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# Doctorate



## Heidelberg Biosciences International Graduate School HBIGS

Heidelberg University • Heidelberg

### Overview

Degree	Doctoral Degree
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Courses are held in English.
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	Open PhD positions are advertised weekly and submission of applications is possible throughout the year. Admission rounds will take place regularly.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	Yes
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>The Heidelberg Biosciences International Graduate School (HBIGS) focuses on the highly dynamic research areas which are especially strong in Heidelberg and are at the forefront of biosciences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>developmental biology</li><li>infectious diseases</li><li>molecular and cellular biology</li><li>molecular biotechnology and biophysics</li><li>molecular plant sciences</li><li>neurosciences</li><li>structural biology and biochemistry</li><li>systems biology, bioinformatics, and mathematical biology</li><li>molecular medicine</li></ul>

### Course Details

Course organisation	PhD students will work independently under the supervision of a principal investigator. After being accepted for a specific PhD project, students will attend the three-week Core Course.
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As members of the graduate school, they will:

- present and discuss their results with a thesis advisory committee
- attend additional courses
- attend lectures with guest scientists
- discuss their goals and career options with a career development adviser
- attend summer schools
- get to know fellow PhD students and principal investigators
- take part in extramural activities

International elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International guest lecturers</li></ul>
Integrated internships	None
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	No
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

## Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	Approx. 150 EUR
Costs of living	Living expenses in Heidelberg are estimated at around 550-800 EUR per month, depending on lifestyle. Rent for an apartment off campus will cost approx. 300-500 EUR. For those wishing to live on campus, it is possible to apply for an "all-inclusive service package high-tech plus" offered by student services at approx. 3,650 EUR per year for prospective students. The package covers accommodation, meals, health insurance, public transport, a personal computer and Internet access.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above-mentioned funding opportunities within the university	PhD positions are paid and will cover all living expenses.

## Requirements / Registration

Academic admission requirements	The minimum requirement for admission into the graduate school is a university degree from an internationally accredited university which would allow the applicant to enter a PhD programme in biosciences in the country where the degree was awarded. Depending on the country, this may be a Master's, "Licentiate", or "Diplom" in natural sciences or equivalent.
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<b>Language requirements</b>	All candidates must be proficient in English. For non-native speakers, proficiency must be confirmed by a TOEFL (paper-based: 570+, computer-based: 230+, Internet-based: 90+), IELTS (band 6.5+), or the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE). Candidates who took part in an undergraduate programme in which the language of instruction was English are asked to provide a suitable certificate from their faculty.
<b>Application deadline</b>	Open PhD positions are advertised weekly and submission of applications is possible throughout the year. Admission rounds will take place regularly.
<b>Submit application to</b>	Only via online application system: <a href="http://www.hbigs.uni-heidelberg.de/main_application.html">http://www.hbigs.uni-heidelberg.de/main_application.html</a>

## Services

<b>Accommodation</b>	See: "Costs of living"
<b>Structured research and supervision</b>	Yes
<b>Research training / discussion</b>	Yes
<b>Career advisory service</b>	The HBIGS Career Development Service provides all HBIGS students with information and support for career orientation and individual career planning for the next career step after the PhD and prepares graduates for premium positions in academia and beyond.

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