

# Hanns Seidel Foundation: PhD scholarships

## Overview

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### Programme Description

The Hanns Seidel Foundation, which is affiliated with the political party "Christian Social Union" (CSU), sponsors highly-qualified doctoral candidates either from EU member states or with the legal status of German educational nationals (as per BAföG § 8). Applicants from all disciplines completing promising doctoral theses at a higher education institution in Germany are welcome to apply. The support aims at helping the academics become competent and responsible citizens who uphold Christian social values and co-operate actively in forming and strengthening Germany's liberal and democratic constitutional order.

Independent of income, scholarship holders are granted a monthly sum of 1,350 EUR plus a research cost allowance of 100 EUR as well as child- and family allowances, if necessary. The scholarship also entails comprehensive non-material support.

### Target Group

highly-qualified doctoral candidates with the legal status of German educational nationals (as per BAföG § 8) of any subject area who are regularly enrolled at a state or state-recognised higher education institution. Applicants propose a thesis that shows promise for excellence in their field of research. They furthermore demonstrate unusual potential for contributing to research as well as personal integrity.

### Academic Requirements

admission to post-graduate studies (certificate of higher-education degree required)

- at a state or state-recognised higher education institution in Germany or in EU countries plus Switzerland, if the applicants are German nationals or so-called educational nationals
- at a state or state-recognised higher education institution or research institute in Germany, if the applicants are international doctoral students.

### Duration

The scholarship is initially granted for 1 year with a renewal option if applied for. An assessment of academic achievement will take place before the award. The sponsorship ends after 2 years. Under extraordinary circumstances the scholarship may be extended for 6 months.

### Scholarship Value

- 1,350 EUR per month plus a research cost allowance of 100 EUR and family- and child allowances, if necessary
- non-material support in the form of, i.e., seminars, events and networking meetings

### Application Papers

Application forms and further information on the application procedure can be found [here](http://www.hss.de/stipendium/bewerbung.html) [<http://www.hss.de/stipendium/bewerbung.html>].

### Application Deadline

15 January and 15 July of each year

## Application requirements

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- above-average achievements in school and academic studies

- social or political commitment or involvement in the Church
- personal aptitude, i.e. sense of civil responsibility, political open-mindedness and approval of the aims of the Hanns Seidel Foundation

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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