

# Gerda Henkel Foundation: PhD Scholarships

## Overview

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### Programme Description

The PhD scholarships support highly qualified junior academics from the historical sciences with excellent academic standing and brilliant examination results who show unusual promise for their doctoral theses. Applications can be submitted at any time, independent of the candidate's nationality or place of work. Scholarship holders receive a monthly base amount of 1,600 EUR. There are additional benefits, such as allowances for accompanying children or travel stipends, if necessary. Please note that income from employment and scholarship income are mutually exclusive. The funding will be awarded over a period of up to 2 years.

### Target Group

highly-qualified, particularly gifted junior academics from the historical sciences with excellent academic standing and brilliant examination results who show unusual promise for their doctoral theses

Research projects in the following subject areas are given funding priority:

- archaeology
- historical sciences
- historical Islamic studies
- history of art
- history of law
- prehistory and early history
- history of science

### Academic Requirements

admission to doctoral studies. The overall Master's grade awarded must be **at least 1.5 or above** in Germany (comparable with grade A in other countries). For candidates with a foreign degree, a special examination for inclusion in the selection process will be performed in the Foundation's office. The final grade achieved in legal exams also will likewise be assessed separately.

### Number of Scholarships

At the moment, approx. 50 scholarships are awarded each year.

### Duration

between 12 to 24 months. In justified cases, it is possible to apply for an extension of up to 12 months before the end of the 2nd year of funding.

### Scholarship Value

- scholarship base amount: 1,600 EUR per month
- standard foreign residence allowance: 400 EUR per month
- travel allowance: as required
- material costs: as required
- family allowance, if applicable: 400 EUR for academics with one child, +100 EUR for each additional child

## Application Papers

Application forms and further information on the application procedure can be found [here \[https://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/en/phd-scholarships\]](https://www.gerda-henkel-stiftung.de/en/phd-scholarships).

## Application Deadline

Applications may be submitted at any time.

## Application requirements

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- Only applicants who were under 28 years of age when awarded the degree qualifying them for a doctorate are eligible.
- Final grade for the degree (Master's, for state examinations: Sec. II) must be 1.5 or higher. For degrees gained abroad a separate evaluation will take place to assess the applicant's suitability. The final grade for state examinations in law is also evaluated separately.
- The foundation does not award PhD completion grants: follow-up funding of sponsorships by a third party with a grant period of over 1 year or grants covering a period of less than 1 year will be considered completion grants.

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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