

Guidelines for the application for pre-doc scholarships

IRI THESys offers pre-doc scholarships for Master students or graduates who plan to pursue a doctorate at IRI THESys, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Who can apply?

You can only apply if you are an outstanding Master student as well as graduate and plan to pursue your doctorate at IRI THESys. The following conditions have to be fulfilled:

1. Academic excellence, usually proven by an outstanding university degree (at least Bachelor)
2. An original, high-quality draft of the doctoral project relating to the IRI THESys fields of research
3. Pre-existing skills or exceptional motivation, which bode well for successful completion of doctoral studies
4. Very good knowledge of English

Though, a finished MA is not a pre-condition, candidates need to be in the final stage of their MA studies. Candidates who are receiving a stipend are not eligible. Candidates who are already enrolled as doctoral students are also not eligible.

What is the duration of the scholarships?

These short-term scholarships will be granted in 2023. Scholarships cannot be granted beyond December 2023.

What is the amount of the scholarship?

The amount of the scholarship will be at least 1,468 € per month. Supplement for the first child is at 400 € per month and 100 € for each sibling.

Application procedure

Which documents need to be included in the application?

- A motivation letter (max. 1 page), addressed to the Graduate Program Board
- Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages) incl. title and supervisor of your Bachelor's thesis and Master's thesis
- Draft that sketches your research project (max. 3.000 characters)

- Certificates of your academic degrees (at least Bachelor) and/or, if applicable, transcripts (of grades) for courses attended
- A proposal for a prospective THESys supervisor who fits your research topic (for detailed information on our THESys supervisors, please visit our website: <https://www.iri-thesys.org/people/thesys-members/>)

Where do I need to hand in my application documents?

The application documents need to be handed in electronically. The documents need to be saved in **one** PDF document.

The PDF needs to be sent to the coordinator of the THESys Graduate Program:
wiebke.hampel@hu-berlin.de

We will confirm the reception of your application documents.

The application deadline is 24th July 2023.

Selection Procedure

All applications are checked for completeness and correctness by the program coordinator.

- (1) A selection committee of the IRI THESys decides on the awarding of the scholarships on the basis of the submitted documents.
- (2) The selection committee is composed of the members of the THESys Graduate Program Board.
- (3) The award criteria that will be considered in the selection procedure are:
 - Academic excellence, usually proven by an outstanding university degree (at least Bachelor),
 - Originality and quality of the draft of the doctoral project,
 - Compatibility between the suggested research project and the proposed THESys supervisor,
 - Pre-existing skills or exceptional motivation.

Based on the application submitted, the selection committee decides at its own discretion to whom scholarships should be awarded.

Upon acceptance of the scholarship, the scholarship holder is obligated to immediately report any changes (e.g. new funding sources) that are relevant to the granting of the scholarship.