

BIGSAS Funding Scheme

Finalisation funding (EUR 1.468,00 monthly; up to six months)

Finalisation funding is intended to support the JF in the final stage of dissertation writing. The six-months funding period ends, in the best-case scenario, with the defence or at least with the submission of the dissertation. In general, Finalisation Funding is possible for JFs whose external funding ends or who do not receive finalisation funding from their scholarship providers.

Requirements

- ✓ Support letter of the supervisor
- ✓ Application addressed to the Executive Committee indicating the requested funding period
- ✓ Detailed work schedule for the requested funding period
- ✓ The proof of having fulfilled the requirements of § 10 para. 2 of the BIGSAS Doctoral Regulations issued 15 September 2017 / § 9 para. 2 of the BIGSAS Doctoral Regulations issued 15 February 2021
- ✓ No other income during the requested funding period

The payment is made only for the first three months. Before the expiration of these three months,

- 1) the supervisor has to submit a progress report based on the schedule;
- 2) the JF has to submit the dissertation chapters completed by then (as a PDF file), a list of contents that indicates the current state of work and a revised work schedule.

If the progress report matches the schedule and the supervisor's recommendation is positive, the EC will then evaluate the case and approve funding for the last three months.

The participation in the self-government of the JFs (as JF Representatives) may be compensated as an additional finalisation funding. It is equivalent to an extension of the time-to-degree and a scholarship up to three months for one term. Applications are addressed to the Executive Committee.

Transitional Funding (EUR 1.468,00 monthly; up to three months)

Transitional funding is intended to support the JF while s/he searches for a job in Germany or works on the publication of the dissertation. Transitional funding is the very last funding option by BIGSAS. After receiving it, there is no further funding available. During the funding period, the recipient has to be in Germany. The three months cannot be split. Transitional funding may be requested within six months after the defence.

Requirements

- ✓ Minimum requirement for applying: the submission of the dissertation
- ✓ Support letter of the supervisor
- ✓ Application addressed to the Executive Committee indicating the requested funding period
- ✓ No other income during the requested funding period

Junior Fellow Representatives' Compensation Funding (EUR 1.468,00 monthly; up to six months)

Participation in self-administration (JF Representative) enables one to apply for an additional funding of three months. It represents a time compensation for the work as a JF Representative and can be extended by another semester. The extension due to participation in the self-administration can also be made after the finalisation funding of six months has been used.

Requirements

- ✓ To have been elected and to have completed one or two terms as a JF Representative
- ✓ Application addressed to the Executive Committee indicating the requested funding period
- ✓ No other income during the requested funding period