



Guest Programme Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (MPIeR)

Application and Selection Process for doctoral students

All submitted research projects should suit the Institute's current research programme and its topics of interest. Research related to the Institute's Focus Areas (consult the [research profile](#) for details) will be given priority. Further extraordinary topics are regularly selected as being especially worthy of support.

All guests are expected to actively participate in the Institute's activities. Depending on the duration of the stay, this includes

- attending academic events at the Institute,
- presenting the project at an internal meeting or as a public lecture,
- writing a research paper, which then might appear in one of the MPIeR publication series.

Doctoral student funding

Doctoral students can apply for an **Orientation Scholarship** at any time at least six months prior to the planned stay. Applicants should indicate the intended duration of their visit (two to six months). Applications should be submitted via email to the [research coordinator](#) and include the applicant's CV, an exposé of the planned research project (max. 5 pages), the claim form ([additional application details](#)) and a reference from a qualified academic referee. All documents must be submitted in PDF format.

Dialogue Scholarships require a favourable evaluation by an MPIeR scholar who agrees to mentor the applicant over the course of the one- to three-month stay at the Institute. Applications for Dialogue Scholarships must include the applicant's CV, an exposé of the research project (max. 5 pages), and the claim form ([additional application details](#)). All documents should be submitted via email to the research coordinator at any time at least six months prior to the planned visit.

The selection committee selects applicants on a quarterly basis (January/April/July/October).

Scholarship Amount

The amount of funding awarded depends on the recipient's qualifications. Graduate students (without doctoral degrees) receive 1365€ per month. Applicants must obtain health insurance equivalent to that provided by German Statutory Health Care System for their entire stay. The MPIeR will subsidize 50% of these insurance costs up to a maximum of 100€ per month.



The Max Planck Summer Academy for Legal History

The Institute hosts a [Summer Academy for Legal History](#) once a year. Participants enjoy instruction by experts, gratis accommodation as well as the use of the library for their own research. While participants must generally cover their own travel expenses, they can also apply for a limited subsidy to help defray these costs.

The call for applications detailing the thematic focus for that year's topic is usually circulated in October of the preceding year. The deadline for applications, including a recent CV and a project expose (ca. 10 pages) is 31 January. The Summer Academy is held in English, so command of German is not required.

A selection committee consisting of the directors of the institute and the research coordinator and will evaluate the applications.

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