

Germany: Graduate Programme of the Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the School of Business and Economics of the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg

The labour markets of western industrialized states are currently experiencing diverse and sometimes far-reaching processes of change. In order to understand these and to study them in an analytical way, it is necessary to conceive and apply theoretical concepts and empirical findings from a variety of different scientific

disciplines.

This is the reason why IAB and the School of Business and Economics of the Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg have set up a programme to support doctoral proposals in the field of labour market

research.

The aim of the programme is to train outstanding junior researchers from the social sciences and economics

disciplines in the field of labour market and occupational research.

At the end of each year the PhD students that currently started their work are organizing the PhD workshop "Perspectives on (Un-) Employment". This workshop aims to bring together junior researchers in the field of

labour and occupational Research:

IAB grants up to scholarships beginning 1st January each year to outstanding young researchers from the social sciences

and economics disciplines.

Target group and admission requirements

We expect excellent academic qualifications, an especial interest in and enthusiasm for issues of the labour market and occupational research, and personal qualities that promise success in completing the programme.

Preference will be given to dissertation proposals that would profit in a special way from being attached to IAB and from which IAB itself might profit in a special way. If the preparation of the project outline reveals the need for

better knowledge of the IAB data resources there is the possibility to visit the IAB for conducting data research.

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Application documents

Application documents must contain:

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[REDACTED] [Stephan Brunow](#)) directly.
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 - The reasons for selecting the topic and its place in current research in the field of labour market research
 - Major problems and issues, which are identified as a research gap in existing literature in labour market research
 - The theoretical approach and methodical considerations regarding implementation of the project and the data basis to be used (esp. IAB data sets) and basic thoughts on the identification strategy
 - A workplan/schedule
 - Bibliography

The project outline should consider a comprehensive project idea which builds the core of the dissertation project. In contrast to previous application procedures the project outline does not have to contain three planned research papers. The project outline should have a length of up to 25,000 characters including spaces.

Please note that applications without a project outline will not be considered.

Selection process

1. Scholarships will be announced via the Internet and via further appropriate media.
2. All applications will be submitted to a selection commission composed equally of representatives of IAB and of the School of Business and Economics of the University Erlangen-Nuremberg.
3. The selection commission will then decide which applicants are to be invited to attend a personal interview.
4. The applicant will present him/herself to the selection commission. This will consist of a short presentation of the project, followed by a discussion.
5. Selection of applicants to be offered a scholarship in accordance with their written documents and personal presentation.

Periods of application

The closing date for applying for new scholarships (granted as of 1 January 2017) is October 14, 2016.

Schedule 2016/2017

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Tentative Submission Deadline : 14 October 2016

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