



GoVersity

# Smart PhD Financing

Pursue your PhD part-time with GoVersity



Would you like to start your PhD without having to deal with endless comparisons, conditions and bank appointments?



## Find the best offer



Together with our partner, we give you exclusive access to discover the best financing options for your PhD in just a few clicks



## Easy Application



Prepare the required documents, verify your identity and submit your application securely and conveniently online.



## Receive your funds start



No long waiting times: once approved, the funds are transferred directly to your account, so you can start your PhD with peace of mind.



## Found a better offer?

Let us know if you come across an even better option. We continuously review and adapt our partnerships to provide you with the best possible selection.

Did you know that the German state may support your PhD financially?

### Step 1

Track your PhD-related costs:  
Collect receipts for fees, literature and other relevant expenses.



### Step 2

If your PhD is work-related, you can claim these costs as income-related expenses in your tax return.

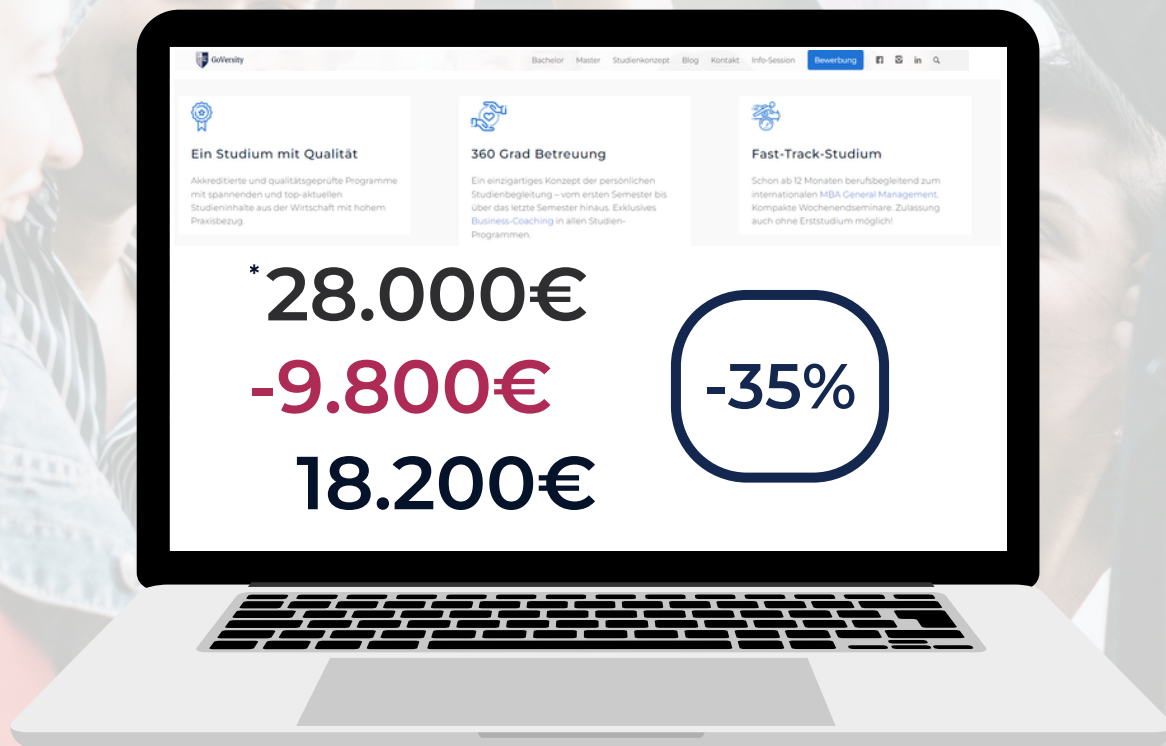


### Step 3

Benefit from tax savings:  
Reduce your taxable burden and potentially receive a tax refund.



Note: This information does not constitute tax advice. Please consult a tax advisor or qualified professional if you have any questions or uncertainties regarding your individual situation.



Tax benefit of **9.800€** 

\*The figures shown are based on an example calculation using average values. The actual tax benefit depends on your individual income, tax rate and personal tax situation, as well as the individual PhD-costs.

Did you know that your PhD may be eligible for a German scholarship funding?

### **Step 1: Start your research**

Look for suitable scholarships for your research project.

Scholarship databases and advisory services can be a helpful starting point.



### **Step 2: Check the requirements**

Review the funding criteria, such as academic performance, social engagement or the relevance of your research topic, and make sure you meet the requirements.



### **Step 3: Application**

Prepare a convincing motivation letter and a detailed research plan that highlights the relevance and innovative potential of your project.



### The most important German PhD scholarships at a glance:

#### **Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes**

Supports excellent doctoral candidates from all disciplines with up to €1,650 per month.

In exceptional cases, it may also be suitable for part-time doctoral models. Find more Infos [here](#).

#### **Hans Böckler Foundation**

Supports part-time doctoral projects with a strong practical focus, ideal for topics in business, social sciences, education or health.

Social engagement is usually required. Find out more about the scholarship [here](#).

#### **Friedrich Ebert Foundation**

Supports doctoral candidates from all disciplines, especially those from non-academic family backgrounds.

Part-time doctoral projects may be possible if the topic has strong social relevance. You can find all scholarship information [here](#).

#### **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA)**

EU-wide funding for international research, particularly in natural sciences, technology, medicine and environmental fields.

Also suitable for practice-oriented doctoral models with mobility elements. More Info available [here](#).



GoVersity supports you with all administrative steps related to your PhD and is also happy to assist you in selecting and applying for scholarships. Just get in touch with us!

Did you know that companies may financially support your PhD through an industry cooperation?

### **Step 1:** Identify a relevant topic

Define a research topic that is both academically valuable and relevant to companies, for example in the fields of innovation, sustainability or technological development.



### **Step 2:** Find an industry partner

Identify an industry partner who is willing to finance and support your research.

This could be your current employer or a partner from the GoVersity network.



### **Step 3:** Coordination by GoVersity

We coordinate the process with your employer or connect you with a suitable industry partner from our network who supports your research and aligns with your topic.



## Smart Financing

### *Options for Financing Your PhD*

#### 1) PhD Financing

Did you know that you may be able to pre-finance your PhD with a loan?

First, determine your financing needs, for example for tuition fees, living expenses or research-related costs. Through GoVersity's exclusive partner access, you can [compare different financing options and find the conditions that suit you best](#). Once your documents are prepared and your identity has been verified, you can conveniently apply for your financing online with the respective banking institution.

#### 2) Tax Deductibility

Did you know that the German state may support your PhD financially?

PhD-related costs such as tuition fees, supervision, specialist literature, equipment and other expenses may be tax-deductible if your PhD is professionally related. This can reduce your tax burden, and you may receive a refund from the tax office. Depending on your individual tax situation, you may be able to save up to 35%. For any questions or uncertainties, please consult your tax advisor online or in person.

#### 3) Scholarship

A scholarship is an excellent way to financially support your PhD.

With targeted research, careful review of the funding criteria and a convincing application, you can position yourself well for successful funding. Use available [databases](#) and [advisory services](#) to identify suitable scholarships and stay focused on your academic goals.

#### 4) Cooperation with Industry

Cooperating with companies is a valuable way to support your PhD financially and academically.

By defining a practice-oriented research topic, you can create a strong basis for industry cooperation. This may not only provide financial support but also valuable insights into real-world practice and stronger career prospects. GoVersity's broad network and career services are happy to support you throughout this process.

**STUDY WITH ❤️ - WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU!**

We are happy to advise you online or in person:

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