

# Financial Aid Office

## Doctoral scholarships

### General

Scholarships are awarded to enrolled doctoral students at ETH experiencing precarious financial difficulties, who are not employed any more at ETH Zurich.

The doctoral scholarships are granted to a maximum of 3 months.

The mandatory semester fees must be paid.

You are not allowed to combine a doctoral scholarship with an assistantship or part-time job in or outside ETH.

### Application process

Clarify beforehand with the supervisor any other source of financial aid.

The ETH scholarship is granted at the end of the doctoral studies when the completion of the thesis and PhD examination cannot be finished within the contract period but within the next three months.

### Application

In letter form at any time. Include the following information

#### Education

Degree and subsequent employments  
Supervisor's name/Institute at ETH,  
Starting date of doctoral studies  
Thesis topic  
Research plan for last months of PhD until defense

### Personal details

Date of birth/birthplace  
Home town/home country  
Marital status  
Children (birth certificate)  
Special circumstances (divorces etc)

### Financial situation (attach receipts)

Own assets/savings  
Part-time jobs  
Scholarships/loans/open applications for financial support  
Income partner<sup>1</sup>

### Receipts

Last tax return/invoice  
Withholding tax payers: detailed bank statements of all personal bank accounts in Switzerland and abroad for the last six months  
Decisions on any other means of financial support  
Last ETH employment contract  
Current salary statement

<sup>1</sup> Cohabiting couples for at least five years are treated equivalent to married couples. Same if they have common children (living in the same household).

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## Condition

Attach a **sealed recommendation letter** written by your supervisor. This letter should specify your PhD success, detailed planning of thesis and final examination. Additionally it explains why no further funding by the supervisor/professor is possible.

## Payment

The scholarship is paid monthly to your swiss Post-Finance or bank account. The maximum amount is 2/3 of a first years PhD salary (at the moment 2613 CHF).

**Reclaims** are made under the following conditions:

Incorrect or incomplete information

Insufficient performance

Job entry or other financial resources not mentioned to the Financial Aid Office

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