

# Hans Böckler Foundation: PhD fellowship

## Overview

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### Programme Description

The Hans Böckler Foundation is the institute of the German Federation of Trade Unions (DGB) to promote research and studies. The HSB awards fellowships to doctoral students with outstanding academic gifts who show commitment to labour unions or socio-political issues. Doctoral candidates in any discipline who are enrolled at German institutions of higher education, also in programmes such as graduate schools or junior researcher groups, are encouraged to apply.

Every year the HSB assigns about 100 grants. The fellows receive 1,350 EUR per month plus a research cost allowance of 100 EUR, a health-care subsidy as well as family- and child allowances, if necessary. Comprehensive non-material support is also part of the fellowship.

### Target Group

particularly gifted doctoral candidates in any discipline who propose a promising doctoral project and show commitment to labour unions or socio-political issues

Candidates need to be admitted for doctoral studies at a state or state-recognised higher education institution. If possible, the doctoral project should have sociopolitical relevance and a meaningful contribution to research can be expected.

### Academic Requirements

admission to post-graduate studies at a state or state-recognised institution of higher education in Germany

### Number of Scholarships

about 100 fellowships per year

### Scholarship Value

Doctoral students currently receive a grant of 1,450 EUR (1,350 EUR basic grant plus a research cost allowance of 100 EUR).

In addition, they receive a health insurance subsidy of up to 100 EUR and, if applicable, a family allowance of 155 EUR and a child allowance of 155 EUR if there is at least one child living in the household.

### Application Papers

Please find all application forms and information on the online application procedure [here](https://www.boeckler.de/de/stipendium-fur-promovierende-2670.htm) [<https://www.boeckler.de/de/stipendium-fur-promovierende-2670.htm>].

### Application Deadline

Please find the updated deadlines [here](https://www.boeckler.de/de/bewerbungsfristen-2669.htm) [<https://www.boeckler.de/de/bewerbungsfristen-2669.htm>].

## Application requirements

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### Application Requirements

- material need
- outstanding school and academic achievements
- promising research proposal
- commitment to labour unions or socio-political issues, ideally in the long term
- responsible, motivated, reliable individuals willing to play an active role in the Foundation's work
- There is an age limit set at 40 years old.

- Knowledge of German must be proven by means of a B2 German language certificate. Applicants with a German school leaving certificate or a Bachelor's degree in Germany do not need to provide proof.

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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