Calls for doctoral researchers at KIT

Under DAAD’s STIBET program, KIT offers research and teaching assistantships as well as scholarships for foreign doctoral researchers.

Application deadline: September 15, 2018.

Target group: Scholarships are awarded to foreign doctoral researchers, i.e. doctoral candidates of foreign nationality with a foreign university entrance qualification, exclusively. The prerequisite for funding is acceptance as a doctoral researcher by a department or institute.

Teaching and research assistantships:
Objective: gaining teaching and research experience, integration into teaching and research activities at KIT.
Contract: remuneration based on a marginal employment contract for research assistants in the maximum amount of EUR 450/month for the maximum duration of six months.

Scholarships:
Pre-graduation Scholarships:
- Objective: support of qualified doctoral candidates in the graduation phase.
- Requirements: good performance of the doctoral researchers and the supervisor’s prognosis of a successful completion of the doctorate within the next twelve months. Pre-graduation scholarships are exclusively awarded to fund doctoral researchers, who are in need through no fault of their own (e.g. end of the scholarship or employment contract or other verifiable reasons). The pre-graduation scholarship is to enable persons of this group to concentrate on the successful completion of their doctorate.
- Funding period: the pre-graduation scholarship may be awarded for a maximum of six months. In exceptional cases, it may be extended up to a maximum of twelve months.

Contact Scholarships:
- Objective: support of qualified doctoral researchers and establishment and intensification of partnerships.
- Requirements: contact scholarships are awarded to doctoral researchers of foreign partner universities of KIT or of foreign universities with which KIT has already concluded or plans to conclude partnership agreements.
- Funding duration: the scholarship can be awarded for a maximum of twelve months.
**Scholarship amount:**
The maximum scholarship amount for foreign doctoral candidates is up to EUR 1200/month and varies depending on the regulations of the program, the candidate’s individual situation, and the availability of sufficient funding. There is no entitlement to receiving the full scholarship amount.

**Documents to Be Submitted:**
- Confirmation of acceptance as a doctoral candidate by the department.
- Conclusive current CV.
- Motivation letter indicating the reason why funding is applied for (e.g. financial distress) and containing a work plan with concrete milestones until completion of the doctorate, including defense.
- Letter of support by the supervisor.
- Registration with KHYS.

Applications can be submitted in the German and English languages. **Only complete applications** will be considered by the selection commission. Address your applications in writing via internal mail to the International Scholars and Welcome Office, INTL, or via electronic mail to oliver.kaas@kit.edu.