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Preamble

Dear Readers,

This guide aims to give an overview of the different types of additional scholarships and funding options relevant to doctoral students already enrolled at BerGSAS who are scholarship holders or have a part-time position. Besides a short text explaining each of the various types, we also supply you with a list for each category, which you can navigate by using Ctrl/Strg + left click on the names in the table of contents.

Please note that you should always talk to the institution currently financing you first, in order to avoid breaking their rules, and because most already offer the types of funding listed here. This overview does not include funding options that are only open to students that already hold scholarships by specific institutions. At least in principle (restrictions on gender, academic performance, financial status, university, field and more apply) all options listed here are open to everyone.

Also not covered here are full doctoral scholarships (for more information you may take a look at the HU "financing your doctorate" brochure 210719financing-your-doctorate.pdf, or the various scholarship databases), PreDoc scholarships which serve to help students develop their project in the first place (e.g. PreDoc scholarships • Berliner Antike-Kolleg).

Disclaimer: Please note that this list is by no means exhaustive, and that we do not guarantee for the accuracy of dates, numbers and other information listed here.

As the funding landscape is constantly in flux, we strongly recommend that you do your own research as well, using resources such as H-Soz-Kult (Stipendien | H-Soz-Kult. Kommunikation und Fachinformation für die Geschichtswissenschaften | Geschichte im Netz | History in the web)

If you are aware of any changes, or know of additional institutions that provide the types of funding covered here, please let us know at regina.attula@berliner-antike-kolleg.org so we can update the guide.

We wish you the best of luck with financing your studies!

Finalisation Scholarships “Abschlussförderung”

The following resources might be of use to you, if your doctoral scholarship has run out, or your work contract has expired, but you have yet to finish your doctoral dissertation.

There are a number of options, which we would like to inform you about. Please note that most of these institutions have high requirements regarding the quality of your doctoral dissertation and final grade of your master’s degree. Often you will also be required to convincingly lay out why you were unable to complete your doctoral project in the initial time frame. Further restrictions based on e.g., gender, parental status, university, previous funding and more might apply.

Please always speak to the institution currently financing you first, to see if an extension is possible. Inform yourself in good time.

Disclaimer: This overview does not assert to cover all available forms of Abschlussförderung, it merely aims to give an overview of the most common options. Furthermore, we cannot guarantee that the dates and numbers listed here, are correct.

Deutscher Akademikerinnenbund: Stipendium

Link: DAB-Stipendium | DAB e.V.

Amount: 500 € per month

Duration: up to one year

Criteria**:** only for women, above average performance

Deadlines: August

Notes: only 2 scholarships per cycle, can be paired with another scholarship that grants less than 500 € per month; Website only in German

Elsa-Neumann Scholarship Program: Scholarship for the completion of a doctorate

Link FU: The Elsa-Neumann Scholarship Program • Dahlem Research School • Freie Universität Berlin

Link HU: Elsa-Neumann-Stipend for Doctoral Candidates — Humboldt Graduate School

Amount: 1.350 € per month, plus a lump sum of 100 € for research expenses. In addition, scholarship recipients can apply for family allowance and refunds for travel expenses

Duration: up to one year

Criteria**: no previous public funding** (this includes scholarships by publicly funded private institutions AND part-time employment as a research assistant etc.), academic performance well above average, students from all Berlin universities

Deadlines: April/November for the respective funding periods

Notes: make sure to apply to the correct scholarship, as they also offer a 3-year full-time scholarship.

Fazit Stiftung: Promotionsstipendium

Link: FAZIT - Bewerbung

Amount: not specified, based on living costs

Duration: up to 24 months

Criteria**:** applicants cannot be older than 28 years at the start of the dissertation, applicants must lay out why other funding or private savings are not an option.

Deadlines: applications are always open, hand in your applications 3-4 months before the start of the desired funding period

Notes: Website only in German; this scholarship is not limited to a certain phase of your dissertation project

Freie Universität Berlin: Grant for the successful graduation of study

Link: studierendenWERK BERLIN - Grant for the successful graduation of study

Amount: 1.000 €

Duration: one-time payment

Criteria: last 12 months of your studies; aimed at students in need, only FU Students

Deadlines: not available

Notes: First come, first served basis – apply as soon as the application process opens!

