

Information on funding opportunities for doctoral students, postdocs and habilitation candidates



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Dear doctoral candidates, postdocs and habilitation candidates,

With this brochure, we would like to provide you with a guide to the various funding options for your academic career. If you still have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us!

The path to a doctorate: starter grant funding

The exposé is a summary of your dissertation project with the help of which you present your topic to potential supervisors and doctoral programmes.

The exposé grant is a **funding instrument of the University of Passau** for particularly qualified students shortly before or after their graduation. The funding serves to acquire financing for the realisation of a doctorate at the University of Passau. In particular, it is intended to enable the preparation of an exposé for application to a doctoral funding organisation or the acquisition of a third-party funded position. Successful applicants will initially receive a contract as a research assistant for 80 hours per month for six months.

Further information can be found at [Thesis Starter Grants](#)

Basic Funding

Doctoral Scholarships

Doctoral scholarships provide basic funding for doctoral studies, which doctoral candidates can apply for themselves. In Germany, there are **13 scholarship organisations** that award doctoral scholarships in accordance with the funding guidelines of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and are open to all subject areas. Scholarship holders often receive comprehensive support and are individually advised and supported by liaison lecturers.

The organisations for the promotion of gifted children are

- [The Avicenna-Studienwerk](#)
- [The Cusanuswerk e.V.](#) *(only available in German)*
- [The Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk \(ELES\)](#)
- [The Evangelisches Studienwerk e.V. Villigst](#) *(only available in German)*
- [The Friedrich Ebert Foundation](#) *(only available in German)*
- [The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom](#)
- [The Hanns Seidel Foundation](#) *(only available in German)*
- [Hans Böckler Foundation](#)
- [The Heinrich Böll Foundation](#)
- [The Konrad Adenauer Foundation](#)
- [The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation](#)
- [The Foundation of the German Economy](#) *(only available in German)*
- [The Foundation of the German People](#)

For Postdocs: Fellowship-Program (PICAIS)

The **fellowship programme** is aimed at internationally competitive researchers as well as promising young scientists from postdoctoral level onwards who wish to advance top international research projects as part of their fellowship. During their time at [PICAIS](#), they can concentrate fully on this - detached from everyday academic life.

During the habilitation: habilitation funds

The University of Passau supports habilitation candidates through the [habilitation fund](#) for the duration of the habilitation process with an **individual grant of 1,500 euros per year**. The budget is allocated to a separate cost centre and can be used for research-related expenses.

Scholarship databases

The following scholarship databases allow you to search for further scholarships on specific occasions and topics (*only available in German*):

- [Federal Association of German Foundations](#)
- [German Academic Exchange Service](#)
- [German Foundation Centre](#)
- [Scholarship database ResearchConnect of the University of Passau](#)

Qualification positions

A qualification position at the institution where the dissertation is being written is one of the more common ways of obtaining funding, alongside a scholarship. As a rule, you must apply for such qualification positions. You can also find [current vacancies](#) on the University of Passau website.

European funding programmes

Young researchers can receive funding under the EU framework programme **HORIZON 2020** and the **European Structural and Investment Funds**. The [Research Services Division](#) can advise you on this.

National funding programmes

Furthermore, there are also national third-party funding organisations at both federal and state level. [Research Services Division](#) can also help you here.

Travels

Event participation

Through the Graduate Centre, doctoral candidates at the University of Passau can receive a travel allowance for active (oral presentation, poster, etc.) attendance at scientific events. We have compiled details on this topic on our website.

Young researchers at the University of Passau can apply for travel grants for the following projects:

- Invitation to a paper presentation at a high-ranking conference in your field:
Presentation on a **gender topic** at a conference (the gender reference must be clearly stated in the title of the presentation). The application and awarding process is carried out by the [Women's Office of the University of Passau](#).
- [HAW.International: Congress and trade fair travel](#) (*only available in German*) promotes the active participation of members of German universities of applied sciences and universities of applied sciences in international scientific congresses and conferences as well as international trade fairs (face-to-face and online).

- The [Association for Social Policy](#) promotes the international presence of young academics from the **field of economics** with a prize of 600 euros for presentations at prestigious international conferences. Der fördert die internationale Präsenz junger Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler aus dem **Bereich der Wirtschaftswissenschaften** mit einer Prämie in Höhe von 600 Euro für Vorträge auf angesehenen internationalen Konferenzen.
- In view of its statutory purpose, the [Weichmann Foundation](#) (*only available in German*) aims to provide impetus for **research into political exile** at various levels and supports the organisation of and participation in events that are in line with this.
- The [Fazit Foundation](#) (*only available in German*) provides support in cases of **financial hardship**.

Research and archive travel

Country-specific funding

- **The German Historical Institute Paris** awards one-month [research start-up grants](#) (*only available in German*) for prospective doctoral students on the source situation in French archives as well as [mobility grants](#) (*only available in German*) for research projects for a research stay in France of up to three months.
- **The German Historical Institute Warsaw** supports [research trips](#) to Poland with research projects on Polish, German-Polish and Polish-Central and Eastern European history.
- **The Gerda Henkel Foundation** maintains [fellowships](#) in cooperation with scientific institutions in the USA, Great Britain, France and Germany.

Specialized and topic-specific funding

The International Office of the University of Passau supports you in submitting applications to the DAAD as well as to BaCaTeC, BAYHOST and BayIND.

The Research Services Division at the University of Passau supports you in submitting applications to the DFG and the Fritz Thyssen Foundation as well as applications within the framework of the BayIntAn funding line.

- In the **social sciences and humanities**, the [Fritz Thyssen Foundation](#) and the [Max Weber Foundation](#) offer project funding.
- Stays abroad in the field of **law** are supported by the [Business Law Association](#) (*only available in German*)
- In view of its statutory purpose, the [Weichmann Foundation](#) (*only available in German*) aims to give impetus to **research into political exile** at various levels and supports research and archive trips that are in line with this.
- [The Southeast Europe Society](#) awards travel grants to young academics who are working on a **(contemporary) historical topic in Southeast European research**.
- Research and archive trips to the **German Literature Archive Marbach** can be financed by [Gerd Bucerius Scholarships](#) (*only available in German*).
- In the field of **interdisciplinary urban research**, four-month fellowships are awarded as part of a guest research program at [HafenCity University Hamburg](#) (*only available in German*).

Publishing

- [Publication grant](#): Through the **Graduate Center**, the University of Passau promotes the publication of excellent theses by awarding a publication grant. In doing so, the University of Passau is responding to the wishes of early career researchers to recognize the different publication cultures in dissertations and habilitations in the various disciplines.
- [Open Access Publication Fund](#) (*only available in German*): The **University Library's Open Access Publication Fund** supports members of the University of Passau with article processing charges for Open Access journals. If all eligibility requirements are met, article processing charges of up to €2,000 can be reimbursed. The open access publication of monographs (including dissertations) is also supported.
- [Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship](#): With the Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship, the University of Passau grants talented and **doctoral students in need** a printing cost subsidy of up to 500.00 euros for dissertations.
- [External funding bodies](#): The **Research Services Division** and the **Graduate Center** provide you with a department-specific overview of external publication funds.