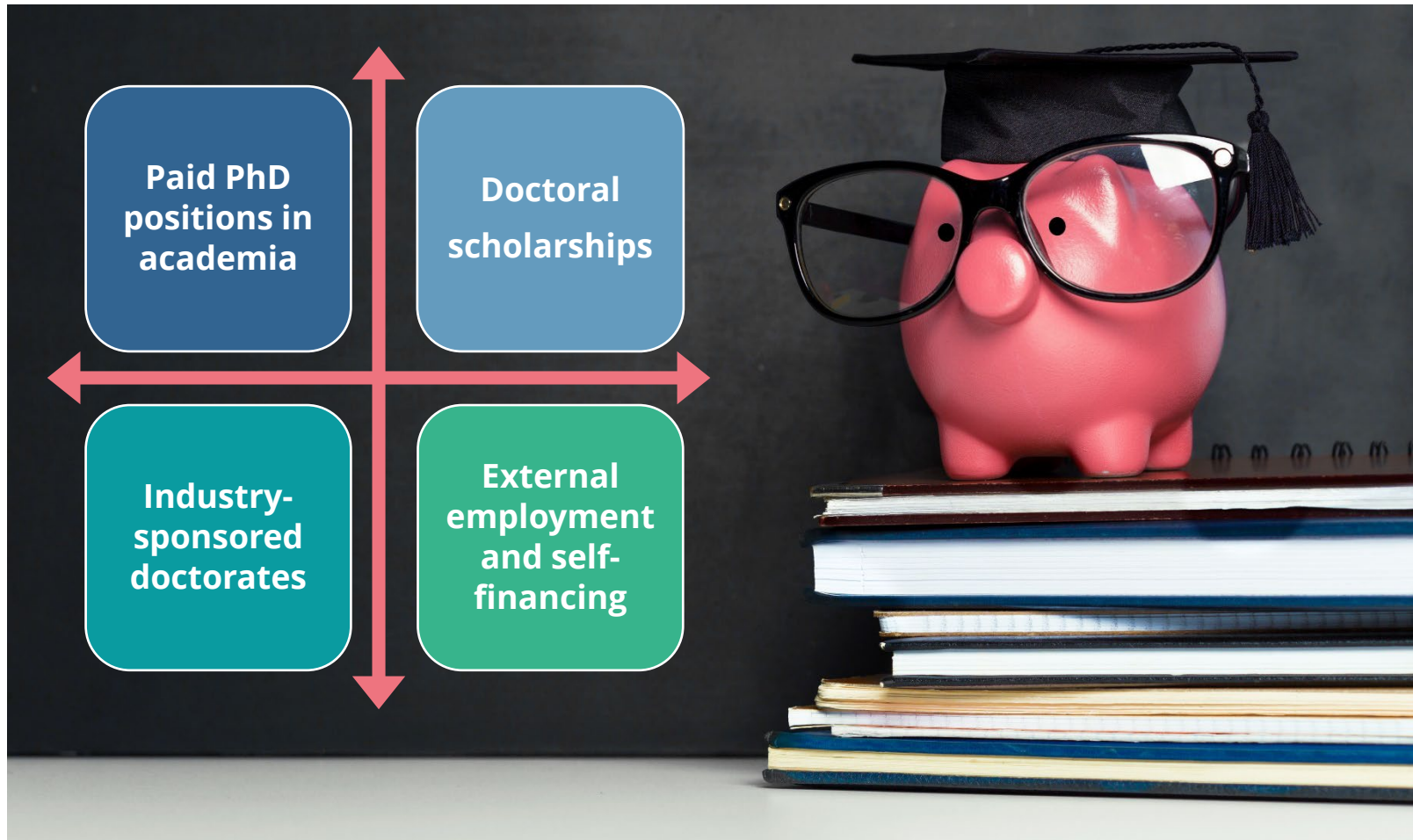


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# PhD Day – Financing your PhD

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025

# Financing your PhD | Overview



# Paid PhD positions in academia

Full- or part-time fixed-term contracts on university budget (*Haushaltsstelle*) or third-party funding

## University

- research associates (TV-L 13)
- research assistants (WHK)

## Non-university research institution

- doctoral positions (based on TVöD 13)
- project positions

*Paid PhD positions in general include:*

- *teaching activities*
- *student supervision*
- *involvement in projects unrelated to the doctoral thesis*

**Links for more Information:** [Wissenschaftszeitvertragsgesetz](#) (law on fixed-term contracts in higher education and research); [DRESDEN-concept](#); [Tarifvertrag des öffentlichen Dienstes](#) (collective public service tariff agreement of each federal state)

# Paid PhD positions in academia

*Where do I find out about job postings?*



*For example here:*

- job offers at universities ([www.tu-dresden.de](http://www.tu-dresden.de))
- job offers at non-university research institutions
- ask your supervisor
- job portals e.g. : [www.academics.de](http://www.academics.de)

# Doctoral Scholarships



## What is meant by a scholarship?

- Financial allowances
- Covering living expenses
- Purchase of equipment/materials

## Long-term and short-term scholarships?

- Long-term scholarships / doctoral stipends: up to three years in general
- Short-term scholarships: up to one year or less

# Doctoral Scholarships

*What does a scholarship include?*



## ***Financial benefits:***

- monthly scholarship installment
- allowances for material/equipment
- family and travel allowances
- if applicable, subsidies for health insurance
- sideline activities partly possible (10 hours/week)

## ***Idealistic benefits:***

- offers of qualification and networking measures as well as career-supporting activities

