

International PhD Completion Grant

International doctoral candidates **in the final phase of their doctorate** and **in need of financial support** can apply for a PhD completion grant. The grant amount is subject to allocation of funds by the DAAD.

The scholarships are granted **for up to 4 months** and cannot be extended.

The scholarship comprises a **monthly stipend of 1050€**.

Doctoral projects should be **completed within 6 months** after receiving the last scholarship grant.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Doctoral candidates must hold a foreign nationality and have completed their Master degree or equivalent outside of Germany
- Doctoral candidates must pursue their doctorate full-time at the University of Würzburg and must currently be enrolled
- Doctoral candidates must be in the final completion phase of their doctorate
- Applicants must be in financial need, meaning doctoral candidates applying do not currently hold a work contract other than marginal part-time work ("Minijob") with a German employer, including with the University of Würzburg, University hospital or adjacent research facilities or receive any other form of scholarship related to their doctoral project

Not eligible:

- German nationals or holding a German university degree (Master or equivalent)
- International doctoral candidates currently residing outside of Germany
- Doctoral candidates visiting Würzburg for a limited research stay or exchange
- Doctoral candidates who will receive their doctoral certification from a university other than University of Würzburg

Application for International PhD Completion Grant

For international doctoral candidates

JMU Graduate Academy & International Office

Application documents:

- Application form
- Full academic CV
- Copy of passport or ID showing foreign nationality
- Copy of Master's degree or equivalent, received outside of Germany
- Proof of acceptance as doctoral candidate from faculty or graduate school (*Annahme als Doktorandin/Doktorand*)
- Proof of current enrollment at University of Würzburg as doctoral candidate (*Immatrikulationsbescheinigung*)
- Application letter. Application letter includes: contact details, motivation for application, brief summary of personal situation, detailed description of the state of doctoral project, detailed plan including realistic timeline for completion of the project within the given time frame (max. 2 pages)
- Letter of reference from main supervisor, supporting the application and detailing the need for financial support. Letter of reference should include: contact details of supervisor, brief summary of the (economic) situation of the applicant including past funding source of doctoral candidate, state of project, realistic assessment of project completion timeline that the scholarship should support
- Declaration of Financial Need
- Declaration of Accuracy of Information

Application Deadline:

September 1st, 2026

Please send the application in ONE PDF FILE to:

jmu-graduate-academy@uni-wuerzburg.de

Letters of reference can be included in the application or sent to the Graduate Academy directly.

Please note that only complete applications will be considered.

Scholarships will be awarded taking into account the quality of the application, the individual financial situation as well as the feasibility of your project completion plans. You will be informed individually if a scholarship is granted.

Applicants do not have a legal claim to receive a scholarship when applying.

Do not send original documents, application documents will not be sent back but will remain with the Graduate Academy and International Office.