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Information External Doctoral Scholarships

External Scholarships for a Doctorate at TUM

One possibility to finance a doctorate is a scholarship. You either bring the scholarship “with you“ when you come to TUM from another country or apply for it when you start your doctorate at TUM. We highly recommend that you inform yourself about possible doctoral scholarships as soon as possible because most of the scholarships have fixed application deadlines long before the intended start of the doctoral project. The TUM itself does not offer any doctoral scholarships; applicants “bring“ their scholarships “with them”.

There are scholarship programs especially for international doctoral candidates looking to do their doctorate in Germany as well as scholarship programs for persons with German citizenship and/or persons with a German “Abitur” (university entrance qualification).

Below you will find general databases for doctoral scholarships in Germany:

- E-Fellows.net: Das Online-Stipendium und Karrierenetzwerk: <https://www.e-fellows.net/stipendien-datenbank>
- MyStipendium: <https://www.mystipendium.de/>
- Stiftungssuche: <https://stiftungssuche.de>

In the following two databases, you can find (full) doctoral scholarships for international applicants looking to do their doctorate in Germany:

- [EURAXESS](#)
- [DAAD-Datenbank](#)

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Doctoral Scholarships of the 13 *Begabtenförderungswerke*

There are different scholarship programs to finance a doctorate. One possibility are the scholarship programs of the 13 *Begabtenförderungswerke* (“foundations for the sponsorship of the gifted”)([Stipendium Plus](#)), which are oriented towards a political party, have a sociopolitical focus or a religious focus. Please inform yourself about the application requirements on the corresponding website. Several *Begabtenförderungswerke* have separate, additional scholarship programs for international doctoral candidates (e.g. Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung).

You can find several links to the scholarship programs of the 13 *Begabtenförderungswerke* [here](#):

Avicenna-Studienwerk

Regular doctoral scholarship

<https://www.avicenna-studienwerk.de/>

Scholarships for international doctoral candidates

<https://www.avicenna-studienwerk.de/internationales-stipendienprogramm/>

Cusanuswerk

<https://www.cusanuswerk.de/bewerbung/promovierende/promotion>

Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk

<https://eles-studienwerk.de/foerderung/promovierendenfoerderung/>

Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst

<https://www.evstudienwerk.de/bewerbung/promotion/unser-stipendium.html>

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

Doctoral scholarships for persons with German citizenship, "Abitur"/German university entrance qualification and refugees

<https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/promotionsfoerderung-fuer-deutsche-und-bildungsinlaender-innen>

Doctoral scholarships for international doctoral candidates

<https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/promotionsfoerderung-fuer-auslaender-innen>

Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit

Information for German doctoral candidates

<https://www.freiheit.org/de/infos-fuer-deutsche-promovierende>

<https://www.freiheit.org/de>

Information for doctoral candidate from EU countries

<https://www.freiheit.org/de/informationen-fuer-promovierende-aus-eu-laendern-1>

Information for international doctoral candidates from non-EU countries

<https://www.freiheit.org/de/informationen-fuer-auslaendische-promovierende-aus-nicht-eu-laendern-1>

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung

<https://www.boeckler.de/de/stipendium-fur-promovierende-2670.htm>

Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung

<https://www.hss.de/stipendium/wen-suchen-wir/>

Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

<https://www.boell.de/de/stipendium-promotion>

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Regular doctoral scholarships

<https://www.kas.de/en/web/begabtenfoerderung-und-kultur/promotionsfoerderung>

Scholarships for international doctoral candidates

<https://www.kas.de/de/web/begabtenfoerderung-und-kultur/auslaenderfoerderung>

Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

<https://www.rosalux.de/stiftung/studienwerk/promotionsstipendium>

Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft bzw. Studienförderwerk Klaus Murmann der Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft

<https://www.sdw.org/das-bieten-wir/fuer-studierende/studienfoerderwerk-klaus-murmann/bewerbung-promotionsstipendium.html>

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

<https://www.studienstiftung.de/infos-fuer-promovierende/promotionsfoerderung-der-studienstiftung/>

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Doctoral Scholarships/Full Scholarships for International Doctoral Candidates

There are several external organisations that award doctoral scholarships. For international doctoral candidates, especially the scholarships of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) for a doctorate in Germany are of interest. There are general as well as country-specific/region-specific doctoral scholarships (e.g. Latin America or special countries like Ecuador) and also subject-specific doctoral scholarships. These are usually directed towards international applicants who are looking to do their doctorate in Germany, and, in some cases, do not require German language proficiency.

Below you will find a selection of scholarship programs of the DAAD for a doctorate in Germany. For a complete list of all offered scholarships, please refer to the [DAAD-Database](#).

Research Grants – One-Year Grants for Doctoral Candidates

daad.de/go/en/stipa57140602

Research Grants – Doctoral Programmes in Germany

daad.de/go/en/stipa57135739

Subject-specific

DLR-DAAD Research Fellowship Program

daad.de/go/en/stipa50019749

Country/Region-Specific

ALE COSTA: Alemania-Costa Rica

daad.de/go/en/stipa50015276

Country-Specific Cooperation with Colombia (COLFUTURO - Fundación para el Futuro de Colombia)

daad.de/go/en/stipa50015774

Country-Related Cooperation Program with Mexico: CONACYT

daad.de/go/en/stipa50015951

DAAD/BECAS Chile

daad.de/go/en/stipa50078419

Country-Related Cooperation Program with Peru (ALPERU)

daad.de/go/en/stipa50015284

Third-Country Program Central America

daad.de/go/en/stipa57176484

Government Scholarships Program Paraguay BECAL-DAAD Promotion

daad.de/go/en/stipa57549329

DAAD-ACEH Scholarship of Excellence Indonesia

daad.de/go/en/stipa50747186

DAAD/UCA-Program Central Asia

daad.de/go/en/stipa57581130

Government Scholarship Pakistan - DAAD/HEC Overseas (*page only available in German*)
daad.de/go/en/stipa50015450

DAAD-NRF Joint Scholarship Program South Africa
daad.de/go/en/stipa10000279

Kenyan-German Postgraduate Program
daad.de/go/en/stipa50015259

Nigerian-German Postgraduate Training Program PhD
daad.de/go/en/stipa57379974

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