

Doctoral scholarships from foundations and from organizations for the promotion of young talent



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All scholarships from [Organizations for the promotion of young talent](#) are listed. The foundations are only an exemplary selection of full scholarships.

Supplements to basic financial support (e.g. child supplement, research funding, health insurance supplement) and benefits of non-material support have not been included for reasons of simplicity. Scholarships are generally awarded for two to three years. As a rule, the scholarships are open to non-German doctoral students; it is important that the doctorate is completed at a German university. German language skills are often required.

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Name	Orientation (professional/ ideological)	Amount of basic financial support per month (excl. supplements)	Conditions / who is the focus of the funding?	Phase of the doctoral process
Avicenna Studienwerk	Muslim	1650 €	Professional excellence, taking over social responsibility, examination of own faith	Initial phase
Cusanuswerk	Catholic	1650 €	Outstanding professional achievements and interdisciplinary interest, voluntary commitment, especially young mothers and fathers, membership of the Catholic Church	
Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt	All subjects, especially interdisciplinary environmental research	1650 € for 3 years	Above-average performance, completion of doctorate within 3 years, topic related to environmental problems	Doctorate started max. one year ago
Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk	Jewish	1650 €	Outstanding academic achievements, social commitment, research projects on Jewish topics	Initial phase

Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst	Protestant	1650 €	Completed your studies quickly with at least a “good” grade	Initial phase
Evonik Stiftung	Natural scientific	1850 €	Outstanding academic achievements The scientific topic that is supported changes every year.	Initial phase
FAZIT-Stiftung	Media, Journalism	As required, max. 1250 €	Proven financial need for a limited period of time and research project worthy of funding	No matter
Fonds der chemischen Industrie	Chemistry	1850 €	Studied quickly and excellent academic performance, willingness to teach for e.g. 2 semester periods per week	Application until max. 4 months after start
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung	Party-affiliated foundation of the social-democratic party SPD	1650 €	Above-average performance, socio-political commitment, in particular doctoral students from households without academic background and with a migration background	Application until approx. 2 years before submission
Friedrich Neumann Stiftung für die Freiheit	Party-affiliated foundation of the liberal party FDP	1650 €	Commitment to liberal values and an open society	
Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung	Party-affiliated foundation of the Christian party CSU	1650 €	Above-average performance, voluntary commitment	
Hans-Böckler-Stiftung	trade union ideology	Up to 1450 €	Socio-political significance of the doctoral topic, social or trade union commitment, for international doctoral students in economics, social sciences and humanities	
Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung	Party-affiliated foundation of the Green party	Up to 1650 €	In particular research topics on justice issues, ecology, socio-ecological transformation, development of democracy, human rights	Initial phase

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Johannes Hübner Stiftung	Natural scientific, technical	Up to 1600 €		
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung	Party-affiliated foundation of the Christian party CDU	1650 €	Above-average performance and quickly completed studies, involvement in society, politics, church or social projects	
LaKoF – Landeskonferenz der Frauen- und Gleichstellungsbeauftragten an bayerischen Hochschulen	Advancement of women	675 up to 1750 €	Various scholarships, e.g. for graduates of Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS) and for women with professional experience who want to do a doctorate for a UAS professorship. One of the three criteria must be met: - Center of life in Bavaria - Degree from a Bavarian university/university of applied sciences (HAW) - Doctorate at a Bavarian university, (cooperative) doctorate at a Bavarian university of applied sciences (HAW) or joint doctorate	
Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung	Party-affiliated foundation of the left-wing party Die Linke	1400 €	Outstanding degree, voluntary commitment	
Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft	Proximity to companies	Up to 1650 €	High-performing doctoral candidates, social and community involvement	Initial phase
Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes	None	1650 €	Above-average degree and social commitment, academically demanding dissertation project	