

## How to apply

Do you find the study concept of our International PhD Programme attractive and wish to participate in it? The following information will advise you about our application and selection procedures as well as the financing of PhD positions etc.

### Our PhD Selection Procedure

The Graduate School accepts new students for the PhD Programme in April and October of each year. The formal admission requirements are these:

- A Master of Science degree, a German diploma, a German state examination or an equivalent degree in either the life sciences, physics, chemistry, informatics or a related field
- An overall grade of 2,0 or better according to the German grading system.

Applicants who meet with our formal admission criteria are invited to our PhD Selection Days. On these days, applicants give an oral presentation in English on the topic of their master thesis and are personally interviewed by representatives of the school. They also have the opportunity to meet the project leaders of the PhD projects for which they have applied.

Following our PhD Selection Days, applicants will be admitted to the PhD programme on condition that:

- The candidate's oral presentation and the personal interviews have been evaluated with an overall grade of 2,0 or better according to the German grading system.
- The applicant has demonstrated above average English language skills during the presentation and the personal interviews.
- A potential supervisor has given a written statement accepting the applicant as a PhD student.

### How to find a PhD Project

These are the most convenient ways to choose a PhD project at Ulm University:

- Respond to one of the advertisements on our homepage ([www.uni-ulm.de/med/med-molmed/jobs.html](http://www.uni-ulm.de/med/med-molmed/jobs.html)) or to those published 2-3 times a year in the magazines *Nature* and *Die Zeit*.
- Establish contact with a professor from Ulm University who is willing to accept you for a PhD position.

### Application

If you wish to apply for our PhD Programme, please submit the following documents:

- Application form
- Photocopies of all academic transcripts (high school diploma, bachelor certificate, master certificate, mark sheets of ALL semesters, diploma supplements etc.)
- A curriculum vitae outlining your previous education and professional experience
- Documentation of publications related to your subject (if applicable)
- Certified documentation of professional experience related to your subject (if applicable)
- A photograph of yourself

### Important remarks

- Applications are accepted by post or by email.
- Do not send original documents as applications will not be returned. Documents must be in word or pdf format.
- All submitted documents must be in English or German. If original documents are not in English or German, certified translations are required.
- Incomplete applications will automatically be rejected.
- Applicants who are invited to our PhD Selection Days can request financial support to cover their travel costs.
- The presentation at Ulm University is part of our selection procedure and cannot be replaced by telephone interviews.
- Please note that applicants who succeed in our PhD Selection Days can only be accepted for the PhD programme if they have been accepted for a PhD position by the Graduate School or by a supervisor from Ulm University.

Please send your completed application to the following address:

International Graduate School in Molecular Medicine Ulm

Meyerhofstraße N 27/2.011

89081 Ulm

Germany

email: phd.molmed@uni-ulm.de

### How to finance a PhD position

Acceptance into our PhD Programme and securing a PhD position at Ulm University does not automatically mean that you will receive funding from the university. We ask that you determine in advance how your PhD position will be financed. The following options are proposed:

- Receive a work contract from the Graduate School
- Obtain a scholarship from the Graduate School
- Gain acceptance for a paid PhD position through a professor of the university
- You can also finance yourself either through a scholarship from your home country, from DAAD, or from any other funding organization

The Graduate School's work contracts and scholarships amount to a salary of approximately € 1,200 per month (before tax). If you are not funded by the Graduate School, your salary may differ from this amount due to an alternative way of financing. Please ask your supervisor or your funding organization about the monthly funding rate.

### Please note:

**There are no tuition fees for doctoral students at Ulm University.**