

Tendering for Doctoral Scholarships as per the Thuringian State Graduate Support Regulation

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In order to support the growth of research in Thuringia the Technische Universität Ilmenau awards scholarships for dissertations to especially promising graduate students starting **October 1th 2023** according to the Thuringian State Graduate Support Regulation (ThürGFVO) and as funds are available in the budget for this purpose.

The limit of second time awarding at October 1th 2023 is maximum **five applications**, subject to the State allocation and authorisation. Thereof unaffected are application of extension the awarding for the second year.

A scholarship can be awarded (**Award Criteria**) 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 Ilmenau University of Technology or have already prepared a dissertation topic and have received no funding,
- Are being supervised in their dissertation writing by a professor from Ilmenau University of Technology or one from another Thuringian University AND
- Is not working
(cooperative work in research or teaching at a Thuringian University 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 illness 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.

<u>Scholarship:</u>	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.

Note: In case of a yearly income of the scholarship holders and those of his or her wife / husband or life partners according to the Civil Partnership Act (Lebenspartnerschaftsgesetz) of higher than 75,000 euros, the basic amount is reduced to 800.00 EUR. The annual income is the sum of the positive income according to the Income Tax Act (German: EStG) after deduction of income tax, church tax and social contributions. The year preceding the application is decisive.

If the spouse or the other parent is supported by a scholarship according to the ThürGFVO, the family addendum will only be paid in half the amount.

The application must include the following documents (The documents and forms can be found in the online application portal):

- A letter of application indicating the desired beginning date of funding (max. one DIN-A4 page);
- A completely filled out form for the application for doctoral scholarship
- 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 (Note: foreign certificates need a copy of the translation into the German grade system by the International admission office of the TU Ilmenau – contact: apply@tu-ilmenau.de),
- Topic, questions/tasks, time schedule,
- A declaration of willingness from a professor of Ilmenau University of Technology or another Thuringian university 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 program, or a copy of the application to this program,
- Certificate of matriculation / application for matriculation with validity for the requested period of approval
- A proof for explanation of special needs / concerns (see above)
- A completely filled out form with bank connection and an income tax form as well as with the declaration of data privacy protection

Applications can be submitted from **June 26, 2023 to August 4, 2023** via the Mobility Online application platform (please click [here](#)).

Length of Time of Support and Time Period of Scholarship:

As a rule Funding is usually possible for a maximum of 3 years. A further extension is only possible in exceptional cases and is ranked after the new applications and applications for the second and, if applicable, third year of funding.

The scholarship will be awarded for one year (awarding period). An **application for an extension** must be submitted within the application term (see [here](#)), but no later than two months before the end of the current appropriation period.

The third year can be awarded if the completion of the doctorate is expected in the third year of funding. The applicant as well as the supervisor should credibly demonstrate the scientific progress and the timely successful completion, usually through a personal interview. In addition to the presentation of the research results and a detailed progress report, evidence of publications must be submitted. The reference to a possible follow-up financing after the third year is not a reason for an extension after two years of funding.

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);
- A completely filled out form for the application for doctoral scholarship
- 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 (Further approval for the second year of funding)
- For the approval of a third year of funding, a presentation of the work status achieved by the doctoral candidate in the award committee is provided at the end of the second year. Furthermore, a statement is expected from the supervising university professor, stating that the doctoral thesis will be completed in the third year.

- A current confirmation of enrolment
- A current declaration of income and bank account information and a current declaration of data privacy protection

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

***Further
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