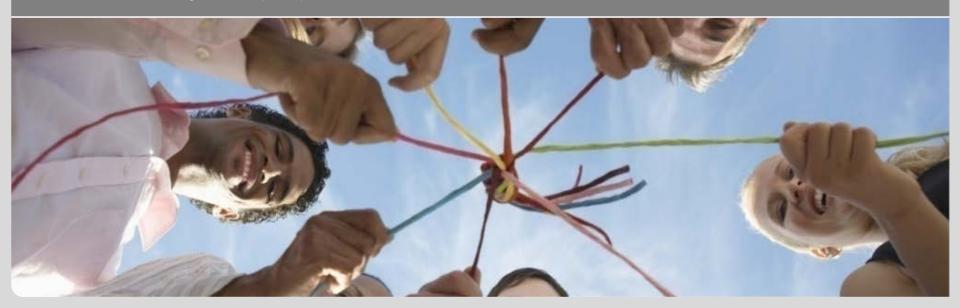




How to find initial financing for the PhD period

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Overview



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- Financing options
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- Scholarship programs
- Scholarship databases

For information on all of the programs go to: www.khys.kit.edu

About KHYS



- Founded in 2007 in the context of the "Initiative for Excellence"
- Central service unit

► Main target groups

- Doctoral researchers
- Junior postdocs (two years after finishing their PhD)
- 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 (German)
- 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 2014; financing starts January 2015
 - Application process handled by KHYS
- Scholarships by <u>KIT PhD programs</u> (e.g. GRACE, KSETA, 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)
- Scholarships from national foundations from the graduate's country of origin (e.g. China Scholarship Council, CONICYT in Chile)

Example No. 1: Deutsche Telekom Stiftung



Target group: doctoral researchers from the fields of mathematics, physics, chemistry, informatics and engineering

Scope: €1,800/month for a maximum of 3 years; material costs allowance of €3,000/year

Deadline: presumably early July 2014 (annual call for applications)

Conditions:

- Career goal: management position in industry
- It's not possible to apply directly to the foundation; applications have to be handed in at KHYS

Example No. 2: 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 2014 (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

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- 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, personality
- Scope: €1,050/month for 2 years (extension possible); comprehensive supporting program

Other scholarship programs



- Evonik Foundation
- Dr. Jost Henkel Stiftung
- German-American Fulbright Commission
- Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt
- Fonds der Chemischen Industrie
- Reiner Lemoine Stiftung
- Etc.

Scholarship databases



- ► DAAD <u>scholarship database</u>
- Stipendienlotse (Federal Ministry of Education and Research; German)
- ► EURAXESS Germany
- Scholarship portal of the EU
- Scholarship database of e.fellows.net (German)
- <u>mystipendium.de</u> (German, free of charge registration necessary)
- Scholarship database for <u>programs for women</u> of the KarriereWegeMentoring project (German)

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