Overview of GSGG grants and allowances

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General requirements

- Eligible for applying are doctoral candidates of GSGG.
- Doctoral candidates need to submit a current certificate of enrolment with each application.
- Doctoral candidates are eligible for application until their disputation.
- Only members of University of Göttingen are eligible for application.
- Timely submission of the application
- Complete application documents (including statement/report of the professor if applicable)
- Compliance with the obligation to submit annual reports and valid doctoral status (doctoral candidates)

Please note: The amount of funding is dependent on the budget situation of GSGG.

Application deadline

- 15th March -> earliest possible start of funding: 1st May (not for applications for completion grants)
- 15th June -> earliest possible start of funding: 1st August
- 15th September -> earliest possible start of funding: 1st November (not for applications for completion grants)
- 15th December -> earliest possible start of funding: 1st February of the following year

Separate deadlines apply for emergency grants. Please contact the office in this regard.

For allowances for conference and research trips:

- Earliest possible start of funding = commencement of the trip
- Applications for travel costs coverage of up to € 300 can be submitted at any time, however, the application has to be filed at least 3 weeks prior to the trip (date of receipt at the central office).

For barrier-free qualification and networking:

- Applications for a funding amount of up to € 300 can be submitted at any time, however, the application has to be filed at least 3 weeks prior to the trip (date of receipt at the central office).

For allowances for reproduction expenses:

- Earliest possible start of funding: Order of the material that is to be reproduced *after* allowance has been granted.
- Reproduction applications for a funding amount of up to € 300 can be submitted at any time, however, the application has to be filed at least 3 weeks prior to the trip (date of receipt at the central office).

Completion Grant

Applications for a completion grant are only possible during the following deadlines:

- June, 15
- December, 15

Requirements/formal criteria

- Eligible for applying are doctoral candidates of GSGG. Funding will only be provided for the active writing phase, up to the point of submitting the doctoral thesis.
- Membership of GSGG for at least one year prior the start of the funding period
- Awarding only to doctoral candidates of the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Theology of the University of Göttingen

Documents to be submitted

- Consultation prior to submitting the application is mandatory. Applications without prior consultation will not be considered. Please contact the office.
- Completed application form with original signatures of the applicant and all members of the thesis committee
- Justification for the required grant (max. 5 pages) with the following information: start of the doctoral project and previous funding; explanation of the reasons that prevented the completion of the doctorate within the usual period of three years
- Current table of contents of the dissertation providing an overview of the project status
- The already existing text compilation as a pdf-document (if applicable, further data/material from which the state of the work can be ascertained; e.g. databases, photographs/pictures, films, transcribed interviews, etc.)
- Outline of the working schedule for the funding period applied for (max. 3 months)
- Statement of at least one of the supervisors (max. 2 pages) in which they assess the prospect of completion of the dissertation project within the applied for period of funding, based on the present working schedule of the applicant. This statement is to be submitted separately from the application and to be sent directly to the central office of GSGG.

Annotations

- Please note that the application form has to be signed by all members of your thesis committee (original signatures). Please take this into account when planning you application.
- The maximum duration of funding is 3 months. During the applied for period of funding of the completion grant, GSGG will not grant allowances for conference or research trips. This applies to former scholarship holders who have not yet handed in their dissertation alike.
- The grant is endowed with € 1,450/month.
- Doctoral candidates with children will obtain an additional monthly allowance of € 400 for the first child and an additional € 100 for each subsequent child.
- Additional income up to a maximum of € 400/month (gross) is possible. The weekly working time in addition to the scholarship must not exceed 10 hours. Any employment at the University of Göttingen excludes receipt of a completion grant.
- In the event of subsequent employment at the University of Göttingen, it can be checked whether the scholarship holder has to pay additional social security contributions.