

Additional Funding

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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 of them 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.

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](#)), and prizes awarded for completed dissertation projects (though we highly recommend that you apply for those).

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.

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 for future generations of BerGSAS doctoral students.

We wish you every success with your doctoral dissertation and good luck with your application for additional funding!

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. Please note that most of these institutions have high requirements regarding the quality of your doctoral dissertation, and the final grade of your master's degree. Often you will 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. Make sure you are well informed in good time and prepare your application well.

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

	<p>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 months, website only in German</p>
	<p>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: https://www.humboldt-graduate-school.de/en/promotionsinteressierte-en/Elsa-Neumann-Stipendium Amount: 1350 € 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.</p>
	<p>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</p>

	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: 1000 € Duration: onetime payment Criteria: Last 12 months of your studies, aimed at students in need, only FU Students Deadlines: Not yet available for summer semester 2025, please check the link Notes: First come, first served basis – apply as soon as the application process opens!
	Hildegardis Verein: Loans for female Students Link: Loans: English Version - Hildegardis-Verein Amount: 250 € or 500 € per month, as an interest free loan Duration: no limit, up to 10000 € in total Criteria: only for women, all universities Deadlines: June 30 th December 31 st 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: 1365 € per month plus 400 € children supplement Duration: up to nine 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: 1400 € per month Duration: up to one year Criteria: only students of History and Literature, all universities Deadlines: 15 th 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: 1750 € 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: 1500 € per month, plus 200 € for children Duration: up to six months Criteria: only for TU students, only for women Deadlines: 15 th of January/July respectively Notes: only 2 scholarships in the field of humanities per cycle

	<p>Ulrike-Wulf-Rheidt-Stiftungsfonds: Promotionsabschlusstipendium</p> <p>Link: https://www.twges.de/uwr-stiftungsfonds/</p> <p>Amount: 1500 € per month, 200€ per month for material and travel expenses, up to 5000€ for publishing, 150€ per month per child (caps at 350€)</p> <p>Duration: up to two years</p> <p>Criteria: only for projects related to Architectural history (Archäologische Bauforschung)Deadlines: 30th of April/October</p> <p>Notes: website only in German</p>

Printing Cost Subsidies

“Druckkostenzuschüsse”

In Germany students are required to publish their doctoral dissertation before they can carry the academic title, e.g. “Dr. phil.” Depending on the regulations (“Promotionsordnung”) 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 at 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 e-publications (open access), the money can often be used for copy editing, or 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 provided more information regarding publishing your dissertation.

	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 favoured. Deadlines: 15 th of April/October Notes: Website only in German but applications can be in English; additional publication by LIT possible, though not free of charge
	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft: Publikationsbeihilfe Link: 51-10-en-data.pdf ; DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - FAQ: Open-Access-Publikationskosten Amount: not specified

	<p>Type: Publisher; Electronic; Open Access</p> <p>Criteria: summa cum laude</p> <p>Deadlines: always open</p> <p>Notes: Publications that are not open access need to be justified</p>
	<p>Emil und Arthur Kießling Stiftung für Papyrusforschung</p> <p>Link: Emil und Arthur Kießling Stiftung für Papyrusforschung Deutsches Stiftungszentrum</p> <p>Amount: not specified</p> <p>Type: publisher</p> <p>Criteria: Papyrology</p> <p>Deadlines: always open or application</p> <p>Notes: as of February 2025 all funding is already dedicated for projects</p>
	<p>Fazit Stiftung: Druckkostenzuschuss</p> <p>Link: FAZIT - Bewerbung</p> <p>Amount: not specified</p> <p>Type: Publisher</p> <p>Criteria: financial hardship; student was ≤ 28 years at the start of the doctoral studies</p> <p>Deadlines: always open</p> <p>Notes: Website only in German</p>
	<p>FONTE Stitung: Druckkostenförderung</p> <p>Link: Die Fonte Druckkostenförderung</p> <p>Amount: not specified</p> <p>Type: publisher</p> <p>Criteria:</p> <p>Deadlines: not specified</p> <p>Notes: focused on gender-specific literature and culture from the early modern period, but other works are considered too</p>
	<p>Freie Universität Berlin, Ernst-Reuter Gesellschaft: Druckkostenzuschuss</p> <p>Link: Förderungen • Herzlich willkommen auf der Homepage der ERG e. V. • Freie Universität Berlin</p> <p>Amount: not specified</p> <p>Type: Publisher</p> <p>Criteria: FU students only</p> <p>Deadlines: always open</p> <p>Notes: Website only in German.</p> <p>We recommend that you contact the Ernst-Reuter-Gesellschaft via e-mail.</p>
	<p>Gertrud-und-Alexander-Böhlig-Stiftung</p> <p>Link: Gertrud-und-Alexander-Böhlig-Stiftung Deutsches Stiftungszentrum</p> <p>Amount: not specified</p> <p>Type: publisher</p> <p>Criteria:</p> <p>Deadlines: 15th of October</p> <p>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."</p>
	<p>Geschwister Boehringer Ingelheim Stiftung für Geisteswissenschaften: Druckkostenzuschuss</p> <p>Link: Druckkostenzuschüsse - Geschwister Boehringer Ingelheim Stiftung für Geisteswissenschaften</p> <p>Amount: not specified</p> <p>Type: Publisher</p> <p>Criteria: from humanities, summa cum laude or magna cum laude</p> <p>Deadlines: 15th of February/August</p>

