

Starting scholarships for international doctoral candidates

The Goethe Research Academy for Early Career Researchers (GRADE) awards 15 starting scholarships for international candidates who are preparing or starting a doctorate at Goethe University. The scholarships are funded by the Franz Adickes Stiftungsfonds. International candidates face special challenges at the start of their doctorate in Frankfurt: costs for mobility and furnishings, effort for residence permits and other administrative issues as well as language requirements for scholarship applications, to name just a few. The scholarships are intended to facilitate the start of their doctorate in spite of these challenges by providing funding for the preparation and start of their research. The scholarships amount to 1450 € per month for a period of three months. The eligibility criteria are:

- non-German citizenship
- university-qualifying degree (e.g. school-leaving certificate) obtained outside Germany
- degree qualifying for doctorate (e.g. Master) completed or near completed
- commitment from a supervisor at Goethe University to supervise your project
- Candidates must have either submitted an application for doctoral funding or received a funding commitment from their supervisor.

Grantees of a starting scholarship cannot have substantial employment or another scholarship during the period of the starting scholarship. Please take note of the additional information on the eligibility criteria in the [FAQ](#).

Applications are possible until **May 31, 2024** by submission of the following documents:

- completed [application form](#) and CV
- degrees:
 - copy of university-qualifying degree
 - copy of the degree qualifying you for a doctorate (if completed, with grades) or transcript of records
- declaration by supervisor that she / he will supervise your doctoral project
- short proposal of your doctoral project (two DIN A4 pages maximum)
- confirmation of receipt for application for doctoral funding (if submitted) or funding commitment from supervisor

You can download the application form here: [Download Application Form](#)

Please read the FAQ before you prepare and submit your application: [Download FAQ](#)

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Please send your complete application documents by E-Mail as one single pdf document to:

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