Hildegardis Verein: Loans for female students

Link: Darlehen – Hildegardis-Verein

Amount: 250 € or 500 € per month, as an interest-free **loan**

Duration: no limit, up to 10.000 € in total

Criteria**:** only for women, all universities

Deadlines: June 30th December 31st respectively

Notes: the loan can also be applied for at an earlier stage of your studies

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin: Central Women's Representative Completion Scholarship

Link: FAQ: Completion, Re-entry and Bridging Scholarships — The Central Women's Representative

Amount: 1.365 € per month plus 400 € children supplement

Duration: up to 9 months

Criteria**:** only HU students, only for women, excellent academic performance, only if extension can be explained by factors such as care-work, parenthood, class-based issues etc.

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: If you finish your thesis within these nine months, you have the opportunity to apply for an additional scholarship covering the time until your defence.

Stiftung Bildung und Wissenschaft: Promotionsabschluss-Stipendium

Link: Beantragung

Amount: 1.400 € per month

Duration: up to one year

Criteria**:** only students of History and Literature, all universities

Deadlines: 15th of January

Notes: the scholarship seems to be aimed primarily at projects dealing with contemporary history and German literature. Please confirm with the foundation, if they would consider your project.

Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes: Doctoral scholarships

Link: Frequently Asked Questions | Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

Amount: 1.750 € per month, plus bonuses for children and health insurance

Duration: 3 years + 6 months extension, up to 4,5 years for students with children (any previous funding is subtracted from this period)

Criteria**:** top 10% of your course, high engagement in and outside of university

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: this is not an "Abschlussförderung" but you can switch to this scholarship, if it offers a longer funding period than your current one (Of course any previous funding period is subtracted) , Up to 10 hours of work in research/academia on the side are permitted.

Technische Universität Berlin: Scholarships for completing a doctoral degree (PAS)

Link: scholarships for completing a doctoral degree (PAS) - TU Berlin

Amount: 1.500 € per month, plus 200 € for children

Duration: up to six months

Criteria**:** only for TU students, only for women

Deadlines: 15th of January/July respectively

Notes: only 2 scholarships in the field of humanities per cycle

Ulrike-Wulf-Rheidt-Stiftungsfonds: Promotionsabschlusstipendium

Link: UWR-Stiftungsfonds | TWGES

Amount: 1.500 € per month, 200 € per month for material and travel expenses, up to 5.000 € for publishing, 150 € per month per child (caps at 350 €)

Duration: up to two years

Criteria**:** only for projects related to Architectural history (Archäologische Bauforschung)

Deadlines: 30th of April/October

Notes: Website only in German

Printing Cost Subsidies “Druckkostenzuschüsse”

In Germany students are required to publish their doctoral dissertation before they can carry the “Doktor” Title. Depending on your programme regulations “Studienordnung” you may have the following options: Publication with an accredited publisher (e.g., print, print on-demand, open access), self-publication (this can be as simple as printing it in a copy shop), Publication on Microfilm, or upload to the online repository of your university. All but the last option usually come with certain costs, that can reach into the thousands depending on the number of copies required, the page count, and other factors such as colour and number of illustrations. To help you with this, many scholarships (including Finalisation Scholarships) offer financial support. At times having participated in a project or having received smaller previous grants can be enough to qualify. On the contrary all printing cost subsidies listed here, are not exclusive to holders of specific scholarships. In case the fund is limited to electronic (open access) publications, the money can often be used for Editing/Proofreading fees. Almost all printing cost subsidy grants require a quote or contract by a publisher, but at the same time printing should not have started before the application is accepted.

The BerGSAS occasionally offers Seminars that provide more information regarding publishing your dissertation.

Barakat Trust: Iradj Bagherzade Publication Grants

Link: Funding & Grants for Islamic Art and Cultural Heritage - The Barakat Trust

Amount: £6000

Type: Publisher

Criteria**:** must be related to the art, architecture or material culture of the Islamic world (The term is applied loosely, research does not have to be about Muslim cultures.)

