



Doctoral Fellowship in Energy Economics

at the Cologne Graduate School in Economics, Management and Social Sciences, in cooperation with the Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne (EWI)

Call for Applications

The Cologne Graduate School ([CGS](#)) in Economics, Management, and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne ([UoC](#)) and the group of Energy Economists at the Department of Economics offer a doctoral fellowship in energy economics, in cooperation with the Institute of Energy Economics at the University of Cologne ([EWI](#)). The fellowship will be awarded to candidates working on topics that are related to EWI's research: electricity, energy commodities, energy markets and regulation.

As a Doctoral Fellow, you will enrol into the Doctoral Study Programme in Economics or the PhD Programme in Economics at CGS and obtain a three-year doctoral scholarship. In addition, you are encouraged to become an active part of EWI's vibrant research community, e.g., through a part-time position at EWI as a research associate or through authorship collaborations. Moreover, we offer additional economic training if this was not part of your previous education, including a corresponding extension of the scholarship period ("economics booster"). You will be supervised by two members of the faculty, including the Director of EWI.

Combining one of CGS's structured graduate programmes with EWI's research agenda and activities provides a unique and inspiring academic environment. In line with the Faculty's vision of "Today's ideas, tomorrow's impact" and EWI's objective of being a "knowledge factory", the fellowship is aimed at creating and disseminating innovative knowledge and insights about the ongoing fundamental transformation of the energy sector.

Qualifications

We invite applications from outstanding students who hold, or are close to finishing, a master's degree (or equivalent) in economics or other fields relevant to EWI's research agenda, such as engineering, mathematics, physics, (geo-)information systems or interdisciplinary programmes (e.g. environmental sciences). The University of Cologne is an equal opportunity employer. We strive for gender and diversity equality and welcome applications from all backgrounds.

Funding

The scholarship amounts to 1,515€ per month plus a yearly research budget of 1,000€. The scholarship is awarded for a maximum period of three years (or up to four years with the "economics booster") and is tax-free. The scholarship may be combined with a part-time position at EWI or at the University of Cologne.

Procedure

Application is online only. In your application, please suggest a potential dissertation topic. The deadline for the submission of your application is March 15, 2026. For further information on the application process and on required application documents, please visit: [Scholarship Application](#).

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