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DOCTORAL PROGRAM  
IN BUDDHIST STUDIES



## PhD-scholarships 2018 (DAAD GSSP program)

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:	22 October 2017
Start of scholarship:	Summer or autumn 2018
Duration of scholarship:	Three years <sup>1</sup>
Scholarship amount:	€1000 per month + insurance <sup>2</sup> + support for rent <sup>3</sup> + €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 years beginning in summer or autumn 2018. 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 2018.

<sup>1</sup> The DAAD grants the scholarship for one-year periods. If the PhD project makes progress, the scholarship can be extended twice, for a total period of funding of three years. Extension to a fourth year will be possible only in exceptional and very well founded cases.

<sup>2</sup> The DAAD offers combined insurance that comprises health insurance, accident insurance, and liability insurance.

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

The prerequisites for application are non-German citizenship, a Master of Arts or Magister Artium degree or equivalent in a relevant field, 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, and the last final exam (Master Degree) should have taken place no more than six years before this date.

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 for field work are possible, but their total duration must not exceed 25% of the duration of the scholarship (i.e. no more than nine months of field work within a 3-year-scholarship).

To apply please send the following documents as one or two pdf files (no larger than 10 MB) (plus your M.A. thesis as a separate pdf file) to <[buddhist-studies@lrz.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:buddhist-studies@lrz.uni-muenchen.de)>

or by post to the LMU 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 including a schedule (no more than 5 A4 pages or 2600 words)
3. A short schedule of your planned research stays/field trips abroad (when, where, how long)
4. A digital version of your M.A. thesis (as a separate pdf file)
5. Letters of recommendation from two university professors from your home university, issued now or during the last two years. Please use the form from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) that you can find here: <https://www.daad.de/imperia/md/content/de/foerderung/recommendation.pdf>
6. Certificates:
  - a. school leaving certificate qualifying you for admission to higher education in your own country
  - b. certificates of annual examinations taken at the home university (transcripts)

of records) (including an explanation of the grading system)

- c. certificates of any academic degrees or advanced qualifications showing grades and explaining the grading system (description of grade scale).

The essential parts of all university certificates and diplomas in languages other than German or English should be translated.

(For French-speaking countries: License or Maitrise with Assez-Bien along with a DEA/DESS degree or a Master's degree according to the LMD system.)

Certified copies of all translated documents must be submitted to DAAD only after a letter of award has been received

7. Filled out form from the German Academic Exchange Service that you can find here: [https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium\\_en.pdf](https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf)<sup>4</sup> (If this link does not work, please try copying and pasting it into the url field.)
8. A letter of motivation that demonstrates your acquaintance with our program and your qualification in the subject.
9. Proof of fluency in English or German.
10. Proof of excellent knowledge of at least one Buddhist source language.
11. Documents relating to periods of practical training, if applicable.
12. 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](mailto:buddhist-studies@lrz.uni-muenchen.de)

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<sup>4</sup> 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.