Deadlines: March

Notes: This award is granted for books; it is unclear whether dissertations are eligible

Barbara-Wengeler-Stiftung: Druckkostenzuschüsse

Link: Druckkostenzuschüsse – Barbara-Wengeler-Stiftung

Amount: not specified

Type: Publisher; digital; open access

Criteria**:** dissertation must be about philosophy and have a connection to Artificial Intelligence or Neuroscience

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: Website only in German

Deutsche Hochschulstiftung: Druckkostenzuschuss

Link: Start • Deutsche Hochschulstiftung

Amount: not specified

Type: not specified

Criteria**:** not specified

Deadlines: not specified

Notes: no application form on website, contact them via info@hochschulstiftung.de

Deutscher Akademikerinnenbund: Druckkostenzuschuss

Link: DAB-Förderausschuss | DAB e.V.

Amount: up to 500 €

Type: Publisher

Criteria**:** Women only; German Publishing Houses only; dissertations that deal with gender, or from fields with a particularly low percentage of women are favored

Deadlines: 15th of April/October

Notes: Website only in German but applications can be in English; additional publication by LIT possible, though not free of charge

DFG: Publikationsbeihilfe

Link: 51-10-en-data.pdf ; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - FAQ: Open-AccessPublikationskosten

Amount: not specified

Type: Publisher; Electronic; open access

Criteria: summa cum laude

Deadlines: always open

Notes: Publications that are not open access need to be justified

Emil und Arthur Kießling Stiftung für Papyrusforschung

Link: Emil und Arthur Kießling Stiftung für Papyrusforschung | Deutsches Stiftungszentrum

Amount: not specified

Type: publisher

Criteria**:** Papyrology

Deadlines: always open or application

Notes: as of February 2025 all funding is already dedicated for projects

Ernst von Sieglin Forschungspreis für NachwuchswissenschaftlerInnen der Klassischen Archäologie

Link: Ernst von Sieglin Preis | Universität Tübingen

Amount: 5.000 €

Criteria: dissertation must be published in the *Tübinger Archäologische Forschungen* series, dissertation should be about classical antiquity and at least partly based on archaeological methodology

Deadlines: November (?)

Notes:

Fazit Stiftung: Druckkostenzuschuss

Link: FAZIT - Bewerbung

Amount: not specified

Type: Publisher

Criteria: financial hardship; student was ≤ 28 years at the start of the doctoral studies

Deadlines: always open

Notes: Website only in German

FONTE Stitung: Druckkostenförderung

Link: Die Fonte Druckkostenförderung

Amount: not specified

Type: publisher

Criteria**:**

Deadlines: not specified

Notes: focused on gender-specific literature and culture from the early modern period, but other works are considered too

FU: Ernst-Reuter Gesellschaft: Druckkostenzuschuss

Link: Förderungen • Herzlich willkommen auf der Homepage der ERG e. V. • Freie Universität Berlin

Amount: not specified

Type: Publisher

Criteria**:** FU students only Deadlines:

always open

Notes: Website only in German; we recommend that you contact the Ernst-Reuter-Gesellschaft via email

Gertrud-und-Alexander-Böhlig-Stiftung

Link: Gertrud-und-Alexander-Böhlig-Stiftung | Deutsches Stiftungszentrum

Amount: not specified

Type: publisher

Criteria**:**

Deadlines: 15th of October

Notes: website lacks crucial information, please contact the foundation directly (peer.fischer@stifterverband.de); focused on the promotion of "Promotion of the languages and cultures of the Christian Orient with special consideration of the intellectual currents of Gnosticism and Manichaeism as well as the influence of Greek and Jewish culture on the eastern half of the Roman Empire and its successor states."

Geschwister Boehringer Ingelheim Stiftung für Geisteswissenschaften: Druckkostenzuschuss

Link: Druckkostenzuschüsse - Boehringer Ingelheim Stiftung für Geisteswissenschaften

Amount: not specified

Type: Publisher

Criteria: from humanities, summa cum laude or magna cum laude

Deadlines: 15th of February/August

Notes: Website only in German, deductible of 500 €

Helmuth von Glasenapp Stiftung: Druckbeihilfen

Link: Antragstellung–Glasenapp–Stiftung

Amount: not specified

Type: Publisher

Criteria**:** dissertation must relate to the Indian subcontinent, explanation why the project cannot be funded by other sources

Deadlines: February

Notes: Website only in German

HU: Publication Fund for Open Access Books

Link: Publication Fund for Books — University Library of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Amount: up to 5.000 €

Type: Open Access

Criteria**:** HU students only; summa cum laude or magna cum laude.

