

Scholarships for final theses on dissertation projects

The MARburg University Research Academy (MARA) of Philipps-Universität Marburg awards scholarships for the successful completion of dissertations of exceptional academic quality to outstanding **junior scholars** who are pursuing their dissertation at Philipps-Universität Marburg. The application deadline is **November 2, 2026**.

The scholarships are aimed exclusively at doctoral students at Philipps-Universität Marburg who are about to complete their dissertation and have no other funding for this phase. **The start of the scholarship period depends on the personal schedule. However, funding is possible from January 1, 2027, at the earliest.**

The scholarships are awarded for a **maximum of six months** and must be started by December 1, 2027 at the latest. The dissertation must be submitted by the end of the funding period; funding after submission is not possible.

Applicants must be members of MARA. Doctoral candidates who have been accepted as doctoral candidates at Philipps University and are registered in the Marvin portal are therefore eligible to apply. Doctoral candidates in medicine who are pursuing the **Dr. med. and Dr. dent. degrees are not eligible to apply** for this funding.

The aim is to award scholarships with a distribution of 50 percent humanities and social sciences and 50 percent life and natural sciences.



Funding follows the guidelines for the awarding of doctoral scholarships for doctoral students at Philipps University dated 20.03.2024.

Doctoral students receive a monthly basic amount of EUR 1,650. In addition, a material allowance of EUR 100,00 and, if applicable, a child allowance of EUR 400,00 for the first child and EUR 100,00 for each additional child will be paid. (see guidelines). Part-time academic work during the funding period is possible up to a maximum of 10 hours per week. Allowances for research or living abroad are not granted.

A written final report must be submitted no later than four weeks after the end of the funding period.

The criteria used in the selection process can be found on the MARA website.

Required Application Documents

If you are interested in applying, please submit the following documents:

- Fully completed application form
- **Description of the dissertation project** (max. two pages; please note that exceeding two pages will result in the disqualification of your application):
Please, provide a brief summary of the research project and the current status of your work. Outline the specific work plan for the requested scholarship period (including a table or graphic presentation, if applicable) and specify the planned submission date for the dissertation and the defense.
- **Recommendation Letter** (using the designated form) from the primary supervisor of the dissertation
- Admission to pursue a doctoral degree by the doctoral committee (Promotionsausschuss)
- Proof of MARA membership: Submit a screenshot of your registration in Marvin (Marburg Administrative and Information System). The screenshot must display your name and role in the Marvin system. **WITHOUT** this screenshot, the application will be considered incomplete and will not be processed.

- Copies of all Degree Certificates (with final grades)
- Tabular curriculum vitae, including a complete list of publications: For cumulative dissertations, identify publications that are part of the dissertation work. Furthermore, other publications that are thematically relevant to the dissertation must be marked. Submitted and accepted (citable) publications may also be listed with a corresponding reference. Publications that are in progress or preparation will not be accepted.
- If a child allowance is claimed: Copy of the birth certificate(s) of the child/children

Please send the complete application with all required documents (in a single PDF file) to Dr. Jan-Paul Klünder, mara.foerderungen@uni-marburg.de.

Only the supervisor's report can be sent separately by e-mail.

Please note that the application documents must be submitted in full and in one PDF. Unfortunately, incomplete application documents cannot be considered. You will not receive a reminder or deadline extension.

For questions, please contact:

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