

Information for International PhD Candidates

General Information

The TU Berlin regards doctoral research as the first independent scientific activity of early-stage researchers either supervised individually or as part of a [doctoral programme](#). In contrast to the Anglo-Saxon model of postgraduate studies, there is mostly **no fixed plan of studies** for doctoral candidates. The TU Berlin does **not charge tuition fees**.

If you are **interested in doctoral work at the TU Berlin** you need to consult the [doctoral regulations](#) which apply for all faculties of the TU Berlin and consider the following points:

1. Equivalence of your degree(s)

The Recognition Office will give you a first indication whether your final degree **entitles you to pursue doctoral studies** at TU Berlin and if you might require additional studies to meet the admission criteria: www.auslandsamt.tu-berlin.de/international-office/aequivalenzen/parameter/en/

2. Supervision

If you plan to pursue a doctoral degree at the TU Berlin you need a professor who agrees to supervise your dissertation and possibly provide you with a workspace (especially in natural sciences and engineering). Before you get in touch with potential supervisors you should have a look at their specific fields of research: www.tu-berlin.de/menue/forschung/forschung_an_den_fakultaeten/parameter/en/

Doctoral programs (DFG Research Training Groups etc.) have specific admission requirements which can be found at their individual [websites](#).

3. Acceptance as a Doctoral Candidate

If you have the agreement of a supervisor, you have to apply for acceptance as a doctoral candidate at your Faculty to ensure that you will be accepted as a doctoral researcher and if you have to meet further conditions. Once accepted you can enroll as a doctoral student at TU Berlin. Please contact the [Faculty Service Center](#) for details of the acceptance process.

4. Enrollment as a Doctoral Student

Once you have been admitted as a doctoral candidate and **depending on your degree and nationality** you can apply for admission or directly enroll as a doctoral student at TU Berlin. In general non-EU citizens need to apply first and will receive an admission letter while most of the other candidates can enroll directly. Details regarding this process can be found on the website of the *Servicebereich Master* (IA1): www.referat-1a.tu-berlin.de/menue/promotion/parameter/en/

5. Further Information

Servicebereich Master
[Office of Student Affairs](#)

Recognition Office
[International Affairs](#)

TU-DOC Office
[Doctoral and
Postdoctoral Services](#)