Deadlines: always open

Notes:

Johanna und Fritz Buch Gedächtnis-Stiftung

Link: Merkblatt Stiftung

Amount: not specified

Type: publisher

Criteria**:** summa cum laude

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: they do not have a proper website, contact them via buchstiftung@notariat-bergstrasse.de

Karl und Gertrud Abel-Stiftung

Link: Karl und Gertrud Abel-Stiftung | Deutsches Stiftungszentrum

Amount: not specified

Type: not specified

Criteria**:** dissertation must be about classical philology or philosophy.

Deadlines: not specified

Notes: As of February 2025 they are not accepting new applications

Koldewey-Gesellschaft

Link: Aufgaben und Ziele - Koldewey Gesellschaft

Amount: not specified

Type: not specified

Criteria**:** dissertation must deal with History of Architecture or excavation

Deadlines: not specified

Notes: there is no application form, contact them directly

Logos Verlag Berlin: Exzellenzinitiative

Link: Logos Verlag: Exzellenzinitiative

Amount: free Publication

Type: publisher

Criteria**:** magna cum laude

Deadlines: 31.12.2025

Notes:

Richard Stury Stiftung: Publikationsförderung

Link: Richard Stury Stiftung. Förderung

Amount: not specified

Type: publisher

Criteria**:** only for dissertations in theatre studies and Art (history)

Deadlines: always open or application

Notes: As of 2026 they are not accepting new applications

Stiftung Ernst Waldschmidt Berlin

Link: Ernst Waldschmidt Foundation | Museum für Asiatische Kunst

Amount: not specified

Type: publisher

Criteria**:** dissertation must be related to Indian sub-continent

Deadlines: always open or application

Notes: not clear if the foundation currently gives out publication grants, please contact them directly

TU: Financing for Open Access Books

Link: Financing for Open Access Books - TU Berlin

Amount: not specified

Type: Open Access

Criteria**:** TU students only, **"**Excellent doctoral thesis"

Deadlines: always open

Notes:

Walter De Gruyter Stiftung

Link: Walter de Gruyter Stiftung | De Gruyter

Amount: not specified

Type: publisher

Criteria**:** not specified

Deadlines: always open or application

Notes: no application form, contact them via e-mail stiftung@degruyter.com

Travel Grants / Short-Term Fellowships

As part of your dissertation project, it might be necessary for you to travel, be it to excavation sites and archives or symposia, workshops and conferences. To help you cover the costs, various institutions offer travel grants, of varying amounts and under different conditions.
Some of the listed opportunities are Fellowships which may come with the obligation to participate and stay (free of charge) at a specific research institution, while others are more flexible. The Name of the Program does not necessarily point towards either type. For more information, read the "criteria" section of each list item.

As with the other types of additional funding, it is always best to inform yourself about such possibilities at your current and past financing institutions first, as many of the best and most attainable grants are offered only internally.
The opportunities listed here are, at least in principle, open to anyone. Please note that you should always safeguard the receipts of all your incurred costs.

- This section has not been finalized, as with the other chapters: do your own research! –

Albright Institute for Archaeological Research: Fellowships & Awards

Link: Fellowships, Awards, and Internships -

Amount: depending on specific scholarship

Type: research

Criteria**:** only for research in Palestine and Israel

Deadlines: Applications for 2027-2028 will open in September 2026

Notes: The AIAR awards several different scholarships each year, many of which are open to all nationalities even when not enrolled/employed by a US university. Please check their website for more detailed information, and the specific deadlines

American Center of Research: Named Fellowships

Link: ACOR Jordan: Named Fellowships

Amount: up to $ 2500, depending on specific fellowship

Type: research

Criteria**: open to all nationalities,** only for research in Jordan (and surrounding area)

Deadlines: February 15th

Notes: The ACOR awards several different scholarships each year, many of the named ones are open to all nationalities even when not enrolled/employed by a US university. Please check their website for more detailed information. The fellowships can be combined with others

American Institute of Afghanistan Studies: Afghanistan Research Grant

Link: Research Fellowships - AIAS

Amount: up to $ 3000

Type: research

Criteria**: open to all nationalities,** only for research in the USA about Afghanistan, applicants must be AIAS members ($ 30 per year)

Deadlines: March 16th

Notes:

