

Ordinance on the Promotion of Postgraduates of the Land Brandenburg (GradV)

15th September, 2000

Based on Article 57 /2 of the Brandenburg Act on Higher Education of 20 May 1999 the Minister for Science, Research and Culture enacts in accordance with the Minister of finance:

§ 1 Promotion of doctorates and artistic development projects

For the preparation of a doctorate or for an artistic development project a scholarship can be provided if the following requirements are fulfilled:

1. a completed university education
2. excellent performance in the field of work
3. a scientific project that is expected to become an important contribution to research or a project that is expected to become an important contribution to the advancement of artistic forms and means of expression and
4. the scientific or artistic supervision through a professor of a university in Brandenburg

§ 2 Kind and scope of support

- (1) The scholarship comprises basic amount, family allowance and special supplements.
- (2) The basic amount is 715.81 EUR per month. In promotion programmes which are implemented in collaboration with other donors of scholarship the basic amount can be adapted to the scholarship amount of the other donors.
- (3) The scholarship holder receives a family allowance in addition to the basic amount of 102,26 EUR per month,
 1. if he or his spouse is receiving child allowance for a child according to the *Bundeskindergeldgesetz*, or
 2. if the spouse is not employed

For each additional child the family allowance is raised by 51.13 EUR. If both spouses receive scholarships according to this ordinance or if the spouse of the scholarship holder receives a scholarship according to regulations that are in line with this ordinance, family allowance will be given once only.

- (4) For material and travel expenses a lump sum supplement of 25,56 EUR per month will be given.
- (5) The scholarship and special supplements will be given as allowances according to §§ 23 and 44 of the State Budget Ordinance. There is no legal claim to receive a scholarship.

§ 3 Overall duration of support

- (1) The overall duration of support is up to three years. The money is granted for a year respectively.
- (2) For doctorate scholarship holders with a Bachelor degree the duration of support can be extended for 12 months beyond the duration of support according to paragraph 1.
- (3) The overall duration of support extends for the period of a prohibition of employment according to §§ 3 and 6 of the maternity protection statute.
- (4) In case of illness the overall duration of support can be extended for six months at most beyond duration of support according to paragraph 1, in addition to the duration of support according to paragraphs 2 and 3.

§ 4 Exclusion and cancellation of support

- (1) Persons receiving for the same purpose another support from public institutions or from private institutions that are promoted mainly with public funds, are not eligible to receive a scholarship.
- (2) A support is impossible or has to be revoked if the scholarship holder is hindered by his occupation or another activity to dedicate himself entirely or mainly to the task promoted by the scholarship.
- (3) The support can be revoked if facts indicate that the scholarship holder does not strive towards the intended goal to a necessary and reasonable extent. The awarding commission is incumbent upon detecting this. The scholarship holder is to be heard.

§ 5 Charging income of the scholarship holder and his spouse

- (1) Income received beyond the scholarship within the meaning of the Income Tax Act will be counted against the scholarship, so far as the annual income of singles exceeds a sum of 7.669,38 EUR, and that of married persons inclusive of the annual income of the spouse exceeds 15.338,76 EUR. For each child these amounts raise by 1.227,10 EUR per year. Decisive for the calculation of the monthly scholarship is the twelfth part of the respective income in the year before allowance.
- (2) It can be abstained from charging income entirely or partly if and insofar it would be an undue hardship, particularly if the income is received as an offset to a disadvantage that is not a property loss.

§ 6 Award procedure

- (1) The scholarships will be announced in public.
- (2) The scholarships and the special surcharges will be approved by the university on written application of the candidate on the basis of a decision of the awarding committee through a grant notification.
- (3) For the processing of personal data § 5 of the Brandenburg University Act of 20th May, 1999 is applied.

§ 7 Awarding committee

- (1) Each university that awards scholarships is establishing an awarding committee, consisting of:
 1. the president or the rector or a deputy appointed by him as chairperson
 2. two professors
 3. one graduated scientific staff member or an artistic staff member
 4. one doctoral student or another artistic staff member.
- (2) The committee proves the existence of the technical qualifications for the awarding of a scholarship according to §1 for the individual case. It adopts the overall duration of support according to § 3, verifies the final report and decides on a cancellation according to § 4 paragraph 3.

§ 8 Seminars conducted by a Postgraduate

- (1) After the first year of support scholarship holders have the duty to give seminars comprising two semester periods per week as far as the university sets the premises.
- (2) The own scientific/artistic work of the scholarship holder should be considered if choosing topics for his seminar. It should be linked to the doctorate project resp. the artistic development project.

§ 9 Becoming operative, becoming inoperative

- (1) This ordinance enters into force as from 1 October, 2000.
- (2) At the same time, the Ordinance for the Promotion of Postgraduates of the Land Brandenburg from 10th December 1991 becomes inoperative.