional family and child allowance possible)</p> <p><b>Duration:</b> 2 years<br/>(may be extended by a maximum of 1 year)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• proof of admission to a doctorate at a German university</li> <li>• a scientifically ambitious and innovative dissertation project</li> <li>• outstanding scientific performance</li> <li>• social commitment</li> <li>• individual excellence, e.g. extra-curricular qualifications</li> <li>• the last study degree should not have been completed more than 3 years ago</li> </ul>  | <p><b>not specified</b></p>                                     |

## 8 Aga Khan Foundation

### 8.1 Who's behind the initiative

The Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), alongside its sister Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) agencies, has implemented innovative, community-driven solutions to development challenges for more than 45 years. It focusses on a small number of specific development problems by forming intellectual and financial partnerships with organizations sharing its objectives. The Aga Khan Foundation provides a limited number of scholarships each year for postgraduate studies to outstanding doctoral researchers from selected developing countries who have no other means of financing their studies, in order to develop effective scholars and leaders and to prepare them for employment, primarily within the AKDN. Scholarships are awarded on a 50% grant to 50% loan basis through a competitive application process once a year in June or July. The Foundation gives priority to requests for Master's level courses but is willing to consider applications for PhD programs, only in the case of outstanding researchers who are highly recommended for doctoral studies by their professors and who need a PhD for the fulfilment of their career objectives (academic or research oriented).

### 8.2 International Scholarship Program

The Foundation accepts applications from nationals of the following countries: Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar and Mozambique. Preference is given to researchers under the age of 30.

The Foundation assists doctoral researchers with tuition fees and living expenses only. The cost of travel is not included in AKF scholarships. The financial assistance is provided depending on the needs of the doctoral researchers. Half of the scholarship amount is considered a loan, which must be reimbursed with an annual service charge of 5%. A guarantor is required to co-sign the loan agreement. The payback period is five years, starting six months after the study period funded by the Aga Khan Foundation. Funding for PhD programs is only provided for the first two years of study, after which the doctoral researchers are expected to find alternative sources of assistance. Applicants are requested to make every effort to obtain funding from other sources as well, so that the amount requested from the Foundation can be reduced to a minimum. Preference is given to those who have been able to secure some funding from alternative sources.

[Further information](#)

### 8.3 Useful contacts and further information

To get in contact with the foundation the following [contact form](#) has to be used.

## 9 Grants/scholarships for incoming/guest PhDs

### 9.1 DAAD

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is the world's largest funding organization for the international exchange of students and researchers. It offers a wide range of scholarships and research grants which provide foreign doctoral candidates with an opportunity to carry out research or continue their education in Germany. There are funding programs for various qualification phases and stages in a career. The grants also promote the exchange of experience and networking.

#### 9.1.1 Research grants for up to 6 months

The primary aim of this program is to promote doctoral research projects. Outstanding doctoral candidates and postdocs are eligible candidates. A research project at a state or state-recognized institution of higher education in Germany can be funded if it is being carried out in coordination with a professor in Germany. Applicants who have been resident in Germany for more than 15 months at the time of application cannot be considered. In the Arts, Social Sciences and in Law, at least a good knowledge of German is usually expected.<sup>2</sup>

A scholarship of 1200 € is granted for a period of one month up to a maximum of six months; the length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule. In addition, payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance are covered. A travel allowance is also granted, unless the home country or another source of funding covers these expenses.

[Further information](#)

#### 9.1.2 One-year grants

The primary aim of this program is to promote doctoral research projects. The following can be funded: A research project at a state or state-recognized institution of higher education in Germany carried out in coordination with an academic supervisor in Germany. To enable grant holders to learn German in preparation for their stay in the country, DAAD offers various services.

An award of 1200 € per month and additional allowances (e.g. research and travel allowances) as well as insurances are awarded for a period of 7 to usually 10 months; the length of the grant is decided by a selection committee and depends on the project in question and the applicant's work schedule. No extensions of the grant are possible.

[Further information](#)

### 9.2 The World Bank

The World Bank scholarship and fellowship programs contribute to the World Bank Group's mission of forging new dynamic approaches to capacity development and knowledge sharing in the

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<sup>2</sup> For the Natural Sciences and Engineering, proof of good English language skills may also be accepted if English is spoken at the host institute.

developing world. Funded by the Japanese government and other member countries, the programs provide opportunities for postgraduate studies leading to doctoral degrees in development-related fields for mid-career professionals and researchers. Since the programs select scholars in part due to their affiliations with agencies and institutions crucial to their countries' development, the awards contribute to institutional capacity building as well as to individual development. Recipients of World Bank scholarships and fellowships have to commit themselves to return to their home countries to apply their increased expertise and technical knowledge to benefit their countries.

### **9.2.1 The Robert S. McNamara Fellowships Program (RSM Fellowships)**

Every year this program provides grants of up to 25,000 \$ to PhD candidates from developing countries to conduct innovative, development-related research under the supervision of a research advisor at a host institution abroad. Fellows must commit to return to their home country when their fellowship ends to complete their PhD and to work. The applicant's home country has to be a developing country that is a World Bank member and the candidates have to be currently enrolled in a PhD program in a World Bank member country. Applicants cannot apply for the RSM fellowship in the first year of their doctorate but rather must have already completed all coursework and exam requirements for their doctorate. Applicants must be under the age of 35 years at the time of their application. The fellowship covers a research period of 6 to 10 months.

### **9.2.2 Useful contacts and further information**

The World Bank (Headquarters)  
1818 H Street, NW  
USA  
Washington, DC 20433  
Phone: (202) 473-1000  
Fax: (202) 477-6391

[Further information](#)



## **10 Other potential sources of funding and/or information on grants/scholarships**

### **10.1 Embassies and consulates**

In addition to looking for scholarships at the institutions and foundations mentioned earlier, you may also try to contact your respective embassy and/or consulate as well as the German embassy and/or consulate in your country of origin for information on other potential sources of funding.

### **10.2 Non-governmental organizations and church-based institutions**

Sometimes, non-governmental organizations and church-based institutions provide smaller scholarships or grants. Even if this may depend on the availability of financial means to these institutions and may not be available on a regular basis, it is sometimes worth asking.

### **10.3 DAAD funding guide**

In order to identify additional grants, it is also helpful to check the [DAAD funding guide](#) for further information.

### **10.4 E-Follows scholarship database**

Another option is [e-follows](#), a scholarship database for doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.

### **10.5 Euraxess Germany funding database**

[Euraxess](#), Germany's funding database comprises more than 100 programs offered by funding organizations in Germany (including the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation). The EURAXESS funding database offers are essentially composed of funding programs for scientists and scholars at an advanced stage of their careers.

### **10.6 Stipendienlotse (in German only)**

The interactive platform [Stipendienlotse](#) ("scholarship pilot") of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) provides relevant information to find appropriate scholarships. This extensive scholarship database can be used by selecting many different criteria such as training periods, study subjects or target regions. The Stipendienlotse is the central contact point for nationwide and international scholarships in the private and public sectors.