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Start your PhD with **GRADE**  
at Goethe University Frankfurt am Main

# Make your PhD a success!

GRADE – the university wide (Post)Graduate Academy – offers a platform for excellent (post)doctoral education and research support for all 16 faculties of Frankfurt's Goethe University.

- ▶ Get help with your start in Frankfurt with the University's **Buddy Program**: get support with housing, insurance, visa issues and more.
- ▶ **Learn German** with other international candidates in our GRADE language courses.
- ▶ Benefit from our comprehensive **Workshop Program**.
- ▶ Enjoy **Individual Support** – use our Language Service for checking the final draft of your manuscript or get advice on personal and research-related issues by attending a professional coaching session.
- ▶ Take part in our **Social Events** and meet young researchers from other faculties and from all around the world.



"The A1 German course simultaneously improves my ability to manage my life in Frankfurt and connects me to other international students."

Claire Teitelbaum, Biology, USA

# Get your PhD in Frankfurt!

The German doctorate enjoys an outstanding reputation in all disciplines. Here are five good reasons to pursue a doctoral degree at Goethe University Frankfurt:

1. Frankfurt – the smallest metropolis in the world – is a young, vibrant, international city with a high standard of living.
2. With close to 50,000 students, 650 professors and degree programmes in 16 different faculties Frankfurt's Goethe University offers a wide range of research areas and top researchers.
3. Goethe University Frankfurt was rated 10th in the world in the New York Times' "What the job market wants" university ranking.
4. Frankfurt is a leader in university-business collaborations, giving you a career advantage once you've finished your PhD.
5. The nationally and internationally acclaimed (post)graduate academy GRADE will help you make the most of your doctoral studies!

"The Social Events offer the opportunity to discover Frankfurt behind the scenes. GRADE presents a real chance to enrich your life in Frankfurt, both in and out of work!"

Diane Bissen, Natural and Life Sciences, Belgium

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Frankfurt

# Make sure you're prepared...

There are two ways to get your doctorate in Germany:

- ▶ In an **individual doctorate**, the doctoral thesis is written under the supervision of a professor.
- ▶ In a **structured doctoral program**, a team of supervisors advises a group of doctoral candidates.

No matter how you choose to get your PhD, GRADE is there to support you!

## Checklist

### Before coming to Germany, you should...

- find a supervisor or a structured doctoral program,
- arrange for financial support,
- have your university graduation certificate officially translated into German or English, and
- obtain a valid visa for Germany.

### After your arrival, it is important to...

- make sure you have sufficient health insurance,
- register with the local authorities,
- register as a doctoral candidate at your faculty at Goethe University Frankfurt, and
- register with GRADE and benefit from our free services!

# GRADE

GRADE provides you with its own specially designed workshop series called **Get Prepared for the Future**. The program has four main modules:

- ▶ **Get Started** is designed as an introduction for first-year PhD candidates.
- ▶ **Get on With It** can help participants to stay focussed and motivated during the time of their PhD.
- ▶ **Get on the Right Track** brings PhD candidates into contact with the corporate world, NGOs and outstanding researchers by way of regularly held Career Talks.
- ▶ **Get Finished** is designed to prepare doctoral candidates in their final year for their oral PhD exam (viva voce).



"I have benefited hugely from participating in the various Training Programs offered by GRADE. They have greatly assisted my doctoral study!"

Huifeng Li,  
Economic Sciences,  
China

GRADE participants are also free to choose from a wide selection of workshops covering a range of topics, including:

- ▶ Scientific and academic methods
- ▶ Academic writing
- ▶ Presentation techniques
- ▶ Grant applications
- ▶ Career planning

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Workshops and Courses

Language Classes

Individual Coaching

Social Events  
Networking



Career Support