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# Doctorate



## Cellular and Molecular Biology of Plants

University of Tübingen • Tübingen

### Overview

Degree	Doctoral degree (Dr rer nat)
Teaching language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>English</li></ul>
Languages	Mostly English
Full-time / part-time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>full-time</li></ul>
Programme duration	6 semesters
Beginning	Only for doctoral programmes: any time
Application deadline	There is no application deadline for this programme.
Tuition fees per semester in EUR	None
Combined Master's degree / PhD programme	No
Joint degree / double degree programme	No
Description/content	<p>Our integrated research training programme for graduates offers all doctoral students at the ZMBP a broad interdisciplinary education in the molecular life sciences, and facilitates their acquisition of diverse key qualifications. Supervision by individual doctoral committees and evaluation by the International Scientific Advisory Board (ISAB) of the ZMBP guarantee the quality of training in the graduate programme. The programme is organised by a coordinator and monitored by an executive board, and it cooperates with the Graduate Academy of the Faculty of Science of the University of Tübingen. Manifold possibilities to pursue a career in the academic or non-academic sectors will be open to graduates who have completed this training.</p> <p>The aim of the graduate programme is to provide its participants with a unique training that integrates the acquisition of key qualifications into a modern, interdisciplinary research environment. The training in the graduate programme aims to promote the scientific independence of the doctoral students and to provide them with wider expertise and qualifications for the employment market than would be possible in individual projects.</p>

### Course Details

<b>Course organisation</b>	<p>The aim of the Graduate Programme is to provide its participants with a unique training that integrates the acquisition of key qualifications into a modern, interdisciplinary research environment. The training in the Graduate Programme aims to promote the scientific independence of the doctoral students and to provide them with wider expertise and qualifications for the employment market than would be possible in individual projects. The priority objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The provision of a modern, high quality professional training, which will furnish students with above-average qualifications for the competitive employment market</li> <li>2. Supervision by an individual doctoral committee, which guides and advises the students throughout the entire training period</li> <li>3. The acquisition of soft skills through training programmes and workshops in collaboration with the Graduate Academy of the Faculty of Science of the University of Tübingen</li> <li>4. Communication and interaction with internationally renowned scientists to promote the acquisition of further scientific qualification and the establishment of national and international contacts</li> <li>5. The establishment of an internal scientific network among the participating students</li> </ol> <p>These training courses should take up a maximum of 10% of the doctoral student's study time. The teaching and communication language is English, which also encourages foreign students to apply and to pursue a doctoral degree and prepares the students for their future work in an international setting. At the end of this programme, thanks to their very broad specialist training, doctoral students have their very wide-ranging method portfolio and the strengthening of their key qualifications as well as excellent chances of success in competition with other candidates, whether in universities, independent research institutes or firms engaging in research.</p>
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<b>A Diploma supplement will be issued</b>	No
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<b>International elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects with partners in Germany and abroad</li> </ul>
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<b>Diverse intercultural background of students</b>	Currently, we have PhD students of 18 different nationalities in our programme.
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<b>Course-specific, integrated German language courses</b>	No
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<b>Course-specific, integrated English language courses</b>	No
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## Costs / Funding

<b>Tuition fees per semester in EUR</b>	None
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<b>Semester contribution</b>	170 EUR
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<b>Costs of living</b>	Estimated basic student expenses are around 950 EUR per month according to the Tübingen Student Services organisation ("Studierendenwerk"), including rent for student accommodation. Rent for private accommodation will be more expensive.
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<b>Funding opportunities within the university</b>	No
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## Requirements / Registration

<b>Academic admission requirements</b>	MSc degree in Biology, Biochemistry or Agriculture Acceptance for a PhD position by one of the ZMBP group leaders
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<b>Language requirements</b>	English level B2/C1
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<b>Application deadline</b>	There is no application deadline for this programme.
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<b>Submit application to</b>	Apply directly to any group leader at the Center for Plant Molecular Biology.
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## Services

<b>Possibility of finding part-time employment</b>	Students may find jobs as research assistants for projects of the Department of Biology or affiliated research institutes.
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<b>Accommodation</b>	Accommodation is available through the Student Services organisation (“Studierendenwerk”) or on the private market. Rooms in student accommodation cost approx. 200 to 400 EUR per month. As Tübingen is a very attractive place to live, private accommodation is more expensive and can take some effort to find. To make sure you find a suitable place to live, you should start looking as early as possible.
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We recommend you apply for student accommodation through the “Studierendenwerk” at the same time that you apply for admission to the Master's programme (<https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/halls-of-residence-tuebingen/> and <https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/faqs/>) and send in a copy of your notification of admission as soon as you have received it (your application won't be finally processed before the “Studierendenwerk” has received proof of your admission). For further information, check out the “Studierendenwerk” pages on housing in Tübingen (<https://www.my-stuwe.de/en/housing/housing-infos/>).

<b>Structured research and supervision</b>	Yes
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<b>Research training / discussion</b>	Yes
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<b>Career advisory service</b>	The University of Tübingen offers a number of different services that offer helpful advice to those planning on studying in Tübingen as well as to students who are already enrolled here – whether they are just beginning their studies, are well into their studies, or are finishing their studies and planning a career.
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<https://www.uni-tuebingen.de/en/study/advice-and-info.html>

**Support for international students and doctoral candidates**

- Welcome event
- Buddy programme

**General services and support for international students and doctoral candidates**

The university offers a number of “onboarding” services for newly arriving international students. This includes:

- a help desk
- an advisory programme “How to Study at the University of Tübingen”
- a wide range of social activities offered by student groups

For further information, please refer to: <https://uni-tuebingen.de/en/182071> (onboarding for degree-seeking students).

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