



Call for proposals for promotion stipends of doctoral studies

The Dean's Office of the Faculty of Medicine, University Leipzig, is providing promotion stipends 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. In particular, doctoral projects that result in a publication should receive funding. 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 Research 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.
- The "Antrag auf Eintragung, Verlängerung der Eintragung oder Wiederaufnahme in die Doktorandenliste der Medizinischen Fakultät" (DPVS)
- 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
- 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 € (if the total funding does not exceed 8,000 €); must be planned for a specific trip or participation in web conferences when the application is submitted.
 - Scholarship (600,- €/month, if necessary, adjustment to BAföG funding amount, please submit proof of BAföG funding decision for the year 2025/26) 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 2025/26

Application:

Applications can be submitted via the following online link:

<https://redcap.medizin.uni-leipzig.de/redcap/surveys/?s=9DJ8LHXC7WFFMLAH>

Please upload the following documents:

- Short project proposal of the doctoral candidate (see submission template)
- Scholarship/travel cost calculation
- Curriculum vitae of the doctoral candidate with information on the current status of his or her studies
- Certificate 1st section of the medical examination
- Confirmation by DPVS
- Explanation/advocacy of the supervisor for the work

Submission of the complete application documents for the funding period winter semester 2025 via the above-mentioned link by **18.08.2025, 12:00 a.m.**

For further information call 0341 97-15997, Dr. Susan Kralisch-Jäcklein or 0341 97-15995, Nicole Sager

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 **01.09.2025** from 4:40 p.m. (Please note this date in case of application!).

The suitability of the applicants, the requirements for a successful publication doctorate 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 **01.09.2025**.

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
- ☐ Confirmation by DPVS