



Scholarships for senior researchers Application and selection procedures

Eligibility: Experienced researchers who were awarded their PhD more than 10 years ago and who are recognised experts in their respective field. The applicants' research projects must closely relate to one of the current Research Fields of the Institute's Departments [Multidisciplinary Theory of Law](#) (Prof Auer), [Historical Regimes of Normativity](#) (Prof Duve) or [European and Comparative Legal History](#) (Prof Vogenauer).

Duration and funding: The scholarships are intended to fund research stays of one to six months at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory. Scholarship holders currently receive a monthly stipend of up to €3,000. Income from existing employment relationships or scholarships has to be set off against the amount awarded and will thus be taken into account when determining the exact amount of the stipend.

Visiting scholars must obtain health insurance for the entire duration of their stay. The mpilhlit will contribute up to 50% of these insurance costs up to a maximum of €100 per month.

Applications must include the following documents (in English):

- Research proposal (up to 10 000 characters), including an explanation as to how the project relates the Department's main research activities
- CV
- List of publications
- The name and (postal and email) address of a scholar whom we may contact to request a letter of reference
- Three thematically relevant publications of the last five years (as PDFs)
- Copy of PhD certificate
- Scan of the completed and signed form 'Additional Application Details'

Deadline Applications can be submitted at any time via the [online application platform](#) but a minimum of **six** months in advance of the planned research stay.

Decisions regarding the award of scholarships are made by the Institute's scholarship committee at one of its quarterly sessions (January/April/July/October).

Further information on the application process: For legal reasons, the scholarships can only be awarded to researchers who hold a PhD and who are neither employed by a German institution nor ordinarily resident in Germany. Furthermore, regulations prevent the award of a scholarship for senior scholars immediately following one of the Institute's scholarships for post-doctoral researchers.

The mpilhlit has a number of apartments that visitors are required to rent (subject to availability).

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