



Immanuel-Kant-Promotionsstipendium (Scholarship)

Since 1986, the Immanuel Kant Scholarship has been awarded to doctoral students researching the history and culture of Germans in Eastern Europe and/or the mutual relations between Germans in Eastern Europe and their neighbouring peoples.

The scholarship is funded by the Federal Ministry of the Interior.

The BKGE is responsible for the organisation of the scholarships.

What is funded?

Doctoral projects that deal with the history and culture of Germans in Eastern Europe and related issues, in particular with mutual relationships with neighbouring peoples

Regional focus areas

Silesia, Eastern Brandenburg, Pomeranian, East and West Prussia in modern Poland and Russia; earlier and current-day settlement areas of Germans in Eastern, Eastern-Central and South-Eastern Europe, primarily in Estonia, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Serbia, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Hungary and Romania.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence in order to advance the current state of research in this field. Applications are open to German and international applicants as well as university lecturers who are responsible for students at a university in Germany.

Value

A basic scholarship of 1550,- Euro per month is granted for a period of two years. Additional funds may be granted at the applicant's discretionary (family allowance and/or study abroad). Scholarships are subject to the availability of funds.

Selection committee

An interdisciplinary academic selection committee appointed by the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media (BKM) is responsible for the awarding of the Immanuel-Kant Scholarship.

Application deadline and start of the scholarship

The application deadline is 31 December for the following year.

The scholarship period begins on 1 July of the calendar year. Quarterly payments will occur after this date.

What kind of information must be submitted?

Applicants should provide the following:

- CV
- Academic transcripts, degree certificates
- Research proposal (topic, research question, literature review, aims and objectives, timeline)
- Information on funding or scholarships from other organisations
- Letter of admission from a university in Germany (Cotutelle procedure)
- Letters of recommendation from two supervisors

Applications should be submitted as pdf files by e-mail (less than 15 MB) to <bkge@bkge.bund.de>.

Important Information: Please note that the next round of scholarship is expected to take place in 2026 or 2027. There is no call for application right now. Please check back at the end of November 2025 or contact bkge@bkge.bund.de for updates.