Sponsorship Programs

no guarantee for correctness – check the programs yourself if you think about applying
Sponsorships for PhD and Post-Docs

This talk is going to help you in answering the following questions:

▶ What are typical requirements for applications?
▶ What can I expect from a sponsorship?
▶ Which are the most important sponsorship programs?
Applications

Typical requirements for application

- full CV
- description of research proposal
- two recent referee’s reports by university teachers
- officially authenticated copies of academic certificates
- language certificate
- recent photographs, health certificate
- documents of practical training
- list of publications
Applications

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- full CV
- description of research proposal
  - state-of-the-arts analysis
  - your previous work
  - approximate schedule
- two recent referee’s reports by university teachers
- officially authenticated copies of academic certificates
- language certificate
- recent photographs, health certificate
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Applications

Typical requirements for application

- full CV
- description of research proposal
- two recent referee’s reports by university teachers
  - one should be from your supervisor or from target university
  - usually sent confidentially in sealed envelopes
- officially authenticated copies of academic certificates
- language certificate
- recent photographs, health certificate
- documents of practical training
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Typical requirements for application

- full CV
- description of research proposal
- two recent referee’s reports by university teachers
- officially authenticated copies of academic certificates
  - school-leaving certificate
  - university end-of-year exam certificates (with individual grades)
  - university diploma or degree certificate
  - explanation of grading system
- language certificate
- recent photographs, health certificate
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What you can expect

► monthly payments
  ▶ sometimes tax-free, other times not.
  ▶ always around 1000–1200 EUR
  ▶ small difference between PhD and Post-Doc only
► travel and publication costs
  ▶ often very limited (100 EUR per month)
  ▶ travel costs are better covered by projects
► family support
  ▶ additional monthly sum in case your partner/child(ren) come along
  ▶ usually around 150-300 EUR
► often: special programs
  ▶ meetings with other sponsored PhD students or Post-Docs
  ▶ networking
Introduction to Legend

From right to left:

- **PD**: sponsorship for PostDocs
- **PhD**: sponsorship for PhD students
- **German**: only for German residents
- **Worldwide**: open to applicants from other countries
- **Time**: Sponsorship duration in m(onths) or y(ears)
- **admission to PhD**: at German university required
"Sandwich PhD"

- covers travel costs for supervisors
- support for 3y if PhD is made fully in Germany
- also available for PostDocs (i.e. not aiming for a degree)

- no other stipends allowed
- applications have to be made by supervisor
- up to 4 years if you need to support your child

http://www.studienstiftung.de/promotionsstipendien.html?&0=
Local PhD Funding in Ulm

- Graduate School: Mathematical Analysis of Evolution, Information and Complexity
- Sponsorship through Landesgraduiertenförderungsgesetz (LGFG)
  - only for enlisted PhD students of the Ulm University
  - good overall grade = good chance of acceptance
  - yearly deadline in early February
  - requires additional project application at DFG
PostDoc Sponsorships

- similar application requirements to PhD sponsorships
- additionally required: PhD certificate
- PhD finished ’recently’ (usually max. 4-6 years ago)
- list of scientific publications becomes more important
- no funding for short-term visits
- good choice for PostDocs
- no funding, if you have spent a longer period of time (>6m) in Germany before
- selection process thrice a year: march, july, and november
- notification after 3-6m

http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/humboldt forskungsstipendium-postdoc.html
Forschungsstipendien

- person-based sponsorship, not project-based
- expect you to stay in Germany afterwards
- average notification time: 6 months
- acceptance rate: 30-40%

http://www.dfg.de/forschungsfoerderung/nachwuchsfoerderung/stipendien/kompaktdarstellung_forschungsstipendium.html
Emmy Noether Programmm

- 2 years PostDoc experience required
- establish your own research group
- includes funding for up to two PhD students
- expect you to stay in Germany afterwards

http://www.dfg.de/forschungsfoerderung/nachwuchsfoerderung/emmy_noether/kompakt darstellung_emmy_noether.html
Further Programs

▶ many more specialized programs available
▶ many restricted to affiliation with political parties or specific countries

http://www.stipendienlotse.de

▶ bottom line: if you’re dedicated to join our group funding will be found
▶ Catholic confession required
▶ for EU citizens only
▶ knowledge of German language required

http://www.cusanuswerk.de/foerderung/stipendien/
mostly given to non-EU foreigners

http://www.fes.de/fes_stuf/inhalt/in_mat.htm
▶ graduation less than 1 year ago
▶ less than 30 years of age
▶ currently not accepting applications

http://www.daimler-benz-stiftung.de/home/fellowship/de/start.html
deadline: Sept, 1st

http://www.boell.de/alt/de/12_studien/2294.html
- less than 32 years of age
- engagement in political, social, clerical, or cultural areas required

http://www.kas.de/wf/de/42.36/
Finanzierung der eigenen Stelle

- only available together with existing DFG project

http://www.dfg.de/forschungsfoerderung/nachwuchsfoerderung/eigene_stelle/index.html
Fachkursstipendien

- sponsorships for single courses
- no language courses
- teachers must not be from your own university

not for computer science!

-> support for internships
-> requires existing cooperation project
-> EU-wide program

▶ funding has to be paid back when earning money
▶ different payback models selectable
▶ also available before graduation

http://www.deutsche-bildung.de
- protestant confession required
- deadlines: Jun, 15th and Dec, 15th

http://www.evstudienwerk.de:
8080/stipendien/promotionsfoerderung/
http://www.sdw.org/studienfoerderwerk/stipendien/promotions-br%Cfoerderung/
less than 40 years of age

http://www.boeckler.de/459.html
▶ knowledge of German language required
▶ not for PhD in final phase
▶ deadlines: May, 31st and Nov, 30th
▶ related to political party (FDP)

http://www.freiheit.org
Hanns Seidel Stiftung

- less than 32 years of age
- related to political party (CSU)

http://www.hss.de/index.php?id=2575
knowledge of German language required
other stipends are counted towards 24m limit
less than 30 years of age
related to political party (Die Linke)

http://www.rosalux.de/cms/index.php?id=4519