

# Expenses

## Fees

There are **no tuition fees** for the training program.

However there is a general administration fee to be paid for the registration as a student of the University of Goettingen (amounting about EUR 185 per year) or the Technical University of Braunschweig (amounting about EUR 240 per year).

## Living expenses

Living expenses (including accomodation) are estimated to be around EUR 500-700 per month for a single person depending on life style.

## Housing

In Katlenburg-Lindau, a number of apartments are administered by the Max Planck Institute. Assistance in finding privately run rooms or apartments is also offered by the Institute. For these and other matters see the [visitors guide](#).

In Göttingen and Braunschweig, single rooms are available in student dormitories, administered by the Studentenwerk [Göttingen](#) / [Braunschweig](#) (monthly rent from about EUR 150). Housing off-campus (mostly private) is usually more expensive but offers a wider range of options. Assistance in finding housing off-campus is offered by the Office of International Relations (Akademisches Auslandsamt [Göttingen](#) / [Braunschweig](#)).

## Health Insurance

German health insurance is obligatory for all students. A special low-prize student insurance is being offered for all students of under 30 years of age. This insurance covers the costs of normal medical treatment in Germany. The monthly charge is about EUR 50.

# Financial Support

Successful applicants will receive financial support.

## **German PhD Students**

Unless students obtain their own fellowship, German PhD students are offered a working contract and are paid a salary according to the German Public Service standards, 1/2 BAT IIa for 2 years plus 2 times 6 months extension, if necessary, subject to income tax, a contribution to health insurance, social insurance (pension, unemployment), and, if applicable, a church tax. Expect a net income between EUR 900 and 1100 per month, depending on family status and age.

## **Foreign PhD Students**

Unless students obtain their own fellowship, foreign PhD students with a Master or Diploma degree receive a fellowship, which is free of tax and social insurance. Health insurance is mandatory and must be paid by the student. The monthly fellowship amounts between EUR 920 and EUR 1070, depending on experience, plus up to EUR 255 for the accompanying spouse, plus EUR 50 for each accompanying child, plus an optional material costs subsidy up to EUR 120. The fellowship is offered for 2 years plus 1 year of possible extension.

## **Post-Bachelor Students**

Students with a Bachelor degree may obtain a studentship, which is free of tax and social insurance. The monthly studentship amounts approximately EUR 680, plus health insurance minus EUR 10, plus up to EUR 230 for the accompanying spouse, plus EUR 50 for each accompanying child, plus an optional rent subsidy. Furthermore travel costs are reimbursed and baggage shipping is covered up to EUR 77 twice. The studentship is offered for 1 year plus 6 months of possible extension.