

# German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ): International PhD Programme

## Overview

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### Programme Description

International students holding a Master's degree in (molecular) biology, (bio-)chemistry, physics, mathematics, computational biology, computer science, epidemiology/public health studies and related subjects are invited to apply for the international PhD programme. PhD students are supported by a Thesis Advisory Committee, participate in scientific and professional skills courses, attend international conferences and receive career development support. The PhD programme's teaching language is English. Full funding is provided for the duration of the PhD, either by the DKFZ, third-party sources or in collaboration with the DAAD within their Graduate School Scholarship Programme.

Research at the DKFZ is organised into the following programmes:

- [Cell and Tumor Biology \[https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-a.php?campaign=phd/stipend\]](https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-a.php?campaign=phd/stipend)
- [Functional and Structural Genomics \[https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-b.php?campaign=phd/stipend\]](https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-b.php?campaign=phd/stipend)
- [Cancer Risk Factors and Prevention \[https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-c.php?campaign=phd/stipend\]](https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-c.php?campaign=phd/stipend)
- [Immunology and Cancer \[https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-d.php?campaign=phd/stipend\]](https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-d.php?campaign=phd/stipend)
- [Imaging and Radiooncology \[https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-e.php?campaign=phd/stipend\]](https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-e.php?campaign=phd/stipend)
- [Infection, Inflammation and Cancer \[https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-f.php?campaign=phd/stipend\]](https://www.dkfz.de/en/forschung/schwerpunkte/fsp-f.php?campaign=phd/stipend)

In addition, the programmes offer many possibilities for interacting and participating in interdisciplinary PhD projects across different topics.

### Target Group

Internationals holding a Master's degree in the natural sciences who wish to obtain a doctorate in the field of cancer research

### Academic Requirements

Master of Science (MSc) or academic equivalent

Applicants who have not yet obtained their Master's degree should have completed the Master's degree no later than 6 months after being admitted to the PhD programme.

### Number of Scholarships

36 PhD positions per year

### Duration

3 years

### Scholarship Value

All PhD positions at the DKFZ are fully funded for 3 years. The salaries are competitive by national standards in this field.

### Application Papers

You will find the online application system as well as information on the application procedure [here \[https://www.dkfz.de/en/phd-program/HowToApply.html?campaign=phd/stipend\]](https://www.dkfz.de/en/phd-program/HowToApply.html?campaign=phd/stipend).

## Application Deadline

Application deadlines are 15 May and 15 December of each year.

## Application requirements

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- higher-education qualification: Master of Science (MSc) or academic equivalent
- very good school and academic records
- very good proficiency in English; please provide proof, e.g. TOEFL 95+ (internet-based), 240+ (computer-based) or 587+ (paper-based), IELTS 7.0 or CAE or equivalent
- 2 letters of recommendation

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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