

Call for proposals for promotion stipends of doctoral studies

The Dean's Office of the Faculty of Medicine, University Leipzig, is providing a total of 80 T€ per year to qualify students who plan to work on their doctoral thesis. This Grant money is provided for scholarships and travel expenses (where appropriate) to financially support students who are working on theses to become a medical or dental doctor. A prerequisite for this financial support will be for candidates to apply for a semester off from their current studies.

Candidates who have already completed their studies in dentistry or human medicine are not eligible for a stipend within this programme.

Information on the support of doctoral theses:

Qualifications:

- We seek high-performing students who are working on their doctoral theses in Leipzig, primarily at the MF, and who have registered their thesis topic with the Academic Affairs Department.
- The applicant should already have been **intensively trained in theoretical and practical aspects of the topic** in order to be able to complete the experimental laboratory/clinical work within 1 or 2 semesters.
- For the scholarship to be granted, a doctoral student agreement between the doctoral student and the supervisor must be in place at the time the application is submitted (in this case, the confirmation e-mail from the Academic Affairs Office after entry in the list of doctoral students is sufficient).
- Only applicants with a grade of 2.5 or better in the first section of the medical examination will be admitted.

Funding Amount:

- A maximum of 8.000,- €, of which
 - project-related travel costs (max. 1.000,- €; must be planned for a specific trip (Europe only) or participation in web conferences at the time of application)
 - Scholarship (600,- €/month, if necessary, adjustment to BAföG funding amount, please submit proof of BAföG funding decision for the year 2020) for 1 or 2 semesters, the payment of the scholarship is linked to an exemption from courses
 - no support for material costs
- Duration 6 months with a maximum of 1 year
- Start of funding; winter semester 2020/21

Application:

- Short project application of the doctoral candidate (for submission see below, calculation of scholarship/travel costs, curriculum vitae of the doctoral candidate with information on the current status of the studies as well as a copy of the certificate of the 1st section of the medical examination, copy of the registration at the Office of Academic Affairs/Promotionsbüro).
- Explanation/advocacy of the supervisor for the work
- Submission of the complete application documents for the funding period winter semester 2020/21 to the Research Division (Referat Forschung) exclusively in electronic form (preferably as PDF documents) by e-mail to MB-RefFo@medizin.uni-leipzig.de by 26.08.2020, p.m. 3:00 p.m. (latest date).
- For further information call +49 341 97-15997, Dr. Susan Kralisch-Jäcklein

Review and funding decision:

Applications will be reviewed by members of the research committee (Forschungskommission). Applicants of eligible doctoral theses will be invited to a colloquium with a short presentation (max. 8 min talk) of the project on 07.09.2020 from 5:40 p.m. (Please note this date in case of application!).

The suitability of the applicants and the scientific quality of the projects will be evaluated. The Research Commission reserves the right to demand that the supervisor make necessary changes to the project content. The funding decision will be made following the colloquium on 07.09.2020.

Performance review and reporting obligation:

At the end of the project duration you will be asked to submit a final report.

Template for the project application (proposal: 1 ½ line); see application template

Cover page

1. Introduction and question (maximum half a page)

Please explain the context of your project application at this point and state specific hypotheses and questions.

2. State-of-the-art research (maximum one and a half pages)

Please refer to the key publications on your topic from which your question is derived. Please include a list of references at the end.

3. Own preliminary work (two pages)

Please describe the important preliminary work of your group and also describe in detail when you started your work, which methods you have already tried and whether or not you have already obtained results.

4. Project description (two pages)

Please describe the project including the relevant milestones (work programme, study plan) and time frame. If a training trip is planned in connection with the project, please attach a cost calculation.

Please attach the application:

- CV of the applicant (max. 1 page)
- Copy of certificate first section medical examination
- Letter of support of the doctoral supervisor
- Copy of the Doctoral Agreement (confirmation e-mail from the Office of Academic Affairs/Promotionsbüro, application for registration, renewal of registration or re-inclusion in the list of doctoral students of the Faculty of Medicine)