American School of Classical Studies: Fellowships for Graduate Students

Link: For Graduate Students | American School of Classical Studies at Athens

Amount: depending on specific scholarship

Type: research

Criteria**: open to all nationalities,** only for research in Greece

Deadlines: ranging from December 15th to March 15th

Notes: The ASCSA awards several different scholarships each year, many of which are open to all nationalities even when not enrolled/employed by a US university. Please check their website for more detailed information, and the specific deadlines

American Research Center in Egypt: Student Grants

Link: For Students: Grants - ARCE

Amount: -

Type: - Criteria**:**

- Deadlines: -

Notes: at the time of writing the ARCE is only offering grants for bigger projects and established scholars, in principle they do however have a section for student grants. Whether those would be open for non-U.S. affiliated researchers is not clear. Check their website for news. You may however be interested in their grant for students traveling to the ARCE Annual meeting (only available if the master was completed less than a year ago)

Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies: Himalayan Studies Fellowships

Link: Association for Nepal and Himalayan Studies - Himalayan Studies Fellowship

Amount: $ 4500

Type: research

Criteria**:** research must take place in the wider Himalaya region; applicants need to be members of the ANHS ($ 25 per year)

Deadlines: postponed due to current funding landscape

Notes: one of the three fellowships is open to international students; the ANHS also administers a prize for short papers, check the website for more information

Archäologische Gesellschaft in Berlin und Brandenburg

Link: Aufgaben und Tätigkeit | Archäologische Gesellschaft in Berlin und Brandenburg

Amount: not specified

Type: research

Criteria**:** members only? (8 € per year), dissertation in archaeology or related subject

Deadlines: not specified

Notes: The AGIBB does not have a proper programme, but their website mentions that they intermittently fund travel and material costs, please contact them directly for further information; Website only in German

Barbara-Wengeler-Stiftung: Unterstützung von Auslandsaufenthalten

Link: Unterstützung von Auslandsaufenthalten – Barbara-Wengeler-Stiftung

Amount: not specified

Type: not specified, study abroad

Criteria**:** dissertation must be about philosophy and have a connection to Artificial Intelligence or Neuroscience, only for trips outside of Germany

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: Website only in German

Bibliotheca Hertziana: Curatorial Research Fellowship

Link: Curatorial Research Fellowship

Amount: rent (up to 2.000 € per month), travel expenses (up to 400 €)

Type: research

Criteria**:** applicants must be employed by a museum, research must be about Italy from late antiquity onwards, stay must be mostly in Rome itself

Deadlines: 11th of May

Notes:

Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute: Graduate Student Fellowships

Link: CAARI Fellowships

Amount: depending on specific scholarship

Type: research

Criteria**: open to all nationalities,** only for research in Cyprus

Deadlines: TBA

Notes: The CAARI awards several different scholarships each year, some of which are open to all nationalities even when not enrolled/employed by a US university. Please check their website for more detailed information, and the specific deadlines

DAAD: Forschungsstipendien für Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden

Link: Forschungsstipendien für Doktorandinnen und Doktoranden - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst

Amount: based on the country, but generally much higher than all other options

Type: research

Criteria**:** 1−12 months

Deadlines: middle of March/June/November

Notes: it is possible to split up the Funding Period, and to visit multiple countries; Recipients of the Elsa Neumann Stipendium can also apply for GRAFÖG (GRAFÖG - Aufstockung auf die Landesgraduiertenförderung - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) (no deadline)
It is always worthwhile, checking the DAAD database for other scholarships

DAAD: Kongressreisenprogramm

Link: Kongressreisenprogramm - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst

Amount: based on the distance travelled, mode of transport and length of stay

Type: conference

Criteria**:** applicants need to be active participants at the conference (e.g., give a presentation, organize a panel etc.)

Deadlines: application needs to be made 4 months in advance

Notes: if you are planning to give a presentation in a setting, other than that of a conference, see the Vortragsreisenprogramm: Vortragsreisenprogramm - DAAD - Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst

Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft: Reisestipendien

Link: DMG Homepage

Amount: up to 2.000 €

Type: research, training/education

Criteria**:** dissertation must be about the Orient

Deadlines: 1st of March

Notes: Website only in German

Deutsches Historisches Institut in Rom

Link: DHI Rom: Stipendien

Amount: 1.500 € per month (3-12 months)

Type: research

Criteria**:** only for research in Italy, only for history students, or projects that focus on music

Deadlines: 15th of June / 28th of February respectively

Notes: The DHI Rom also offers one time travel grants of 400 € for trips to Rome.

