

# German Federal Environmental Foundation (DBU): PhD Scholarship Programme

## Overview

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### Programme Description

Early-career scientists from all countries of origin and any subject carrying out further research work into the field of environmental protection and nature conservation at a higher education institution in Germany are invited to apply for one of the doctoral scholarships awarded each year. The programme's aim is to support young academics and build an interdisciplinary network of experts on the environment. To this end, the scholarships help finance doctoral theses which clearly address topical environmental protection and nature conservation issues and contribute to developing viable and sustainable solutions in this field. The concept of building support networks promotes active cooperation between the DBU and its alumni.

### Target Group

highly qualified junior researchers carrying out doctoral theses which clearly address relevant environmental protection or nature conservation issues and whose work contributes to developing solutions for these challenges. Topics with international relevance are welcome, but the work must be carried out predominantly in Germany and there must be a clear reference to the environmental situation in Germany or to global environmental tasks. Temporary research stays abroad during the doctoral phase are possible and encouraged.

### Academic Requirements

academics qualified for doctoral studies and with an above-average degree (overall grade good or very good; law: at least fully satisfactory) The doctoral studies will take place at a German university and have not yet started. (A project that has been started is not eligible if applicants have scientifically dealt with the doctoral topic for more than 1 year since graduating from university.)

### Number of Scholarships

up to 54 scholarships per year

### Duration

The maximum funding covers a period of 3 years.

### Scholarship Value

Financing includes a base amount 1,600 EUR per month over a period of 3 years at most. Moreover, there is a fixed allowance of 210 EUR per month for material expenses; further contributions to material expenses are paid in exceptional cases. Fellows with children are granted additional support, if necessary.

### Application Papers

Please find the application forms and further information on the application procedure [here](https://www.dbu.de/en/promotion/doctoral-scholarships/)  
[\[https://www.dbu.de/en/promotion/doctoral-scholarships/\]](https://www.dbu.de/en/promotion/doctoral-scholarships/).

### Application Deadline

Application deadlines are 15 January and 15 June of each year.

## Application requirements

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- outstanding academic merit (higher education degree)

- candidates from all disciplines whose doctoral theses clearly address relevant environmental protection or nature conservation issues and whose work contributes to developing solutions for these challenges
- good knowledge of the German language

Please also take note of our [important scholarship information \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/).

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