

The Doctoral Program in Buddhist Studies at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany offers two PhD scholarships for dissertation projects related to Buddhism.

Deadline for applications:	16 October 2016
Start of scholarship:	Summer or autumn 2017
Duration of scholarship:	3 or 4 years ¹
Scholarship amount:	€1000 per month + insurance ² + support for rent ³ + €460 per year + lump sums for travel
Scholarship donor:	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

The Doctoral Program in Buddhist Studies at the Ludwigs-Maximilian-Universität in Munich is based on a cooperation between Asian Studies (Indology, Japanology, Sinology, Tibetology) and Religious Studies and promotes and supervises PhD theses related to Buddhism within a broad range of subjects and disciplines. To strengthen the disciplinary and communicative skills of the doctoral students, the research-oriented study program is complemented by workshops and teaching placements as well as by transferable skills training. Intensive supervision by mentoring teams helps students to accomplish doctoral projects at the highest level. In addition, the integration of the doctoral candidates into interdisciplinary and international networks promotes their professional development as young scholars.

The doctoral program is launching two scholarships for excellent PhD projects related to any field of Buddhism for three or four years beginning in summer or autumn 2017. The scholarships are provided by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service).

The selection process comprises two stages: Applications are sent to the Doctoral Program in Buddhist Studies in Munich. The program will select promising candidates, who then have to submit their materials to the DAAD. Subsequently, the DAAD decides upon the successful candidates. It is expected that the successful candidates will be chosen and informed by February 2017.

The prerequisites for application are non-German citizenship, a Master of Arts or Magister Artium degree or equivalent, excellent knowledge of at least one Buddhist source language, outstanding qualifications in the subject, and fluency in English. A basic knowledge of German is also desirable, though not a prerequisite, but willingness to learn German/improve German language skills will be expected. Applicants should not have lived in Germany for more than fifteen months at the time of the submission of their materials to the DAAD, which will most probably take place in December or January, and the last final examination should have taken place no more than six years before this date.

¹ The DAAD grants the scholarship for one-year periods. If the PhD project makes progress, the scholarship can be extended twice or, in some cases, three times for a total period of funding of three or four years.

² The DAAD offers combined insurance that comprises health insurance, accident insurance, and liability insurance.

³ The DAAD can offer a rent subsidy, depending on the actual rent paid by the PhD student.

Depending on the degree of previous knowledge of German, a 2-6 month intensive German language course might be necessary before the start of the 3- or 4-year scholarship (the DAAD will provide the fees for the language course, free accommodation, insurance, €400 per month, and a travel lump sum during this period).

Research stays abroad are possible for not more than 3 months a year.

To apply please send the following documents as a pdf file (no larger than 10 MB) to <buddhist-studies@lrz.uni-muenchen.de> or by post to the Doctoral Program in Buddhist Studies, c/o Japan-Zentrum, Oettingenstrasse 67, 80538 Munich, Germany. The documents must be received by the deadline. **Please do not staple the documents.**

1. Full curriculum vitae
2. An outline of the planned dissertation project (5 A4 pages) including a schedule
3. A short schedule of your planned research stays/field trips abroad (when, where, how long)
4. Two recommendation letters. These letters should be sent to us directly in a sealed envelope. Please use the form from the German Academic Exchange Service that you can find here: <https://www.daad.de/imperia/md/content/de/foerderung/recommendation.pdf>
If you do not want to use the form, please make sure that the letters contain the information requested in the form.
5. Copies of all relevant school and university diplomas: school-leaving certificate giving the right of entry to higher education in the applicant's home country (with individual grades), all university annual examination certificates (with individual grades), and university diploma or degree certificate indicating the final grade(s), including an explanation of the grading system. The essential parts of all certificates and diplomas in languages other than German or English should be translated.
6. Filled out form from the German Academic Exchange Service that you can find here: https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf⁴
7. A cover letter that demonstrates your acquaintance with our program and your qualification in the subject.
8. Proof of fluency in English or German.
9. Proof of excellent knowledge of at least one Buddhist source language.
10. Documents relating to periods of practical training, if applicable.
11. List of publications, if any.

The documents can be submitted in either English or German.

If you have any questions concerning our program or with regard to the scholarship please do not hesitate to contact us at: buddhist-studies@lrz.uni-muenchen.de

⁴ Please be aware of the following details:

1. You don't have to fill in the front page.
2. You only have to fill in points 1-5 and points 8-14, you can omit the other points.
3. Please ignore the information on pages 4 and 5.