Deutsches Historisches Institut Paris: Stipendien

Link: Stipendien & Preise

Amount: 1.500 € per month (1-3 months)

Type: research

Criteria**:** only for research in France, only for history students

Deadlines: always open (?)

Notes: the DHIP offers two different travel grants, the Forschungsstart-Stipendium (up to a month Forschungsstartstipendium) and the Mobilitätsstipendien (up to three months Mobilitätsstipendien)

Ernst Reuter Gesselschaft: Zuschuss Reisekosten

Link: Zuschuss Reisekosten • Herzlich willkommen auf der Homepage der ERG e. V. • Freie Universität Berlin

Amount: ?

Type: ?

Criteria**:** FU Student

Deadlines: ?

Notes: Website only in German

Fazit Stiftung: Reisekostenzuschüsse

Link: FAZIT - Bewerbung

Amount: not specified, only conference fees and transport costs

Type: conference, research

Criteria**:** applicants cannot be older than 28 years at the start of the dissertation, applicants must lay out why other funding or private savings are not an option.

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: Website only in German

German Archaeological Institute: Research scholarship

Link: DAI - Stipendien

Amount: at least 1.500 € per month

Type: research

Criteria: must be in line with the DAI's research interests, open to German and foreign citizens

Deadlines: Look for calls for application on the website

Notes: scroll to the bottom of the linked website and click on "Stipendienrichtlinie" for a PDF with more detailed information in German or English. The English version of the page does not feature the PDF. The DAI also offers scholarships for researchers that have already obtained their dissertation

Helmuth von Glasenapp Stiftung: Reisebeihilfen

Link: Antragstellung–Glasenapp–Stiftung

Amount: not specified, co-payment

Type: conference, research

Criteria**:** dissertation must relate to the Indian subcontinent, explanation why the project cannot be funded by other sources

Deadlines: February

Notes: Website only in German

HU Gesellschaft: Application for Funding

Link: Application for Funding - Humboldt-Universitäts-Gesellschaft

Amount: up to 7.000€

Type: conference, research

Criteria: HU Students

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: material and technical costs, as well as self-organised projects and conferences also qualify for funding.

Koç University Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations: Short-Term Fellowships

Link: Short-Term Fellowships – ANAMED

Amount: Accommodation and Meals, small stipend (amount not specified),

Type: research

Criteria**:** only for research in and around Istanbul, 2 weeks – 2 months

Deadlines: 15th of December

Notes: Anamed also maintains other fellowships, including one which requires PhD students to give courses there. Check the Website for more detailed information.

Kommission für Alte Geschichte und Epigraphik des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts: Jacobi-Stipendium

Link: DAI - Jacobi-Stipendium

Amount: 600 € per month, up to 350 € travel costs, free accommodation

Type: research

Criteria**:** only for research at the AEK library in Munich

Deadlines: 1 January, 1 April, 1 July, and 1 October (application must be submitted 6 months in advance)

Notes:

Max Weber Forum Delhi: Early-career Writing Scholarships

Link: Call for Applications: Early-career Writing Scholarships for Doctoral and Postdoctoral Scholars – Max Weber Forum for South Asian Studies (MWF Delhi)

Amount: 1.800 € per month

Type: research

Criteria**:** research must be on South Asia; 12 months stay in Delhi (with the option to visit other sites on the subcontinent)

Deadlines: 15th of February

Notes:

Max Weber Stiftung: Gerald D. Feldman-Reisebeihilfen

Link: Gerald D. Feldman-Reisebeihilfen: Max Weber Stiftung

Amount: 36 € - 68 € per day

Type: research

Criteria**:** a minimum of two countries (see list on website) need to be visited, with each stay being no longer than one month

Deadlines: October (?)

