

**Statute on the awarding of doctoral scholarships for Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent.  
by the "Center for Doctoral Studies Lübeck" (CDSL)  
of the University of Lübeck**

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In view of § 6 (2) Sentence 1 of the German Higher Education Act (HSG) in the version published on 5 February 2016 (GVOBl. Schl.-H. p. 39), last amended by the Act from 10 February 2018 (NBl. Schl.-H. p. 68), the following statute, in accordance with the resolution of the Senate from 13 June 2018, will apply:

**§ 1**

**Scope**

- (1) The regulations contained in this statute apply to all doctoral scholarships in the area of human medicine with the desired degree Dr. med. or Dr. med. dent. which are funded by third parties and awarded by the CDSL.
- (2) The statute does not apply to scholarships which are included in the scope of the state regulation on the funding of young academics and artists (scholarship regulation).

**§ 2**

**Freedom to act autonomously**

The scholarship is a form of financial support while carrying out doctoral research. It must not be linked to any instruction-based activity or specific reciprocal service or work at the University of Lübeck. If the scholarship holder has any doubts regarding compliance with this provision, he or she should contact the CDSL.

**§ 3**

**Requirements**

- (1) The requirement for the awarding of a doctoral scholarship is registration at the University of Lübeck and registration for doctoral studies at the CDSL of the University of Lübeck.
- (2) For the awarding of a doctoral scholarship, the following documents are to be submitted:
  1. Completed application form for a doctoral scholarship (see scholarship portal on the University of Lübeck's website for doctoral studies);
  2. Curriculum vitae;
  3. Certified copies of academic records or presentation of original certificates (University entrance qualification, 1st state examination);

4. A letter of recommendation from the proposed doctoral supervisor;
5. Signed supervision agreement for the doctoral project (see scholarship portal on the University of Lübeck's website for doctoral studies);
6. Project exposé (with details on current situation, objectives and methods, at least 2,000 characters in length).

#### **§ 4**

##### **Amount**

- (1) A doctoral scholarship is awarded for a period of six to 12 months, and complies with the current rates of the German Research Foundation (DFG) for doctoral scholarships in the field of medicine (currently €838.00 monthly including funding for materials).
- (2) A reduced amount is possible in the case of scholarships from public third-party donors which are awarded in a peer review procedure. In such cases, the amount must not be lower than €500.00. The respective third-party donor's guidelines for use apply. If the guideline for use permits a range (e.g. €500.00 to €800.00), the highest amount will be paid.
- (3) A higher amount is also possible, though it must not exceed €1,900.00.
- (4) Scholarship holders with children may apply for an additional allowance amounting to €400.00 for the first child and a further €100.00 for each subsequent child.

#### **§ 5**

##### **Procedure**

- (1) The scholarships can be awarded in a competitive application procedure as well as non-competitively.
- (2) The application, including the application documents stated in § 3 (2), is to be submitted to the CDSL.
- (3) In the case of a competitive scholarship, the Advisory Board of the CDSL checks whether funding requirements have been fulfilled and makes a decision regarding the scholarship with the assistance of two independent scientific reviews (see scholarship portal on the University of Lübeck's website for doctoral studies). The reviews are provided by two scientists who have already obtained post-doctoral degrees. With regard to the reviewers, the regulations of the DFG for the selection of reviewers ("Guidelines for Avoiding Conflicts of Interest") apply.
- (4) If a competitive award procedure exists in a third-party project, approval is granted by the Advisory Board of the CDSL based on a recommendation from the executive committee of the third-party project. In this case, no further reviews are required.
- (5) In order to accept the scholarship, the scholarship holder must sign the scholarship agreement.
- (6) Scholarships are paid on a monthly basis.

**§ 6**  
**Extension**

- (1) The scholarship holder may apply for the scholarship to be extended by a period of up to 12 months. The extension will be approved if the requirements referred to in § 3 continue to be fulfilled and other circumstances remain unchanged. If other circumstances have changed, the Advisory Board of the CDSL decides on the basis of the suggestion of the executive committee of the third-party project (if present). Furthermore, an extension of the scholarship is dependent on a corresponding recommendation of the supervisory committee and requires the scholarship holder to provide a progress report which details chronologically the work achieved to date and a timetable for the work to be completed during the extension that is being applied for.
  
- (2) In the case of a planned interruption of the doctoral project due to pregnancy, parental leave or caring for a relative, a consultation with a representative of the Head of the Department for Equality and Family can be arranged, in the presence of the supervisor if requested.

**§ 7**  
**Transitional provision**

Scholarships which were awarded before the coming into force of this statute are not affected by the regulations of this statute.