

Doctoral Scholarships 2016

The University of Erfurt is a reform university with a strong profile in the humanities and social sciences. Young scholars in Erfurt profit from innovative mentoring schemes and excellent research infrastructures.

The University of Erfurt currently invites young scholars to apply for fully-funded scholarships for doctoral researchers. The scholarships will start on 1 October 2016 and are subject to the availability of funds.

Doctoral Scholarships can be awarded to candidates with excellent research projects in the category "Individually Supervised Doctoral Research" and the category "Doctoral Research in Structured Doctoral Programmes". Informations on the currently certified structured doctoral programmes can be found here:

Research Groups with Structured Doctoral Programmes

Doctoral scholarships include a stipend of 1.100 EUR per month with an extra family-allowance. Scholarships are awarded for two years and can be extended for another year upon successful evaluation. Every scholarship recipient will be provided - subject to capacity - with a modern working space.

All applications must be submitted by 29 May 2016.

Application Documents

A cover letter in which the applicant states clearly for which category of doctoral scholarship she or he applies. Applicants for a scholarship in the category "Doctoral Research in Structured Doctoral Programmes" also need to name the research group for which they want to apply. Please note: Applicants have to decide and can only apply for one scholarship category and one research group with a structured doctoral programme. The cover letter must explain why you plan to pursue doctoral research in the specific department or research group at the University of Erfurt (max. 2 pages). The following points must also be addressed:

Information on whether you have already been accepted as a doctoral candidate by one of the faculties at the University of Erfurt (please attach a copy of the faculty's doctoral acceptance letter). At the latest by commencement of scholarship you have to matriculated at University of Erfurt as well as being admitted as doctoral student in your particular faculty.

Please indicate 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 women, disabilities, chronic disease, voluntary work other social criteria

Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages)

An exposé of your research project which includes:

An outline of your research project (approx. 6-8 pages) with a stringent discussion of your research questions, the state of research on the topic, the conceptual and methodological approach and a bibliography of the literature used for your exposé

A working schedule and projected date of completion

A letter of recommendation or evaluation from a university teacher discussing your qualifications for the doctoral research

A full copy of your final thesis for the completion of your Diploma-, Magister-, Master-degree

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

A copy of your academic degrees (Diploma-/ or Magister-/ Bachelor- and Master's certificate).

Please note that if your degree certificates are in languages other than German or English, a certified translation of your original documents is required

Submission of Documents

Please submit your full application materials as one PDF-document (max. 3 MB) and with a table of contents that lists the documents in the sequence stated above per Email until 29 May 2016 to Forschung und Nachwuchsförderung, Vice-President Prof. Dr. Susanne Rau: (vpf(at)uni-erfurt.de). Please note that applications which are incomplete, do not meet formal criteria and are received after the stated deadline cannot be considered for the selection procedure.

Overview of the selection process

Formal check of the application documents and transfer to the selection committee (until middle of June 2016)

Invitations of shortlisted applicants to interviews: applicants in the category "Doctoral Research in Structured Doctoral Programmes" in the second half of June 2016, applicants for "Individually Supervised Doctoral Research" in the first half of July 2016.

Applicants will be informed about outcome of the selection procedure (from August 2016)

The scholarships start on 1 October 2016. Successful applicants have been accepted and immatriculated as doctoral students at the University of Erfurt by the time their scholarships start.