Notes: The scholarship is focused on transitional/comparative research, so many research proposals about antiquity don't satisfy their requirements

Minerva Stiftung Short-Term Research Grant

Link: Minerva Short-Term - Application

Amount: 1.400 € per month

Type: research, education/training, conference

Criteria**:** only for research stays in Israel

Deadlines: 2nd of May / 2nd of November

Notes:

Mommsen Gesellschaft: Förderung von Tagungsaktivitäten

Link: Jungmitgliedschaft

Amount: up to 250 €

Type: conference

Criteria**:** members only (25 € per year), only for students that will give a presentation at the conference in question, Greek or Roman subject matter

Deadlines: applications are always open

Notes: Website only in German

Orient Institut Beirut: Residential Doctoral fellowships

Link: Orient-Institut Beirut 2026–2027 Doctoral Fellowships

Amount: 1.200 € per month (normally 7-11 months)

Type: research

Criteria**:** only for students wishing to stay at the Orient Institut Beirut

Deadlines: 1st of March

Notes: Website only in English, it seems like the OIB only does research on the late antiquity and later periods

TÜRKİYE SCHOLARSHIPS: Research Scholarship Program

Link: Türkiye Scholarships

Amount: 25.000 TL (~572 € as of writing) per month

Type: research

Criteria**:** only for research in Turkey, 3-12 months

Deadlines: always open

Notes: It seems like successful applicants need to enroll as guest students at a Turkish university, please verify if this scholarship aligns with your research aims

Awards „Preise“

Awards are not just important because of their monetary value, but also because of the immensely positive impact they can have on a researcher's reputation. Some accept only smaller articles, others are specifically geared to dissertations, and still others consider published books by researchers of all levels. The exact requirements therefore vary drastically, but the common denominator is the fact that the work needs to be finished (often already published) and particularly excellent. We urge you to apply for awards, as many previous BerGSAS students have successfully done so.

- This section has not been finalized, as with the other chapters: do your own research! -

Alexander-Böhlig-Preis

Link: Gertrud-und-Alexander-Böhlig-Stiftung | Deutsches Stiftungszentrum

Amount: 7.500 €

Criteria: dissertation must be about languages and cultures of the Christian Orient

Deadlines: 26th of April; applications must be handed in more than a year before the awards ceremony

Notes: the prize is awarded every two years

American Institute for Maghrib Studies: Tessler – Sabbagh Graduate Student Prize Award

Link: Annual Student Paper Prize – AIMS

Amount: $ 750

Criteria: paper must be about the maghrib region, paper must be in English, paper must have been delivered before a professional audience

Deadlines: 23rd of January

Notes:

Archäologischen Gesellschaft zu Berlin: Margarete-Bieber-Preis

Link: Margarete-Bieber-Preis der Archäologischen Gesellschaft zu Berlin – Archäologische Gesellschaft zu Berlin

Amount: 500 €

Criteria**:** only for talks/presentations, must be in German, must be related to archaeology

Deadlines: 16th of August

Notes: Website only in German

Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte: Rudolf-Virchow-Förderpreis

Link: BGAEU e.V. - Berliner Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, Ethnologie und Urgeschichte

Amount: 500 €

Criteria**:** must be related to anthropology, ethnology or prehistory

Deadlines: autumn 2026?

Notes: the award is granted biennially and the deadline for 2025 was September 2024. Check back on the website in 2026 for information on the 2027 award

Mommsen Gesellschaft: Bruno-Snell-Preis

Link: Bruno-Snell-Preis

Amount: 3.000 €

Criteria**:** must be related to Roman or Greek antiquity

Deadlines: ?

Notes: it might be that you have to be nominated by a member of the society, please verify this yourself

Deutsches Historisches Institut Paris: Preise

Link: Stipendien & Preise

Amount: 300 € or translation + publication costs in French

Criteria**:** only for dissertations related to France (since late antiquity), only for history students

Deadlines: ?

Notes: the DHIP has to awards relevant for doctoral students the "Aufsatzpreis" finances the translation and publication of a dissertation into French, whereas the Peter-Haber-Preis is only for digital history and comes with a 300 € reward.

DR.-WALTHER-LIEBEHENZ-PREISE

Link: DR.-WALTHER-LIEBEHENZ-PREISE

Amount: 3.000 €

Criteria**:** different focus each year (2025: Greek philosophy)

Deadlines: May?

Notes: the award is open to doctoral students from all universities, not just those from the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, in fact a BerGSAS alumni won it in 2024; there is no central website, the link above is the cfa from 2025, simply google the name +current year for more up-to-date information.

