

# How to find initial financing for the PhD period

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# Overview

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**For information on all of the programs go to:  
[www.khys.kit.edu](http://www.khys.kit.edu)**

# About KHYS

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- ▶ 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

- ▶ **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

## 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 KIT PhD programs (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



# 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](http://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

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

- ▶ [DAAD scholarship database](#)
- ▶ [Stipendienlotse](#) (Federal Ministry of Education and Research; German)
- ▶ [EURAXESS Germany](#)
- ▶ [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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