



# Doctoral Studies at Hochschule Geisenheim University

## Turning Ideas into Research

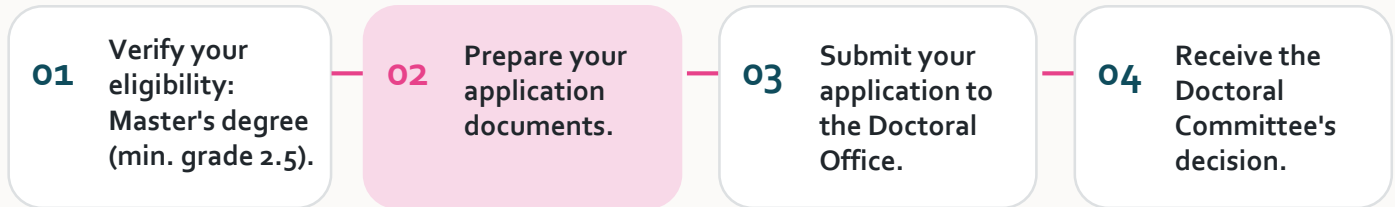
Have you already found a professor at Hochschule Geisenheim University who has agreed to supervise your doctoral project?

Find out which doctoral pathways are available to you and how to prepare your doctoral application.

**Your Path to a Doctoral Degree.  
We Guide You Every Step of the Way.**

# Your Doctoral Application in Four Steps

Once your supervision, research topic, and funding have been arranged, you may prepare and submit your application to the Doctoral Office.



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## Before You Begin

- Define your research topic and arrange supervision at Hochschule Geisenheim University.
- Secure funding for your doctoral project.  
Select your doctoral pathway
- (see next page).

## Funding

- A doctorate can be funded through employment at Hochschule Geisenheim University, external employment, or a scholarship.
- Hochschule Geisenheim University itself does not offer doctoral scholarships.

# Required Documents

✓ Doctoral application form

✓ Curriculum vitae (including current address)

✓ Confirmation of supervision and confirmation of second reviewer

✓ Certified copies of academic transcripts and degree certificates

✓ Supervision agreement, including approval of Scientific Integrity guidelines

✓ Publication list and, if applicable, marriage certificate

✓ Research proposal (see separate guidelines)

## Important

- Submit your doctoral application as early as possible, ideally at the beginning of your research project and no later than six months after starting your doctoral work.
- Please ensure that documents are complete, signed, and dated. Current templates, meeting dates, and further information are available on the HGU website.

# Which Doctoral Path Is Right for You?

At Hochschule Geisenheim University, there are different pathways to a doctoral degree: you can pursue your doctorate through established partnerships with our partner universities in Giessen and Marburg (Doctoral Platform), or involve a university of your choice in your doctoral procedure.

## PATH A

### Doctorate through the Doctoral Platform with Giessen or Marburg

- Primary supervision is provided at Hochschule Geisenheim University, with co-supervision by a professor from Justus Liebig University Giessen or Philipps University Marburg.
- The doctoral procedure follows the doctoral regulations of the participating faculty.
- Upon successful completion, you will receive a joint doctoral certificate from the participating institutions.

## PATH B

### Doctorate with a University of Your Choice

- Primary supervision is provided at Hochschule Geisenheim University. The second reviewer is a professor from a university (with the right to award doctoral degrees) of your choice, either in Germany or abroad.
- Your doctoral procedure is governed by the Doctoral Regulations of Hochschule Geisenheim University.
- Upon successful completion, you will receive your doctoral certificate from Hochschule Geisenheim University. The participating university will be named on the certificate.

## Good to Know

- The doctoral degree awarded is determined by the research area and the relevant regulations of the university of the second reviewer..
- For doctoral projects involving an international university, Hochschule Geisenheim University awards the degree **Dr. agr.**

If you have any questions, the Doctoral Office will be happy to assist you.

# What Happens After You Apply?

The Doctoral Office first reviews your application for completeness and formal eligibility. Your application is then evaluated by the Doctoral Committee.

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## Application Submitted

- one printed copy (single-sided and not stapled)
- one complete PDF containing all application documents

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## Formal Review

Verification of completeness and eligibility requirements

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## Doctoral Committee Review

The Doctoral Committee meets **twice per semester** to evaluate applications

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## Decision

You will be informed whether your application has been accepted, declined, or accepted subject to specific conditions

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## Start as a Doctoral Student

Official start of the doctoral phase

### Submission Instructions

Please submit one single-sided printed copy (do not staple) and send one combined PDF containing all application documents to the Doctoral Office.

Email: [promotionsbuero@hs-gm.de](mailto:promotionsbuero@hs-gm.de)

Current forms, downloads, and meeting dates are available on the University website.