

How to find initial financing for the PhD period

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About KHYS

- ▶ Founded in 2007 in the context of the “Initiative for Excellence”
- ▶ Central service unit
- ▶ **Main target groups**
 - ▶ Doctoral researchers
 - ▶ Postdocs
 - ▶ Those interested in doing a PhD at KIT
- ▶ **Objectives**
 - ▶ Support and advice of young KIT scientists
 - ▶ Internationalization and interdisciplinary networking
 - ▶ Quality assurance of the PhD conditions at KIT
 - ▶ Identifying future trends in support of young scientists

Financing options

- ▶ **Working contract with KIT:** research associate, PhD position, research assistant → [KIT Job Portal \(German\)](#)
- ▶ **Scholarship** → [KHYS list of scholarship programs](#)
- ▶ Working contract with an **external research institution or industrial company**

Please note

- ▶ Often doctoral researchers receive funding from **different sources** during the PhD period
- ▶ They have to take care of **transitional or continued financing** well in advance

The **KHYS Doctoral Researcher Survey 2013** showed the following KIT figures:

- ▶ Financing by means of at least a part-time job at KIT: **83%**
- ▶ Scholarship: **8%**

Financing – Working contract vs. scholarship

Working contract

- ▶ Social security payments covered (health insurance, retirement pensions, unemployment insurance)
- ▶ Unemployment benefits (ALG I) when working contract expires
- ▶ Lots of tasks = less time for dissertation; more involvement in university structures
- ▶ Make sure that you have enough time for your dissertation

Scholarship

- ▶ Social security payments not covered (health insurance mandatory; at least €150/month)
- ▶ No unemployment benefits after scholarship
- ▶ Often fewer tasks = more time for dissertation; less involvement in university structures
- ▶ Useful to enroll at KIT

Scholarship programs

Specific programs at KIT

- ▶ Landesgraduiertenförderung (Graduate Funding from the State of Baden-Württemberg)
 - ▶ **Scope:** €1,100/month for a maximum of 2 years
 - ▶ **Deadline:** October 12, 2015; financing starts January 2016
 - ▶ Application process handled by KHYS
- ▶ Scholarships by KIT PhD programs (e.g. GRACE, KSOP, MICMoR)
 - ▶ **Scope:** €1,365/month for up to 2 years
 - ▶ For the application process contact the respective program

Scholarship programs for doctoral researchers from abroad

- ▶ DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) funding for doctorate
- ▶ Scholarships from national foundations from the graduate's country of origin (e.g. China Scholarship Council, CONICYT in Chile)

Example No. 1: Carl Zeiss Stiftung

Target group: doctoral researchers from the fields of natural sciences and engineering

Scope: €1,500/month for a maximum of 3 years

Deadline: presumably early December 2015 (annual call for applications)

Conditions:

- Thematic focus of call for applications varies each year
- It's not possible to apply directly to the foundation; applications have to be handed in at KHYS

Example No. 2: Scholarships by the Verband der Chemischen Industrie

Target group: doctoral researchers from Germany or the EU in the field of chemistry or related fields

Scope: €1,750/month for a maximum of 2 years

Conditions:

- Duration of course of studies: maximum of 10 semesters
- Application at the latest 3 months after start of doctoral research project

A) Chemiefonds-Stipendium

- Master and doctorate in same working group
- Deadline: March 1; July 1; and November 1 of every year
- Application has to be made by the supervisor

B) Kekulé-Stipendium

- Master and doctorate at different universities
- Deadline: any time
- Application by the doctoral researcher

Example No. 3: DAAD Research Grant

Target group: foreign doctoral researchers from all fields (except medicine)

Scope: €1,000/month for a maximum of 3 years (in exceptional cases 4 years) plus payments towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Deadline: depends on the country of origin

Conditions:

- Applicants who have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline cannot be considered
- Funding for individual doctoral studies or for participation in a structured doctoral study program at a German university

13 “Begabtenförderungswerke”

- ▶ Avicenna-Studienwerk
- ▶ Cusanuswerk
- ▶ Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich-Studienwerk
- ▶ Evangelisches Studienwerk
- ▶ Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
- ▶ Friedrich Naumann
Stiftung für die Freiheit
- ▶ Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung
- ▶ Hans-Böckler-Stiftung
- ▶ Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung
- ▶ Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- ▶ Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung
- ▶ Studienstiftung des
deutschen Volkes
- ▶ Stiftung der Deutschen
Wirtschaft

For an overview go to: www.stipendiumplus.de

- ▶ **Preconditions:** above-average achievements, social commitment, strong personality
- ▶ **Scope:** €1,150/month for 2 years (extension possible); comprehensive supporting program

Other scholarship programs

- ▶ Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds
- ▶ Dr. Jost Henkel Stiftung
- ▶ Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt
- ▶ Evonik Foundation
- ▶ Reiner Lemoine Stiftung
- ▶ Etc.

- ▶ No longer available: Scholarship program by the Deutsche Telekom Stiftung

Scholarship databases

- ▶ Overview on our website
- ▶ DAAD scholarship database
- ▶ Stipendienlotse (Federal Ministry of Education and Research; German)
- ▶ Scholarship portal of the EU
- ▶ Scholarship database of e.fellows.net (German)
- ▶ mystipendium.de (German, free of charge registration necessary)
- ▶ Scholarship database for programs for women of the KarriereWegeMentoring project (German)

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