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The PhD Network gives advice and support to international doctoral candidates and postdocs concerning administrative tasks such as registration with the city and foreign registration office, matriculation at the university, health insurance, and questions of financial support. We strive to integrate international junior scientists into German culture and everyday life in Halle (Saale) by organizing German language courses and cultural events. In order to profit from the offers of the PhD Network fully, please make sure to register with us and be put onto our mailing list. Registration is voluntary and free of charge, and can be accomplished in person or via email.

**German Language Courses**

Every semester the PhD Network offers German language courses for international doctoral candidates and postdocs. They are especially directed to learners with little or no knowledge of German, but we also provide courses for advanced learners. These are evening classes which are run by experienced teachers and take place twice a week.

»I decided to participate in the German beginners’ course to be able to talk to Germans in their mother tongue and to make everyday-life easier for me.« Farhat Jahan, Bangladesh

**PhD Stammtisch**

Practicing language skills, gaining intercultural experience, meeting new people and making friends from around the world. This is what characterizes the PhD Stammtisch which takes place in one of Halle’s many pubs once a month.

»The PhD Network is doing a perfect job in organizing events and social activities like the Stammtisch or excursions, helping all PhDs and Postdocs come together.« Suhaib Shekfeh, Syria

**Teaching and Research Assistantships**

Once per year the PhD Network advertises Teaching and Research Assistantships to international doctoral candidates of the university. Assistantships are meant to give PhD students hands-on experience in research and teaching as well as strengthen the internationalization of research and teaching at our university. The assistants support research and teaching by providing courses for students, supervision of student projects, collecting and analyzing data, or preparing publications and conference contributions. Besides, the assistantships may help to partially cover the living costs of PhD students.

»My experience with the PhD-Network’s Teaching and Research Assistantship was very positive. During a time when I had no other means of income, I opted for this way of funding in order to participate in a science project.« Manuela Massa, Italy

**PhD Finalization Grants**

PhD Finalization Grants pursue the objective to financially support international PhD students, who are suffering hardship through no fault of their own, the finalization of their doctoral studies. Only a limited amount of Grants can be awarded. Requirements for a funding are a good academic performance, a successful completion of doctoral studies within one year of the time of application as well as proof of acceptance as a doctoral candidate and certificate of enrolment.

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