# Doctoral Scholarships



## Potential doctoral funding:

- Doctoral scholarships of GA / TU Dresden
- Organizations for the promotion of young talent (*Begabtenförderungswerke*) and foundations
- German Academic Exchange Service (for internationals only)

Get an overview of funding options during your doctorate on the [FUNDING website of the Graduate Academy](#)



# Doctoral Scholarships

## Doctoral Scholarships of GA / TU Dresden



All GA & TU Dresden funding offers at a glance:  
[www.tu-dresden.de/ga](http://www.tu-dresden.de/ga)

### Long-term scholarships:

- Maria Reiche Doctoral Fellowships
- (*Saxon Scholarship Program*)

### Short-term scholarships:

- Grants for the Funding of Young Scientists during the Completion and Wrap-up Phase of the Doctorate



# Doctoral Scholarships

## Organizations for the promotion of young talent and foundations



„Begabtenförderungswerke“ and various foundations at a glance: [www.tu-dresden.de/ga](http://www.tu-dresden.de/ga)

- **13 Organizations for the promotion of young talent**  
(*Begabtenförderungswerke*)
- **Further foundations**  
Topic-, subject- or person group-specific, etc.
- **German Research Foundation**  
(*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft DFG*):  
doctoral scholarships in the context of DFG-funded research training groups

# Doctoral Scholarships

## German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)



- **Doctoral scholarships:** Prospective international doctoral candidates
- **Short-term-/Long-term scholarships** for research stays abroad

*All DAAD funding opportunities at a glance:*

[DAAD-Scholarship database](#)

# Doctoral Scholarships

## According to which selection criteria will be decided:

- Outstanding degree
- Convincing doctoral project  
(presented in the exposé and supported by the letters of recommendation)
- If applicable, verifiable commitment in the sense of the foundation's goals / funding bodies
- If applicable, your denomination in the case of denominational foundations
- Completeness of your submitted application documents



### IMPORTANT

From the idea to funding ... plan with **up to six months** or more lead time ...

# Industry-sponsored doctorates

**Work in a company and pursue your doctorate at the same time:  
The industry-sponsored doctorate makes it possible**



- **The topic of the doctoral thesis** is usually specified by the company
- Doctoral candidates have to **find a supervisor for their doctorate** themselves
- **Industries:** Automotive, electrical engineering or telecommunications industry

# External employment and self-financing

## *Challenges:*

- *Lack of time resources*
- *Usually lack of professional exchange with other doctoral candidates and university lecturers / supervisors*
- *Often delayed completion of the doctorate*

**External employment**  
(outside of academia)

**Self-financing**  
(Savings, family support, further income)

# General QUESTIONS





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**Förderprogramme**  
Funding Programs



## GA Funding Programs

**Open consultation hour!**

**Every Wednesday between 2 - 3 p.m.**  
Prior registration is necessary!

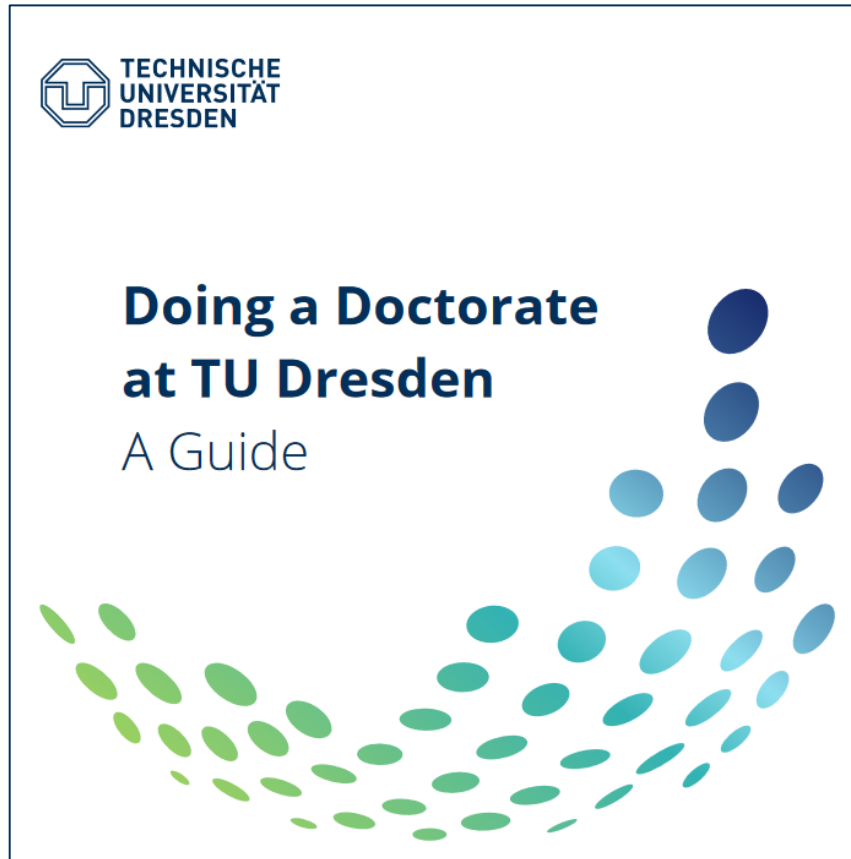
» Website: <https://tu-dresden.de/ga/finanzierung>

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# Graduate Academy | Offers and Services



## General advice on doctoral studies at TU Dresden

» Brochure:

[Doing a doctorate at the TU Dresden. A Guide](#)



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## Further topics of Advice & Coaching

- Scientific writing
- Conflict counseling and mediation
- Career perspectives

» Website: <https://tu-dresden.de/ga/beratung>

» Brochure: [Advice & Coaching](#)



# Thank you very much for your attention!



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