

## Details and FAQs: DAAD-STIBET degree completion grants for doctoral candidates

Within the scope of the DAAD project STIDokWWU (STIBET Doktoranden), funded by the Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt), the WWU Graduate Centre provides degree completion grants for international doctoral candidates, who are in the final phase of their PhD. The degree completion grants aim to enable international doctoral candidates to complete their degree without having to worry about finances.

### Who can apply?

The application is open for international doctoral candidates, who

- have acquired their university entry qualification outside of Germany
- are enrolled at the WWU
- are to acquire a degree from the WWU within the next 2 semesters

### Note

Double funding is prohibited, i.e. that doctoral candidates who receive a grant for the same purpose during the requested funding period are not eligible. By submitting the application, the applicants assure to have filled the application form truthfully and completely.

### Extent and duration of funding

The extent of the funding is 860€/month and the grants may be awarded for up to four months. Extensions are not possible.

### Funding prerequisites and selection criteria

- Immatriculation at the WWU, place of residence in Münster or the surrounding area
- Good academic performance (publications, prizes, study duration)
- Quality of the supervisor's recommendation form
- Expected submission of the thesis within 6 months after the start of the requested funding period
- Quality of the research project

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- Quality of the working and time plan during the funding period
- Financial needs and social position

There is no legal entitlement to the award of a grant.

### Application deadline and start of the grant

Degree completion grants may be awarded during the project phase 2019-2022. Applications can be handed in at any time. Generally, the earliest start of the grant is four weeks after submission of the application.

### Documents for application

1. Fully completed **application form\***
2. Supervisor's **recommendation form\*** (to be submitted directly by the supervisor)
3. Immatriculation certificate
4. **Proof of financial shortages** (account statements for the previous two months)

\*The forms are available online <http://go.wwu.de/d2fkg>.

### Einreichen der Bewerbung

Please **email** the **application documents** as **one PDF file** to Ms Sabine Schneider: [internationals.gc@uni-muenster.de](mailto:internationals.gc@uni-muenster.de).

The supervisor's letter of recommendation has to be **e-mailed separately** by the supervising professor.

The application is complete only if the recommendation form has also been submitted.

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Awardees are expected to submit a copy of their doctoral degree to the project coordinator ([internationals.gc@uni-muenster.de](mailto:internationals.gc@uni-muenster.de)) after completing the PhD.

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## FAQs

### Eligibility: general

1. I have dual citizenship (German & ...). May I still apply?  
No, the grants aim to support international doctoral candidates.
2. I already have a degree from a German University. May I apply?  
Yes, as long as your university entrance qualification was outside of Germany.
3. What exactly does the completion phase cover?  
The completion phase covers the time of the thesis writing and the preparation time for the thesis defense.
4. Do I need to be in Münster during the requested funding period?  
Yes.
5. I have already applied for a completion grant but was not successful. Unfortunately, I did not yet complete my degree. May I apply again?  
Yes.

### Side activities and other scholarships

1. I was (am) a DAAD scholarship holder. May I apply?  
If your scholarship ends by the time of the requested funding period, yes.
2. Is it possible to combine the degree completion grant with another scholarship?  
It is not possible to receive another grant for the same purpose. In individual cases it can be checked whether the degree completion grant might be combined with another scholarship.
3. Is it possible to pursue side activities during the time of the requested funding period?  
Yes, if your income is less than 450€/month. If your income is higher, then the scholarship will be reduced by the same amount.

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