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Call for Applications for the Doctoral Degree Program

“Public International Law: Human Rights – International Economic and Environmental Law- International Criminal Law”

Winter Semester 2025/2026

The call for applications of the Faculty of Law of the University of Göttingen regarding the doctoral degree program "Public International Law: Human Rights – International Economic and Environmental Law – International Criminal Law" is now open for the winter semester of 2025/26.

Building upon its traditional strength and profile and equally pursuing the promotion of further internationalization, the Faculty of Law of the University of Göttingen, in cooperation with the Institute of International and European Law, has established this doctoral program in International Law.

The "Public International Law: Human Rights – International Economic and Environmental Law – International Criminal Law" doctoral program offers outstanding graduates in this field the opportunity to write their dissertation with the advice of at least two of the following supervisors, namely Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Kai Ambos, Prof. Dr. Andreas L. Paulus and Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Peter-Tobias Stoll. Throughout the three years, graduates will receive additional training through classes in different areas of International Law and a variety of courses organized by the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences.

I. Deadline for applications

The deadline for applications is **April 15, 2025**. Late applications will not be considered.

II. Application process

All applicants must submit an online application form with all supportive documents via the following link

https://lotus1.gwdg.de/uni/ujvr/phd_scholarship_2024.nsf/application

Along with the online form, applicants must upload the following documents in PDF format. If the original document is not in English or German, please add a translation:

1. An up-to-date CV.
2. A personal statement explaining the applicant's achievements and interest in the program (1-2 pages).
3. Master's Degree **in Law** certificate and transcript of records.
4. Bachelor's Degree **in Law** certificate and transcript of records.
5. Certificate of English proficiency.
6. A research proposal (maximum ten pages).
7. A list of publications (if available).
8. Other relevant documents and certificates, which support the application (if available).

Note: Please understand that we cannot accept incomplete applications, applications that are not submitted by the stipulated deadline, or applications sent via email.

III. Language requirements

Evidence of satisfactory English skills can be provided through minimum results in one of the following internationally recognized tests:

- a) International English Language Testing System (IELTS Academic), minimum band score 6.5
- b) Paper-based test "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL-PBT), minimum 577 points.
- c) Internet-based test "Test of English as a Foreign Language" (TOEFL-IBT), minimum 90 points.
- d) Evidence of C1 qualification according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.
- e) UNICert Level III.

Exemptions to provide the test result:

1. Applicants who have spent at least two years in an English-speaking country for study or work purposes within the three years of applying to the program, and
2. Applicants who have completed a degree in English.

Note: Applicants who are exempt from submitting the certificate of English proficiency shall upload a signed written document addressed to the Program Committee asking to be dispensed from providing a proof of satisfactory English skills and explaining the reason, in accordance with Art. 2 (3) of the Degree Regulations.

IV. Selection process

1. Applications will be carefully considered and evaluated by the Program Committee.
2. The Program Committee will submit to the Council of the Faculty the applications selected with the respective written confirmation of supervision and the Program Committee's recommendation.
3. The Council of the Faculty will decide upon the admission of the selected applicants.
4. The application process's final results will be communicated by email to the applicants in due course.

Note: The eventual acceptance of your application is not connected with a scholarship from the university.

V. Start Semester

The winter semester of 2025/2026 begins on October 1, 2025.

VI. Data protection

With your application's submission, you accept your applicant data processing in terms of data protection law. Further information on the legal basis and data usage is provided in the [Information General Data Protection Regulation](#) (GDPR).

If you have any further questions, contact the Program Coordinator, Rodolfo González Espinosa LL.M, at doctorintlaw@uni-goettingen.de.