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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Completion Scholarships of the University of Kassel

The University of Kassel is seeking applications for as many as four scholarships to enable doctoral candidates to complete their doctoral thesis in order to promote projects that are well-advanced at the University of Kassel in winter semester 2021/2022.

Target group
Doctoral candidates at the University of Kassel are eligible to apply if they are just about to complete their doctorate.

Amount of the scholarship
The scholarship is worth EUR 1,200 per month. A supplement of EUR 200 per month is possible for candidates who are looking after children.

Term
The scholarship is granted for up to 12 months. The main goal of a completion scholarship is to ensure that candidates conclude the process and submit their paper during the funding period. As a rule, the funding period is 1 April 2022 up to 31 March 2023.

Selection procedure
The committee for doctoral scholarships makes decisions on awarding the scholarships according to how likely it is that the doctoral thesis will be successfully submitted within the period that has been requested. The aim of compensating for any disadvantages that occur for doctoral candidates should also apply. The criteria for compensating for any disadvantages that occur may particularly involve: 1. Pressure connected to assigned tasks that are unrelated to the doctorate according to contractual arrangements for employees who are receiving outside funding; 2. The type and nature of previous employment relationships with regard to the doctorate; 3. Special pressure caused by sickness, a disability or bringing up children; or 4. A doctoral candidate submitted by a non-male person (female, neutral) in departments with a low percentage of women; or 5. restrictions to research due to the pandemic. The compensation for any disadvantages not already be covered by similar funding instruments at the university.

The committee for doctoral scholarships consists of the current Vice-President, at least three professors, an academic employee and a representative of the scholarship holders who are currently being supported.
Application documents

Applications must be sent electronically by e-mail to: stipendium@uni-kassel.de. The following documents in German or in English must be submitted in collated form in one PDF file in the order mentioned below:

- the online registration form at www.uni-kassel.de/go/abschlussstipendien-formular,
- a brief letter, including an explanation why compensation for any disadvantages should be granted (max. one page),
- a generally comprehensible summary of the doctoral project (max. one page),
- the outline (max. eight pages in all; the outline should mention the current state of research and any preliminary work, goals and issues, methods, the envisaged academic contribution and the state of the work already completed, including the current work plan and timetable within the funding period mentioned above),
- a CV in tabular form,
- one copy of higher education qualifications,
- Written confirmation of acceptance as a doctoral candidate at the University of Kassel,
- If relevant, a description of any work performed in your most recent employment relationships, if the compensation for disadvantages is based on pressure connected to tasks that are unrelated to the doctorate.

The committee for doctoral scholarships must request an assessment by the supervisor from the dean’s office in the relevant faculty.

The closing date for applications is 15 November 2021.

Contact details

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