

Research Promotion

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

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PROMOTION OBJECTIVES

In order to promote young researchers in the field of dementia research in Germany, the Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation awards doctoral scholarships. The aim is to initiate expand or accelerate research at existing DZNE research institutions that deal with dementia research.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The announcement is directed to doctoral students:

- at basic research in natural science subjects such as biology, biochemistry or chemistry, but also human and veterinary medicine, and
- at health services research e.g. in health services research, human medicine, psychology, epidemiology, public health, social sciences, sociology, statistics and biometrics.

Entitled to make an application are:

- University graduate with a university degree.
- At the time of application, the last degree must not be older than four years (monthly calculation). Exceptions to this can be justified by pregnancies, child-raising periods or proven longer periods of serious illness or sick leave as well as the proven care of a close relative with at least care level 3 (see § 15 Abs. 3 No 2 BAföG) in the domestic environment. Last but not least, the four-year period should enable preparatory services such as traineeships (e.g. following a law or teacher-teaching course) or vicariates.
- The age limit for the first doctoral scholarship is usually 35 years at the time of application. Each child of an applicant increases the age limit by one year.
- Applicants must have an employment contract at a DZNE site by the start of the funding at the latest.
 - In special exceptional cases, applications from applicants outside the DZNE can also be considered, e.g. if their institution cooperates closely with the DZNE.

APPLICATION, APPLICATION DOCUMENTS UND DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted in English electronically to the Board of Trustees of the foundation by September 30st, 2022 (info@breuerstiftung.de).

The application should consist of a maximum of five pages and be written in Arial (font size 11, line spacing 1.5). The content of the application must be based on the following model:

- Title page (applicant, host laboratory, title, summary) – a maximum of one page
- Project description – a maximum of three pages
 - background
 - hypothesis and specific aims
 - work plan including preliminary data
 - risk strategy
- References – CV – a maximum of one page

- personal data
- education / international experience
- letter of reference of the thesis advisor
- honors and awards
- publication (if available)
- other things of interest

SELECTION PROCEDURE

The Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) evaluates the incoming applications and makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. On this basis, the Board of Trustees decides on the award of the scholarships (of the funding recommendation).

Six scientists belong to the SAB:

- 2 basic researchers
- 1 health services researcher
- 1 former scholarship holder / biotechnology company
- 1 representative of the DZNE
- 1 researcher / scientist from industry e.g. a biotechnology company

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The scholarship consists of a basic amount of 2.300 EUR per month and a lump sum for material and travel expenses of 1.000 EUR per year.

- The scholarship is paid to the DZNE to finance a doctoral position (65% of level E13). As a result, the scholarship holder can also take advantage of all the services of the university she/he is employed at. If the monthly amount paid by the Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation is insufficient to finance the total costs of the doctoral position, the DZNE will cover the gap. If, in exceptional cases, a fellow does not have an employment contract at the DZNE, the supervisor's institution will cover the personnel costs above and beyond this.
- Funding is excluded if the scholarship holder practises a business activity outside the DZNE that exceeds 20% of the working time.

DURATION OF THE FUNDING AND FINAL REPORT

The scholarship is granted for 36 months. The scholarship can be extended for a further 12 month upon justified application. This is possible under two conditions:

- The doctorate is to be completed in the fourth year.
- The research findings to date suggest that the dissertation will make a significant contribution to the study of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias or any other neurodegenerative disease. The application must be submitted at least two months before the end of the funding period.

END OF PROMOTION

Upon reaching the doctorate or the promised funding period expires, the doctoral students automatically are withdrawn from research funding; the underlying employment contract with the DZNE also ends at this time.

The scholarship can be terminated, especially if

- the requirements for granting the scholarship have ceased to exist,
- the scholarship holder provided incorrect information about significant facts or did not disclose the facts (see notification requirements).

Upon notification of the termination, all payments will be discontinued and the underlying employment contract will be terminated. In the event of incorrect information, the benefits have to be refunded in full from the time they had been granted or from the time the new circumstances arose.

RULES AND OBLIGATIONS

By accepting the scholarship and accepting the monthly payments, the scholarship holder undertakes to

- comply with the Guidelines for Safeguarding Good Research Practice – Code of Conduct (DFG).
Source:
https://www.dfg.de/download/pdf/foerderung/rechtliche_rahmenbedingungen/gute_wissensch_aftliche_praxis/kodex_gwp_en.pdf
- explicitly mention the foundation in the acknowledgment of the doctoral thesis and send a copy of the thesis in electronic form without being asked to do so;
- mention the foundation as a sponsor in the acknowledgment of articles written as part of the funded research activity – even if the scholarship holder is only a co-author;
- participate at the annual Eibsee meeting of Professor Christian Haass and, on request, write a report on the event for the foundation's website;
- mention the foundation on the scholarship holder's homepage and on social media – if available – and if possible – to link her/his homepage to the foundation's website;
- concentrate his/her workforce on the project described in the respective study or work plan;
- register via the LinkedIn platform and provide the foundation with the link so that they can invite the scholarship holders to the non-public group „Alumni Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation“ and the scholarship holder can join the group.

The aim of the closed LinkedIn group is to promote a valuable exchange between the doctoral fellows and to network the alumni and the current ones. In doing so, the foundation is following the wishes of former scholarship holders. The alumni research group is also intended to create a virtual place to discuss, work on and advance jointly scientifically relevant topics.

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The scholarship holder undertakes to inform the foundation and the DZNE respectively his institute immediately if

- the doctoral project is interrupted, changed, canceled or completed prematurely and if the supervisor changes;
- he is rewarded for his scientific work by contributions from third parties or he or a third party from the funded study project gain an economic profit;
- she/he has submitted another application for another scholarship or is already receiving another scholarship;
- changes occur in her/his personal circumstances that are important for the scholarship (e.g. change of residence, change of bank details, change of marital status, birth of a child).

FINAL PROVISION

At the end of the funding from the foundation, the scholarship holder submit a final evaluation report (a maximum of three A4 pages) to the Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation, with the expert opinion of the supervisor. This report is included in the annual report of the board of the foundation. After submission of the documents, the Hans and Ilse Breuer Foundation awards a certificate of funding.

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