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Financing of the PhD



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- Individual framework
- Check list
- Employment at a university
- Scholarship
- External PhD
- Self-financing/loan
- Support for stays abroad



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- Before entering the PhD-phase, it is important to take the corresponding frameworks as well as both the individual requirements and individual needs into consideration.
- Good framework conditions are essential for both a successful doctoral period and completion of the PhD.
- **Does the type of funding or the PhD position suit me?**



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- The following framework conditions are to be evaluated and taken into consideration individually:
- Length of the contract period (e.g. duration of a project)
 - Level of income
 - Free choice of topic
 - Contact/Exchange with doctoral supervisor
 - Duration of activity of doctoral supervisor
 - Activities that occur "on the side" (e.g. research and teaching activities)
 - Amount of time required and made available for the doctorate
 - Access to necessary (technical) resources, information and access to the university network
 - Availability of research data or effort required for data collection
 - Gathering further experience (e.g. own teaching, participation in congresses, applications for third-party funding, publications)
 - ...

➤ Internal doctorate

- Employment as a research assistant at a professorship via project or budget positions
- Dissertation is being written besides research, teaching and administrative activities

➤ Job vacancies

- [TU Chemnitz](#)
- [academics](#)
- [Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft \(DFG\)](#)
- [EURAXESS](#)
- [GERiT](#)
- [Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst \(DAAD\)](#)
- [Hochschulkompass](#)



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- Individual funding
 - Funding period of usually 3 years
 - Maximum rate usually corresponds to the net salary of half an academic staff position
 - Additional non-material support (e.g. seminars, activities in the university group, (alumni) networks, trusted lecturers)

- Project-related funding or research grants
 - Research trips, conference visits, material resources, etc.

- Substantial information on scholarships can be found on the following homepages:
 - [Stipendienübersicht TU Chemnitz](#)
 - [Promotionsstipendium academics](#)
 - [Stipendiensuche myStipendium](#)

- Employment either in a company or in a research institution for a special project
- Academic supervision and doctoral studies at the university
- Practice-oriented doctorate
- Finding a topic requires negotiating skills (The topic of the PhD has to be both scientifically interesting for the university and economically significant for the company)

- Funding e.g. through a job remote from research or support from the family
- PhD loan:
 - Funding by a PhD loan
 - z. B. [KfW-Studienkredit](#): monthly support up to 650 euro



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➤ Scholarships for PhD students:

- [International Office](#)
- [Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst \(DAAD\)](#)

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