FAQs and remarks concerning the Dissertation Completion Scholarship

What does the Dissertation Completion Scholarship encompass?
The scholarship is designed to help you quickly complete your doctoral research project and to finish your dissertation. The scholarship runs over a period of three months.

How much funding will I receive?
The Dissertation Completion Scholarship is granted for a period of three months. The maximum amount is €1,100 per month. If you have children of your own who live with you, you can also apply for the family allowance.

How much funding does the family allowance provide?
The family allowance covers €160 for one child. The amount for two or more children is €210.

For which time period can I apply for the scholarship?
The scholarship has to run from October 1 to December 31, 2014. The scholarship can only be paid during the budget year 2014.

Can I have a job while I receive the scholarship or can I profit from another scholarship during the time?
You are not allowed to work more than 40 hours a month during the scholarship. You can earn a maximum of €833 (net) per month in addition to the scholarship. Please also refer to the “Satzung” (German only).

Is there an age limit for applicants?
No.

Is it possible to interrupt the scholarship?
No, you cannot interrupt or extend the scholarship.

Do I have to hand in a copy of the letter of acceptance as a doctoral researcher by the KIT department or is it sufficient to hand in a copy of the letter of acceptance by my supervisor?
The latter is not sufficient. You have to hand in a copy of the letter of acceptance as a doctoral researcher by the KIT department.

Do I have to be enrolled at KIT in order to apply for the scholarship?
No, you don’t have to be enrolled in order to apply. However, you need to hand in a copy of the letter of acceptance as a doctoral researcher by the KIT department. In addition you have to be a member of the KHYS network.

Can I only apply for the Dissertation Completion Scholarship for the period until I hand in my dissertation or is it possible to use the scholarship to bridge the time until the oral doctoral examination/date of defence?
The scholarship is designed to help you finish your dissertation. You therefore cannot apply for it to bridge the time until the oral doctoral examination/date of defence.
How likely is it that I will receive the scholarship?
This question cannot be answered in advance since it depends on the number of applicants.

If I receive the Dissertation Completion Scholarship, is there a fixed deadline for handing in the dissertation at the department?
You have to show proof that you have handed in the dissertation at the latest three months after the scholarship has ended.