



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

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# Doctorate



### Overview

Degree	PhD
In cooperation with	The innovative PhD and postdoctoral scholarship programme is offered in conjunction with the Faculty of Digital Engineering, a faculty jointly founded by the Hasso Plattner Institute (HPI) and the University of Potsdam.  HPI Data Science and Engineering Research School
Teaching language	<ul><li>English</li><li>German</li></ul>
Languages	English is the main language of instruction in the PhD and postdoctoral programme.
Programme duration	8 semesters
Beginning	Winter and summer semester
Application deadline	Applications have to be submitted by <b>1 February and 15 August.</b>
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	The Data Science and Engineering research school, established in 2019, unites top PhD students in all areas of data-driven research and technology, including scalable storage, stream processing, data cleaning, machine learning and deep learning, text processing, data visualisation, and more. We apply our research to many different use cases across the participating interdisciplinary research groups, joining forces whenever possible.

### **Course Details**

research groups of Hasso Plattner Institute and provide a close and fruitful interdisciplinary collaboration.

Please have a closer look at our research groups and their projects on ourwebsite.

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A Diploma supplement will be issued	Yes
International elements	<ul> <li>International guest lecturers</li> <li>Language training provided</li> <li>Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> </ul>
Integrated internships	You can attend workshops at the branches of the graduate schools in Cape Town, Haifa, Nanjing, and Irvine.
Teaching/work obligations or opportunities	Yes
Course-specific, integrated German language courses	Yes
Course-specific, integrated English language courses	No

# Costs / Funding

Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Semester contribution	No tuition is charged for studying at the University of Potsdam (with the exception of a few continuing education courses). There is only an administrative fee of currently 292 EUR. This semester contribution includes a semester ticket entitling you to free use of public transport all over Brandenburg and Berlin.
Costs of living	The average monthly living expenditures of students at the University of Potsdam are 935 EUR, but this can vary between 600 and 1,100 EUR, largely depending on accommodation. A more detailed list of the average monthly expenditures of our students can be found here.
Funding opportunities within the university	Yes
Description of the above- mentioned funding opportunities within the university	The HPI Service-Oriented Systems Engineering Research School annually grants 18 full scholarships, which are not subject to income tax, to talented young researchers.  Scholarship holders enjoy a great research environment, close mentorship by professors and postdocs from the research school, interaction with many peers, and enormous computing power with HPI's data lab. Scholarship holders receive significant travel funding.

### Requirements / Registration

# Academic admission requirements

We kindly ask you to hand in the following application documents via e-mail:

- 1. Curriculum vitae and copies of certificates/transcripts
- 2. Brief research proposal
- 3. Work samples/copies of relevant scientific work (e.g. Master's thesis)
- 4. Letter of recommendation

#### Language requirements

Even though no specific language certificate is required, we expect you to have a decent level of English language skills in order to be able to conduct your research and communicate with supervisors, fellow students, and project partners.

#### Application deadline

Applications have to be submitted by 1 February and 15 August.

#### Submit application to

#### **Application information**

Please e-mail your questions and application for the Data Science and Engineering programme to office-promotionsausschuss@hpi.de.

### **Services**

#### Possibility of finding parttime employment

Job opportunities for students alongside their studies are numerous. Depending on personal and professional skills, students can find jobs in the service sector (e.g. in restaurants, supermarkets, cinemas, museums, theatres, etc.) or work as student research assistants at the University of Potsdam or at one of the many non-university research institutions located in the area. Berlin, the capital city of Germany, is located just around the corner, and students can also find jobs there. Please see this website for further information.

#### Accommodation

There are several student dormitories in Potsdam. These are administered exclusively by Potsdam's Association for Student Affairs ("Studentenwerk Potsdam"). You can apply for a room in one of these dormitories if you are under the age of 30. If you are a Master's student, you can only apply if the degree at the University of Potsdam is your first Master's programme. Additionally, there are also a few private dormitories in Potsdam, to which these conditions do not apply. However, many students prefer to find an apartment in Potsdam or Berlin, which they often share with fellow students. The housing market is very tight, so please start looking for an accommodation as early as possible.

For information on how to register for a dorm room or find accommodation elsewhere, please click here.

#### Structured research and supervision

Yes

## Research training / discussion

Yes

#### Career advisory service

The Career Service of the University of Potsdam supports students and graduates who want to actively shape their careers. The aim is to ensure comprehensive career orientation and to provide opportunities for the development of professional skills. The Career Service offers workshops, seminars, and individual counselling. There are information pages on a wide range of occupational

fields as well as a database of internships and jobs. Many of the services are also available in English.

# Support for international students and doctoral candidates

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme
- Tutors
- Specialist counselling
- Visa matters

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