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Scholarship | Emergency Aid Fund for Students and Doctoral Candidates of Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz with Family Responsibilities

Background and Funding:

Funds from the Foundation for Supporting Gifted Students and Young Researchers (Rhineland-Palatinate Scholarship Foundation) can provide scholarships for **students and doctoral candidates with family responsibilities**, as well as funds for the spontaneous **support of students and doctoral candidates with family responsibilities** within the framework of an emergency aid fund intended for acute, short-term needs. **The prerequisite for both funding options is the existence of a financial emergency.** This is the case if the income available (net income including valuable assets, grants from third parties without deducting liabilities, e.g., insurance, visa, rent, mobile phone contract, etc.) does not cover the student's needs according to §13 BAföG.

Applications can only be approved if the student submitting the application is demonstrably in an economic emergency. Funding can only be granted within the limits of the available funds. For this reason, there is no legal entitlement to funding.

The two funding options are intended to help provide relief for students and doctoral candidates who have family responsibilities such as pregnancy, raising children and/or caring for close relatives in exceptional financial situations.

Target Groups:

All **students and doctoral candidates** who are **enrolled at JGU** or are receiving a **doctoral scholarship from JGU** or who are at JGU as part of an **international study or graduate exchange program** are eligible for funding.

Both funding options are granted to persons from the above target group who find themselves in financial difficulties through no fault of their own. The following groups of people are given special consideration:

- single parent students/doctoral candidates
- international students/doctoral candidates with family responsibilities

- students/doctoral candidates with more than one child
- students/doctoral candidates with one or more children and caring responsibilities for a close relative
graduating students/doctoral students with family responsibilities (the last section of the final examination must begin in the current semester and be completed within the current semester or at the latest within the following semester)
- students/doctoral candidates with family responsibilities and upcoming stays abroad and/or internships

Requirements for Applicants:

Scholarship for students/doctoral candidates with family responsibilities:

- letter of motivation (1 to max. 2 pages)
- copy of (valid) identity card/passport
- proof of previous academic achievements (academic records from CampusNet / JOGU-StiNe, which proves an active and degree-oriented attitude towards studying) or proof of the doctorate status from the supervisor
- bank statements of all accounts of the last 3 months (in copy, including credit card, etc.)
- excerpt from the examination regulations or the doctoral regulations (only required in the case of a mandatory internship or a stay abroad recommended/mandatory in the examination regulations/doctoral regulations)
- letter of recommendation from a JGU lecturer or the supervisor of the doctoral project

Emergency Aid Fund for Students/Doctoral Candidates with Family Responsibilities:

- written explanation of the urgent need (1 to max. 2 pages)
- copy of (valid) identity card/passport
- proof of previous academic achievements (academic records from CampusNet / JOGU-StiNe, which proves an active and degree-oriented attitude towards studying) or proof of the doctorate status from the supervisor
- bank statements of all accounts of the last 3 months (in copy, also credit card etc.)

Before applying for one of the funding options, applicants are strongly recommended to seek advice from the Family Services Center at JGU in order to be able to check other financial support options (e.g., state funding, other programs, etc.) in advance.

Funding Volume:

Scholarships: 8-10 scholarships of 900 Euro per month are available per year for a funding period of 6 months. A repeat application for a further 6 months is possible once but requires a new application for continuation and its approval. This depends on the availability of funds.

Emergency aid fund: The amount of the allocation granted is checked on the basis of the economic emergency situation and also depends on the availability of funds. It is not possible to exceed a funding amount of 1000 Euro per application.

Funding from the emergency fund running parallel to an approved scholarship is not possible. The maximum funding amount from both benefits is 15.000€ per applicant.

Application and Decision:

The applications for the funding opportunities are available as downloads on the website of the Family Services Center and on central student websites of JGU (Learning and Teaching, Gutenberg International School Services, the Equality and Diversity Office, etc.). After the applications have been received and reviewed by the Family Services Center, a selection committee (consisting of one representative each from the Family Services Center, the Learning and Teaching Department, and the Equality and Diversity Office) decides on the applications. For the emergency aid fund, the Family Services Center decides independently on the allocation of funds using the principle of dual control.

Application Deadlines:

Emergency aid fund: Applications are possible at any time throughout the year via the Family Services Center (until all the funds have been utilized)

Scholarships: Applications are possible twice a year (until all funds have been utilized). Applications for the summer semester can be submitted to the Family Services Center **until March 15th** and applications for the winter semester **until September 15th of each year.**

Data Protection Notices:

The duration of the storage of individual data is based on the statutory minimum retention periods. In the present case, these apply for 10 years (after fulfillment of the respective purpose of the scholarship). However, data may also be stored for a longer or shorter period if future regulations are passed by the European or national legislator that provide for longer or shorter storage of this data.