



FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions about applications to the Ph.D. scholarship programme “Beyond Borders”

Do I need to have the German nationality to be eligible?

No. The scholarship programme “Beyond Borders” is open for all nationalities.

Am I only allowed to apply if I am enrolled at a German university?

No, an affiliation with a German university is not necessary. “Beyond Borders” scholarships can be awarded for Ph.D. studies worldwide.

I don't have a Ph.D. position yet. Can you support me in my search?

The programme “Beyond Borders” provides primarily scholarships and invites fellows to join programme conferences and workshops. Ph. D. supervision, admission to Ph.D. programmes at the universities or individual Ph.D. positions must be arranged by the applicants themselves.

Is admission to the doctoral program necessary at the time of application?

At the time of the application the admission should be available. Exception is the application for a Start Up Scholarship.

My certificate is not available in English, German or French. Can I still submit it?

Please submit a certified translation in addition to the original certificate.

What do I have to consider in my recommendation letters?

Both recommendation letters should be uploaded directly from the supervisors or sent to us. We have no formal requirements concerning the letters.

My supervisor can only submit a recommendation letter in a language other than English. What should I do?

The working language of the programme is English and for practical reasons only documents in this language can be reviewed by all members of the selection committee. Letter submissions in other languages will be accepted, but unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that the letters can be fully taken into consideration in the reviewing processes. In order to facilitate the communication, please ask your supervisor to attach at least a working translation into English in addition to their recommendation letter.