# Graduate Funding

## §1 Promotion of doctorates and artistic development projects

In preparation for doctoral studies or for an artistic development project, a Scholarship can be granted if the following requirements are met:

- 1. a completed university degree,
- 2. outstanding achievements in the field of work,
- 3. a scientific project that is expected to make an important contribution to research or a project that can be expected to make an important contribution to the further development of artistic forms and means of expression, and
- 4. the scientific or artistic supervision by a university lecturer from a Brandenburg university to which the scholarship application is submitted is submitted

#### §2 Type and scope of support

- 1. The basic amount of the scholarship is 1,100 euros per month (including a lump sum for material costs). In justified exceptional cases, the university may top up the scholarship from its own or from funds of third parties. The university may also grant family allowances.
- 2. The university may make other arrangements for part-time scholarships.
- 3. The scholarship is awarded as a grant. There is no entitlement to the granting of a scholarship.

## §3 Total duration of support

- 1. The total funding period is usually up to three years. Funds are granted for one year at a time.
- 2. For doctoral fellows who do not hold a master's degree but are admitted to doctoral studies with a bachelor's degree, the funding period may be extended by twelve months beyond the funding period pursuant to paragraph 1.
- 3. The total funding period shall be extended by the period of a ban on employment pursuant to §§ 3 and 6 of the Maternity Protection Act.
- 4. In the event of illness, the total funding period may be extended by a maximum of six months beyond the funding period under paragraph 1, plus the funding periods under paragraphs 2 and 3.
- 5. For part-time scholarships, deviating regulations are to be determined by the university.

## §4 Revocation of funding

Funding may be revoked if facts indicate that the scholarship holder is not making the necessary and reasonable efforts to achieve the intended purpose. The scholarship holder must be heard on this matter.

#### **§5** Award procedure

- 1. The scholarships are publicly advertised.
- 2. The scholarships are granted by the university upon written application of the applicant on the basis of a decision of the awarding commission.
- 3. The processing of personal data shall be governed by § 13 paragraph 8 of the Brandenburg Higher Education Act of 18 December 2008 (GVBl. I p. 318).

#### **§6 Awards Committee**

Each university that awards scholarships according to § 1 shall form an award committee. Its members shall be:

- 1. the president or the rector or a representative appointed by him or her as chairman or chairwoman,
- 2. two university professors or lecturers,
- 3. one academic staff member holding a doctorate,
- 4. one doctoral student or one additional academic employee.

The commission determines whether the professional requirements for the granting of a fellowship according to § 1 are met in the individual case. It determines the total duration of the grant in accordance with § 3, examines the work plan and schedule as well as the factual and temporal progress of the work, and decides on revocation in accordance with § 4.

## §7 Tutorials

After the end of the first year of funding, the fellows are required to provide services in teaching (tutorials) in the amount of two hours per week per semester, provided that the university provides the prerequisites for this.

When selecting the topics for the tutorial, the scholarship holder's own scientific/artistic work should be taken into account and the connection with the doctoral project or artistic development project should be ensured.