



# Doctoral Scholarships—Funding Begins 1 April 2026

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University of Hamburg doctoral researchers are invited to apply for scholarships with funding to begin on 1 April 2026. The scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Hamburg act for the promotion of doctoral and early career researchers and artists (Hamburgisches Gesetz zur Förderung des wissenschaftlichen und künstlerischen Nachwuchses, HmbNFG).

***Application deadline: 06–19 October 2025 (23:59 CET)<sup>1</sup>***

The scholarship amounts to €1,200 per month plus up to €1,023 per funding year for materials and travel expenses. It includes a monthly childcare allowance of €154.

You may apply for either a basic scholarship or a completion scholarship.

**Requirements for basic scholarships** providing support for up to **one year** with the option for an extension of one additional year:

- proof of above-average academic achievement in a degree entitling you to begin doctoral studies; and
- funding to begin no later than **one year after you graduate from a higher education degree program.**  
A later start of up to 3 years after graduating is only possible in justified individual cases. Any delay requires demonstrated justification.

**Requirements for completion scholarships** providing support for up to **one year**:

- recipient of a basic scholarship awarded by the state graduate funding program according to the HmbNFG
- OR**
- previous employment for a max. of 4 years as a research associate at an academic and research institution of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg financed by public funds; scholarship to begin when employment contract comes to an end.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants are responsible for the full and timely submission of their application. Late applications will not be accepted.

A longer period of employment is only permitted in justified individual cases. If this applies, you must provide an appropriate justification and documentation to that effect.

### **Funding cannot be granted if the applicant**

- already holds a doctorate;
- receives or has received funding for the same project from a public or private institution; and/or
- is still enrolled in training (e.g., student teacher or trainee lawyer).

Additional gainful work is only permitted for up to 4 hours/week during the funding period.

**Applications must include the following attachments in the order listed below** submitted in electronic form as a single PDF document (max. 4 MB) to [fhh-promotionsfoerderung@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:fhh-promotionsfoerderung@uni-hamburg.de):

- application form
- short cover letter / letter of motivation
- “Nature of Occupation / Additional Gainful Work” form
- tabular CV
- for the **completion scholarship**: proof of employment as a research associate (employment contract) if you did not previously receive a basic scholarship
- copy of your academic transcripts from higher education institutions (BA, MA, and any additional required proof)
- research proposal for your doctoral project with project plan and timetable (see **information sheet**)
- assessment of dissertation from supervisor
- assessment from another university teacher
- written proof of admission to doctoral studies (must be submitted by the start of the scholarship at the latest)

### **Contact and information:**

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You can download the application forms and information here:

<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/forschung/nachwuchs/stipendien/promotionsfoerderung/landesgraduertenfoerderung.html>