Middle East Studies Association: Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award

Link: Middle East Studies Association

Amount: 1.000 $

Criteria: dissertation must be about the Middle East (or Regions (formerly) under the control of Middle Eastern Empires)

Deadlines: July 1st

Notes: The exact criteria for the award are not very clear. Within the list of previous award winners I didn't come across a dissertation dealing with periods earlier than the 9th century. Contact them directly to see if your dissertation topic is eligible. The Mesa also organizes a number of book awards where works that deal with the 7th century onwards are eligible.

Verein von Altertumsfreunden Darmstadt e.V.: Eduard-Anthes-Preis

Link: Herausragende Nachwuchsarchäologinnen und -Archäologen gesucht | denkmal.hessen.de

Amount: 7.500 €

Criteria: dissertation must be related to archaeology, must be about central German region

Deadlines: ?

Notes: Award is granted biannually

Other

Listed here are funding options that do not pertain to any of the other categories.

Staatliche Museen zu Berlin: Internationales Stipendienprogramm für Arbeits- und Forschungsaufenthalte am Rathgen-Forschungslabor

Link: Internationales Stipendienprogramm für Arbeits- und Forschungsaufenthalte

Amount: 1.300 € per month

Duration: 1-3 months

Type: Research Stay

Criteria**:** must relate to the collections/institutions of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, no other employment at the same time

Deadlines: 15th of April

Notes: Also take note of the Rathgen Heritage Science Scholarship (Rathgen Heritage Science Scholarship 2025)

The National Museums in Berlin have a similar program, which is being restructured at the moment, therefore they have not published a call for applications this year (2025). They do however explicitly recommend writing the individual collections, and asking about current funding and research options Research: Contact | Staatliche Museen zu Berlin .

Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz: Stipendienprogramm

Link: Stipendienprogramm der Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz - Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz

Amount: 1.300 € per month

Duration: 1-3 months

Type: Research Stay

Criteria**:** must relate to the collections/institutions of the SPK; no other employment at the same time; starting in 2025 the scholarships (at least at the Staatsbibliothek) are expressly open to people already residing in Germany.

Deadlines: depending on specific institution

Notes: Each institution, namely the Staatsbibliothek, Geheimes Staatsarchiv, Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut and Institut für Musikforschung has slightly different requirements. Please check the corresponding websites.
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Novus Stiftung: Projektförderung

Link: Novus Stiftung: Archäologie, Kulturgeschichte, Bildung fördern

Amount: 500–10.000 € per year for researchers; up to 1.500 € per year for students

Duration: Projects can last up to one year; a follow-up application is possible

Criteria: Funding is available for material costs, travel costs, and student assistant support. The project must be affiliated with a public institution in Germany, which must administer the funds. The thematic focus is on the ancient world, especially archaeology, ancient history, and philology.

Deadlines: 1st of February; 1st of June; 1st of October; urgent applications may be submitted outside of the regular deadlines in exceptional cases

Notes:

Claussen-Simon-Stiftung

Link: Claussen-Simon-Stiftung: Home

Amount: Depends on the funding programme. Dissertation Plus provides a full scholarship covering living expenses, with the amount determined individually according to the applicant's financial plan

Duration: Programme-specific, Dissertation Plus normally provides two years of funding, with a possible extension for a third year

Type: Scholarships, project funding and non-financial support in academia, education, arts and culture. Academic programmes include Master Plus, Dissertation Plus and Postdoc Plus. Dissertation Plus offers a scholarship for the initial phase of a doctorate

Criteria: Dissertation Plus is open to all disciplines at German universities, including Ancient Studies. Under 40 at the application deadline. German as a first language or certified German proficiency of at least B1. Applicants must not yet have started their doctorate, or their formal admission to doctoral studies must date back no more than three months. No existing secured funding covering living expenses. The supervisor must agree to participate in the programme, including a supervision agreement and monthly assessments

Deadlines: Usually two application rounds annually, in spring and autumn

Notes: Not suitable for completion funding. Additional support for conferences, stays abroad or coaching may be requested after admission to the scholarship programme. Applications may be submitted in German and/or English. Previously rejected applicants cannot reapply.

Notes

Please use this page to write down any additional information and corrections regarding the scholarships mentioned here, or others you know of. Alternatively, you can also use the comment section in word.

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