

Announcement for Doctoral Scholarships as per Thüringer Landesgraduierertenförderungsverordnung

Announcement

In order to support the growth of research in Thuringia Technische Universität Ilmenau awards scholarships for dissertations to especially promising graduate students starting **April 1th 2024** according to the Thüringer Landesgraduierertenförderungsverordnung (ThürGFVO) and as funds are available in the budget for this purpose.

The limit of awarding at **April 1th 2024** is maximum **five applications**, subject to the State allocation and authorisation. Thereof unaffected are application of extension the awarding for the second year.

Award Criteria

A scholarship can be awarded to those who:

- Fulfill the admission requirement for a dissertation,
- Show an above average record of test and university performance and thus prove especially suited for research work,
- Have chosen a dissertation topic that can provide an important contribution to expanding the boundaries of research in that field,
- Have prepared for writing a dissertation at TU Ilmenau or have already prepared a dissertation topic and have received **no** funding,
- Are being supervised in their dissertation writing by a professor from TU Ilmenau,
- Is not working

(cooperative **work in research or teaching** at TU Ilmenau or other Thuringian research facility of max. **12 hours per week** or some **other gainful employment** of max. **five hours per week** is allowed).

In the case of equal qualifications, scholarships should be awarded equally to women and men, provided that a sufficient number of suitable applications are submitted. In addition, the special concerns of persons with disability or chronic disease as well as the proofed willingness to engage voluntarily within and outside the TU Ilmenau, social criteria and the time required to fulfil the prerequisites for the doctorate project, will be considered.

Kind and Volume

expected basic stipend	1,400.00 € monthly
Addendum for families with one dependent child	300.00 € monthly
for each additional child	150.00 € monthly

In addition, as available resources allow, an application can be made for **funding for working funds and transportation costs** that are necessary for carrying out the doctorate project as special donation. These funds can reach up to **1,000 Euros per year**. Persons with disability or severe chronic disease are said to be, taking into account available resources, receive an appropriate grant for aid on request.

If the joint annual income of the scholarship holder's husband or wife or life partner is EUR 75,000 or more, the basic amount is reduced to EUR 800.00. The annual income is the total positive income as defined by the Income Tax Act after deduction of income tax, church tax and social security contributions. The year prior to the application is decisive.

If the spouse or the other parent is supported by a scholarship in accordance with the Thuringian Graduate Funding Ordinance, only half of the family allowance will be paid in each case.

Application documents

The following documents must be attached to the application for funding and uploaded to the [applicant portal](#):

- A letter of application indicating the desired beginning date of funding (max. one DIN-A4 page);
- Completed form (to be found in the applicant portal)
- A short biography in outline form with regard to the previous path of education and the academic and professional career to date
- A copy of the previously awarded degrees

If the certificate cannot be presented at the end of the application period, a current overview of the achievements of the course and a confirmation of a university lecturer about the **expected date** and the **expected title of the final examination** are to be submitted and **the expected result of the final exams**

For foreign certificates, a copy of the conversion into the German grading system by the International Admissions Office of TU Ilmenau (contact: apply@tu-ilmenau.de) must be submitted.

- Topic, questions/tasks, time schedule,
- A declaration of willingness from a professor of TU Ilmenau to supervise the tasks/projects,
- A Statement* by the supervising professor
- A Statement* of a further professor / lecturer, a member of the TU Ilmenau, who is a qualified habilitated member, or another supervisor approved according to the regulations of the doctoral thesis

*The statements have to be concerned to the suitability of the applicant and the significance of the project and the time schedule.

- Confirmation of the faculty committee concerning the acceptance into the doctoral programme, or a copy of the application to this programme,
- Certificate of matriculation / application for matriculation with validity for the requested period of approval
- A proof for explanation of special needs / concerns (see award criteria)
- A completely filled out form with bank connection and an income tax form as well as with the declaration of data privacy protection

Funding period and approval period

In accordance with Paragraph 63 (3) ThürHG, funding generally lasts for three years and can be extended for a maximum of one further year. A new application must be submitted for the fourth year of funding. In addition to this extension option, the funding can be extended by up to two years upon application if the scholarship holder

- is actually caring for a child within the meaning of Paragraph 1 (1) sentence 1 no. 2 and (3) of the Bundeselterngeld- und Elternzeitgesetz (BEEG) in the version dated 27 January 2015, as amended, who has not yet reached the age of 14 at the time of the application,
- is caring for a close relative within the meaning of Paragraph 7 (3) of the Pflegezeitgesetz (PflegeZG) of 28 May 2008, as amended, and has proven the need for care within the meaning of Paragraph 3 (2) PflegeZG, or
- has a disability or serious chronic disease.

The scholarship is granted for a **period of three years**. The application for a **fourth year of funding** must be submitted **three months before the end of the third year**.

A **condition for funding** for three years is **the presentation of the project progress** by the scholarship holder **to the award committee after two years**. The scientific progress must be credibly demonstrated by a **personal interview** and **proof from the supervisor** (e.g. a supervision agreement). In addition to the presentation of the research results and a **detailed progress report, evidence of publications** must be submitted.

When submitting an application for extension, please include the following:

- A letter of application indicating the desired extending awarding period (max. one DIN-A4 page);
- Completed form in the applicant portal
- A chronological and topic oriented report on the course of previous research, including details on the research and time schedule needed to finish the project
- A supervisor's assessment of the PhD candidate's report
- A current confirmation of enrolment
- A current declaration of income and bank account information and a current declaration of data privacy protection

Applications can be submitted from **January 25, 2024 to March 1, 2024** via the Mobility Online [application platform](#). Please note that your documents must be uploaded in full by March 1, 2024. There is no deadline for submitting missing documents.

There is no legal entitlement to the granting of a scholarship.

Information and Documents: <https://www.tu-ilmeneu.de/en/university/career/scholarships-and-foundations>

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