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## House of Young Talents – Young Academy

### The University of Siegen awards scholarships for excellent master's students

Through the House of Young Talents (HYT), the University of Siegen announces a programme to support outstanding master's students. The programme provides scholarships of 400 EUR per month for a maximum of two years for up to 5 students at the beginning of their master's studies from 1 April 2021 onwards to create the greatest possible freedom for their own scientific activities. In addition to the financial support, the HYT Young Academy supports the preparation for a scientific career through its own interdisciplinary event programme.

We ask interested bachelor's graduates to submit their application

**until 21 January 2021, 12:00 (noon)**  
to the address [stipendien-hyt@uni-siegen.de](mailto:stipendien-hyt@uni-siegen.de)

in electronic form (PDF).

If you or your mentor have any questions, we will be happy to advise you, if necessary, in person or by telephone. Please contact us for further information under [stipendien-hyt@uni-siegen.de](mailto:stipendien-hyt@uni-siegen.de).

#### Who can receive a scholarship?

The call is cross-faculty and cross-disciplinary and is thematically open. Outstanding bachelor's graduates who (want to) pursue a master's degree at the University of Siegen and are considering taking up a scientific position and a doctorate are to be supported. The excellence of the applicant is decisive for the selection. At least one of the scholarships advertised should be awarded to an international applicant, if possible. Excellent applicants from abroad, or with foreign university entrance qualification, are therefore expressly invited to apply.

The scholarship is linked to enrolment in a master's programme at the University of Siegen corresponding to the application. A further prerequisite is the willingness of a lecturer with a doctoral degree to act as a mentor to the applicant. The mentor must be working at the University of Siegen in the corresponding subject and be entitled to supervise master's theses in this subject.

The scholarship of 400 EUR per month is intended to support excellent bachelor's graduates in taking up a master's programme in Siegen. Hence,

- successful applicants will be funded for a maximum of two years (1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023) if the applicant is enrolled in the 1st or 2nd semester of their master's programme in the summer semester 2021;
- funding will only be provided for a maximum of one year (1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022) if the applicant is enrolled in the 3rd semester of their master's programme in the summer semester 2021;
- an application is not possible if the applicant is already enrolled in a higher semester of their master's programme in the summer semester 2021.

As a rule, direct transitions from the bachelor's programme to the master's programme should be funded. Exceptions apply (with proof) for relevant non-university work, permanent or long-term health impairments, as well as child-raising or care phases between the bachelor's degree and the start of the master's programme.

An extension or re-awarding of the scholarship beyond the maximum period of two years is not possible. A later application for the doctoral scholarships of the HYT Young Academy is possible. Funding will not be granted if the applicant has already completed a master's or comparable degree or has already received or is receiving regular funding from public or private institutions for the same project (double funding). If such further support is received, the scholarship ends at the end of the corresponding month. The scholarship also ends when the master's programme is finished or when the programme or university is changed.

An employment of up to 19 hours per week in addition to the scholarship is possible. Further details can be found in the guidelines of the scholarship programme.

### **Additional funding:**

In addition to the monthly basic support, the HYT Young Academy also maintains a fund for material grants to cover the costs of

- research trips,
- participation in meetings and conferences,
- research-related purchases, or
- invitations of external guests, e.g. for lectures.

The costs are limited to a maximum of 750 EUR per person per year. This is not a lump sum, but a maximum limit up to which costs for studies or activities supporting scientific careers can be approved and reimbursed against appropriate proof. Unused funds from one year can be transferred to the next funding year if this is announced in writing in advance for an appropriate purpose (e.g. travel abroad).

### **Non-material support:**

The HYT Young Academy supports the preparation for a scientific career with its own event programme. Regular events for scholarship recipients (approximately eight per semester) are led alternately by their mentors or, if necessary, additional external lecturers in interdisciplinary groups. Speakers elected annually

by the scholarship recipients can influence the programme. The HYT provides support for the initiative of scholarship recipients (invitations of external guests, conference and research trips, publications).

### Application:

The following documents must be submitted by the closing date as **one single electronic document (PDF)**:

1. Cover letter from the applicant describing the motivation of the application and the objective of the study programme
2. Completed data sheet for the application for a scholarship at the HYT Young Academy (please download separately from [https://www.uni-siegen.de/hyt/young\\_academy/scholarships/](https://www.uni-siegen.de/hyt/young_academy/scholarships/))
3. Curriculum vitae of the applicant in tabular form, if applicable with list of publications and lectures
4. Mentor's assessment of the applicant and his or her study and scientific perspectives; alternatively, the mentor can send the report directly to the HYT after prior consultation
5. Copy of the certificate of the (bachelor's) degree; in exceptional cases (after consultation) a copy of the certificate may be submitted later
6. Complete list of grades (Transcript of Records)
7. If the master's programme has already been started: complete list of grades from the master's programme with all grades already available
8. Certificate of enrolment in a master's programme at the University of Siegen corresponding to the application; if enrolment has not yet taken place, the certificate can be submitted later up to the third month after the start of the funding
9. Applicant's declaration of commitment (see appendix)
10. Mentor's declaration of commitment (see appendix)

The applicant is responsible for submitting the application in full and by the deadline. Applications received late or incomplete will be rejected for formal reasons. Applications must be submitted by email to [stipendien-hyt@uni-siegen.de](mailto:stipendien-hyt@uni-siegen.de). The total length of the application should not exceed 10 pages (not counting the certificate of the bachelor's degree and the transcript of records).

### Decision-making process:

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee with the participation of all faculties. The committee selects the applicants who will be funded. During the decision-making process, the equal opportunities officer and the disabled persons' representative can be involved as advisors.

## Applicant's declaration of commitment

I commit myself

- to actively pursue the master's programme;
- to submit to the HYT without being prompted a progress report (informally on approximately one page) signed by the mentor as well as a current certificate of enrolment for each semester (deadlines 31 March and 30 September) during the funding period;
- to participate personally and actively in the study and career supporting events of the HYT Young Academy;
- to immediately notify the HYT in writing of any changes in personal circumstances relevant to the scholarship, in particular the receipt of any other support, the completion of studies or a change of programme or university; and
- to inform the HYT immediately of the completion of the master's programme, even after the end of the scholarship, and to send a copy of the certificate.

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Date, signature applicant

## Mentor's declaration of commitment

I commit myself

- to actively support the applicant in their master's programme if necessary and mutually agreed upon;
- to conduct an event for scholarship recipients on an interdisciplinary or research-related topic of relevant to academic career development once per year during the scholarship period in coordination with the HYT; there are no additional obligations in case of several successful applicants of a single mentor.

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Date, signature mentor