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Overview

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<th>Degree</th>
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<td>Doctoral degree or degree awarded by</td>
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<td>Teaching language</td>
<td>♦ English</td>
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<td>Courses are held in English only.</td>
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<td>Programme duration</td>
<td>6 semesters</td>
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<td>Beginning</td>
<td>Only for doctoral programmes: any time</td>
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| Application deadline | Applications for open PhD positions are possible throughout the year. For more information, please see [http://www.higrade.de/admission](http://www.higrade.de/admission).

You are welcome to contact our International Office for support when starting at the UFZ. See: International Office

| Tuition fees per semester in EUR | None |
| Combined Master’s degree / PhD programme | No |
| Joint degree / double degree programme | No |

Description/content

HIGRADE, the "Helmholtz Interdisciplinary GRADuate School for Environmental Research", is the graduate school for doctoral researchers at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ, in cooperation with partner universities and partner programmes. We aim to provide a coherent framework for qualifying a new generation of internationally competitive doctoral researchers in the field of environmental research. Graduate education at HIGRADE is structured, systematic, and adapted to individual needs.

The HIGRADE programme consists of scientific courses, professional skills training, career development and networking offers. Within the broad field of environmental research, scientific courses are related to the main research areas of the UFZ.

Our doctoral researchers can choose from the whole range of courses offered, enabling them to combine courses that support the completion of their scientific project and promote their career development. They are encouraged to work in an interdisciplinary manner in a vibrant research environment with excellent infrastructure. Each doctoral researcher at the UFZ is supported by an advisory committee and the graduate school.
Course Details

Course organisation

HIGRADE consists of a three-year graduate course curriculum combined with an experimental or empirical project leading to a written dissertation. Seminars and courses are conducted in English. A superior Master’s degree or equivalent is required for admission. Each doctoral candidate will have an advisory committee with partners from the UFZ and partner universities. HIGRADE courses cover scientific courses, professional skills training, and career development offers. Successful completion of the programme will be recognised with the HIGRADE certificate. For more information, please see http://www.higrade.de/courses.

Types of assessment

Examples of assessment include active participation and presentations in courses.

International elements

- International guest lecturers
- Training in intercultural skills
- Courses are led with foreign partners
- Projects with partners in Germany and abroad
- International comparisons and thematic reference to the international context

Integrated internships

Internships and research stays during doctoral studies are highly recommended (external funding).

Teaching/work obligations or opportunities

No obligatory teaching is required, but students have the opportunity to teach HIGRADE courses.

Course-specific, integrated German language courses

No

Course-specific, integrated English language courses

No

Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR

None

Semester contribution

Semester fees vary depending on the university at which you are enrolled.

Costs of living

730 EUR (per month)

Funding opportunities within the university

Yes

Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university

Funding is available for external training (e.g., workshops, summer schools, etc.).
Requirements / Registration

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<td>Structured research and</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Research training / discussion</td>
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<td>Career advisory service</td>
<td>Our graduate school is part of the unit DEVELOP, which offers individual career counselling and support.</td>
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Our Vision
The UFZ is one of the world’s leading research centres in the field of environmental research and enjoys high social recognition. It demonstrates ways in which a sustainable use of our natural resource base is possible for the benefit of both mankind and the environment.

Our Mission
Biodiversity, functioning ecosystems, clean water, and intact soils all make up our natural resource base. In the face of global change, employees at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ are united by the goal of demonstrating ways to combine societal...
development with a healthy environment.

See: http://www.ufz.de

Location
Our doctoral researchers work mainly in Leipzig, but they also work at our other locations in Magdeburg and Halle/Saale. Contact information is available here.

Contact

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