

## Financing your Doctoral Studies

### Financing your doctoral studies with a job as research assistant or a scholarship

Most vacant academic positions at RWTH are listed on the central webpage for [RWTH job offers](#). Sometimes, institutes and chairs of the different [faculties](#) list job offers on their websites.

Doctoral candidates in [structured doctoral programs](#) are often employed as research assistants by the involved institutes or receive funding through scholarships.

RWTH Aachen University awards [scholarships for doctoral students](#). Eligible to apply for funding are enrolled doctoral students with an above average degree which qualifies for doctoral studies. The scholarship is also available as a research degree completion grant for graduates who have worked as research assistants at RWTH before.

[Here](#) you can find a list of all scholarships awarded, administered, or arranged by RWTH Aachen.

### General databases for your scholarship research

There are numerous different scholarships open to doctoral students in Germany, non-specific as well as specific ones (e.g. for a specific topic, for research at a specific institution, for candidates from a specific country, for specific groups of people). Several databases can be used to research scholarships.

- [German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#) - Information on various kinds of DAAD funding for foreign students, graduates and postdocs as well as on funding offered by [other selected organizations](#).
- [EURAXESS](#) - The pan-European initiative provides a complete range of information and support services to researchers wishing to pursue their research career in Europe.
- [Electronic Research Funding Information System \(ELFI\)](#) - Information on more than 10,000 programs on research funding through about 4.500 national and international sponsors; free of charge if one uses computers of RWTH Aachen University or organizations with a licensing agreement
- [Stipendienlotse](#) (German only) - database for scholarship research provided by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany
- [Stifterverband](#) (German only) – Funding possibilities and fellowships of 610 foundations managed by Stifterverband, a network of business, science, politics and civil society.
- [Mystipendium.de](#) (German only) – Database provided by a non-profit initiative for transparent study sponsorship with 2,300 listed funding possibilities

### Funding by foundations with a special focus

[StipendiumPlus](#) is a pool of 13 organizations for the promotion of young talents which have come together under the umbrella of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to provide support to students and young researchers with special talents.

Almost all of these organizations are oriented towards ideals (e.g. religious or political). Generally, social commitment or commitment in line with the ideals of the organization is necessary.

**Last but not least we recommend to all doctoral students from abroad/ with a degree from outside of Germany to not forget to check whether your home country offers suitable funding for you!**