	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 can not be funded by other sources Deadlines: February Notes: Website only in German
	Humboldt-Universität Berlin: Publication Fund for Open Access Books Link: Publication Fund for Books — University Library of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Amount: up to 5000 € 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
	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:
	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
	Technische Universität Berlin: 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 “Reisestipendien”

As part of your dissertation project, it might be necessary for you to travel, be it to excavation sites, archives, museums or symposia, workshops and conferences. To help you cover the costs, various institutions offer travel grants, of different amounts and conditions. 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 ones listed here are however at least in principle open to “anyone”. Please note that you should always save guard the bills of all your incurred costs.

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

	<p>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</p>
	<p>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</p>
	<p>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst: 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, training/education Criteria: 1–12 months Deadlines: middle of March/June/November Notes:</p>
	<p>Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft: Reisestipendien Link: DMG Homepage Amount: up to 2 000€ Type: research, training/education Criteria: dissertation must be about the orient Deadlines: 01.03. Notes: Website only in German</p>
	<p>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</p>

	<p>funded by other sources</p> <p>Deadlines: February</p> <p>Notes: Website only in German</p>
	<p>Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, HU Gesellschaft: Application for Funding</p> <p>Link: Application for Funding - Humboldt-Universitäts-Gesellschaft</p> <p>Amount: up to 7 000€</p> <p>Type: conference, research</p> <p>Criteria: HU Students</p> <p>Deadlines: applications are always open</p> <p>Notes: material and technical costs, as well as self-organised projects and conferences also qualify for funding.</p>
	<p>MommSEN Gesellschaft: Förderung von Tagungsaktivitäten</p> <p>Link: Jungmitgliedschaft</p> <p>Amount: up to 250 €</p> <p>Type: conference</p> <p>Criteria: members only (25 € per year), only for students that will give a presentation at the conference in question, Greek or Roman subject matter</p> <p>Deadlines: applications are always open</p> <p>Notes: Website only in German</p>
	<p>Fazit Stiftung: Reisekostenzuschüsse</p> <p>Link: FAZIT - Bewerbung</p> <p>Amount: not specified, only conference fees and transport costs</p> <p>Type: conference, research</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Deadlines: applications are always open</p> <p>Notes: Website only in German</p>

Other

	<p>Staatliche Museen zu Berlin: Internationales Stipendienprogramm für Arbeits- und Forschungsaufenthalte am Rathgen-Forschungslabor</p> <p>Link: Internationales Stipendienprogramm für Arbeits- und Forschungsaufenthalte</p> <p>Amount: 1300 € per month</p> <p>Duration: 1-3 months</p> <p>Type: Research Stay</p> <p>Criteria: must relate to the collections/institutions of the Staatliche Museen zu Berlin, no other employment at the same time</p> <p>Deadlines: 15th of April</p> <p>Notes: various other institutions of the Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz offer similar scholarships (see the side bar at: Stipendienprogramm der Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz - Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz). Also take note of the Rathgen Heritage Science Scholarship (Rathgen Heritage Science Scholarship 2025)</p>
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