



Call for applications of the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences

Completion Grants for doctoral researchers (6-12 months of duration)

The Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences offers Completion Grants for doctoral researchers. This line of funding aims at enabling qualified doctoral researchers to complete and submit their doctoral thesis during the period of the scholarship. The scholarships are available to doctoral researchers who are in the final stage of their PhD project.

Eligible applicants are:

Doctoral researchers of the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences of the European University Viadrina in the final stage of their PhD project who are writing their PhD in one of the following fields: Literature, Linguistics, Social Sciences or Cultural History and who have not yet received any Completion Grant. The PhD thesis has to be defended at the European University Viadrina and the main reviewer has to be currently employed by Viadrina University. Exceptions are Cotutelle agreements in which the European University Viadrina is one of the participating universities. In this case, a copy of the existing Cotutelle agreement must be enclosed with the application. Selection criteria will be excellent achievements in the study area proven by grading and an assessment from the supervisor.

Application documents (to be submitted in the order mentioned below and as **one** PDF file, max. 2 MB size; assessments and thesis manuscript can be submitted separately):

- cover letter, including contact details;
- CV, including list of publications if applicable;
- Thesis manuscript incl. table of contents and bibliography: at least 50 % of the manuscript have to be completed; the manuscript's state of progress has to show that the PhD can be completed during the period of funding;
- maximum 5-page exposé of the PhD project (incl. time schedule that presents the intended completion of the PhD project);
- PhD admission (Promotionszulassung) and PhD agreement (Promotionsvereinbarung);
- a written assessment by the supervisor that approves the application, incl. assurance that the PhD is likely to be completed during the period of funding: the assessment has to refer explicitly to the research quality of the PhD project and to the state of progress of the thesis manuscript;
- proof of completed university degree (usually M.A., to be submitted in a German or English language version);
- statement of the current income situation and of the expected income situation during the funding period.



Period of funding:

6 months plus additional 6 months if the scholarship holder succeeds in completing additional 25 % of the manuscript within the first 5 months of funding and thus reaches 75 % completion of the manuscript. Both the award of the initial grant of a duration of 6 months as well as the grant prolongation for 6 additional months are explicitly subject to the availability of funds.

Amount of funding:

1.350 Euro/month

An allowance for children or foster children may be granted. Please refer to children or foster children in your cover letter or CV. Please apply for the child allowance by using the acceptance form for the scholarship.

Acceptance of the scholarship:

The scholarship holder commits to devote his entire work force to the dissertation project. Secondary employments in the form of a scientific activity up to 10 hours/week or in the form of a non-scientific activity up to 5 hours/week are permitted. Income from such secondary employment will not be credited against the scholarship, provided that it does not exceed 500 Euro/month net. Equally, incomes from assets (unlimited) are exempted from such deduction. Please also note that the scholarship cannot be granted if another funding is already granted for the same purpose and the same period by public or publicly funded private organizations (i.e. double funding is impossible).

The selection decision is made by a commission that is appointed by the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences and headed by the Dean of the Faculty.

Application deadline: March 23rd 2025

Please submit your application electronically only (1 PDF file, size max. 2 MB; assessments/approvals and manuscripts can be submitted separately) and as subject "Completion Grant" to the Dean of the Faculty of Social and Cultural Sciences, Prof. Dr. Timm Beichelt:

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