



Financing a Doctorate– An Overview



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Financing options

1. Employment at the university
2. Scholarships
3. External PhD Programme
4. Self-financing
5. Support for stays abroad and international doctoral students

1. Employment at the university I

- * Individual traditional doctorate
- * Positions as a research associate or within projects at a department
- * Doctoral thesis is written parallel to research, teaching and administrative work

Job search

www.tu-chemnitz.de/tu/stellen.php

www.academics.de/

www.euraxess.de/portal/stellensuche_in.html

1. Employment at the university II

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The doctoral student is relatively free in his/her choice of a topic	Usually only part time positions
Mostly regular contact to the supervisor	Fixed-term contracts, often ending before the doctoral thesis is finished
Access to important information & the university network	Danger of taking on too much work at the department
Usage of a department's resources	Danger of too much dependence from one person who is supervisor and boss at the same time
Gaining important experience through own lectures, participation in congresses or contribution to papers and books	

2. Scholarships I

- * Mostly funding period of 2 years (extensions possible)
- * Maximum rate often matches the net salary of a fixed term contract for a research associate
- * Additional ideal support
(seminars, activities in university groups, (Alumni-) networks, liaison teachers)

Personal support

- * Graduate's support by the free State of Saxony
https://www.tu-chemnitz.de/verwaltung/studentenamt/abt11/graduiert/Landesstip_allg.pdf
- * Scholarships from the 13 talent programmes (Begabtenförderwerke)
<https://www.bmbf.de/de/die-begabtenfoerderungswerke-884.html>
- * Foundations
<https://www.stiftungen.org/index.php?id=1092>

2. Scholarships II

Project support / research scholarships

* Research expeditions, conference visits, equipment, etc.

Research support at TU Chemnitz

www.tu-chemnitz.de/verwaltung/haushalt/schlagwort.php?func=detail&hit=Forschungsf%C3%B6rderung

Newsletter – Research support:

<https://www.tu-chemnitz.de/forschung/wdint/forschinfo.htm>

Databases

Stipendienlotse www.stipendienlotse.de

mystipendium www.mystipendium.de

Scholarshipportal www.scholarshipportal.com

ELFI – Service for electronical information about research support www.elfi.info

3. External PhD programme

- * Employment at a company or a research institute for a specific project
- * Academic support and graduation through the university

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Practice orientated PhD	Finding a topic takes a lot of negotiation skills in order to satisfy the academic interest of the university as well as the economic interest of the company
Doctoral students receive employment contracts and a monthly salary by the company	To stay in contact with the supervisor can be difficult
Professional experience and opportunities to network	The challenge to combine the doctoral thesis with everyday work

Research in Germany

<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en/jobs-and-careers/your-job-search/job-portals.html>

<http://www.research-in-germany.org/en/jobs-and-careers/your-job-search/future-employer.html>

4. Self-financing

* Financing through non-research work or support by the family

5. Support for stays abroad and international doctoral students I

InProTUC – „International Promovieren an der TU Chemnitz“/ Doing a doctorate at TU Chemnitz

- * Funding for conference attendance abroad through a county-specific travel and subsistence allowance
- * Calls for application twice a year
- * Funded by the German Academic Exchange Service and funded by the Federal Ministry for Education and Research
- * Located at the Centre for Young Scientists

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5. Support for stays abroad and international doctoral students II

* German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/stipendium/de/70-stipendien-finden-und-bewerben/

* Scholarships for international doctoral students at TU Chemnitz

www.tu-chemnitz.de/international/incoming/stipendien

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