

PhD scholarship in Psychology on Motivation & Volition

at the Chair of Psychology, Technical University of Munich, School of Management

In the context of an interdisciplinary research project "Motivational and Volitional Processes of Human Integration: Philosophical and Psychological Approaches to Human Flourishing", we invite graduates in psychology or management (given a strong psychological background) to apply for a Ph.D.-stipend from **July 1st 2019 to March 14th 2021**, enabling excellent PhD students to conduct cutting-edge research in an interdisciplinary field. The stipend is (in most cases) tax-exempt and will be compensated with EUR 1.250,- per month. There are no social benefits included in the stipend.

Research

The project is based at the Technical University of Munich. We have a strong empirical focus that overarches both correlational and experimental approaches towards motivation and volition including topics such as implicit motives, explicit motives, and congruencies between motives, affective versus cognitive preferences ("head" vs. "heart"), personal and corporate visions, intrinsic motivation, flow experience, and the [Compensatory Model of Work Motivation and Volition](#).

Eligibility and Expectations

- Excellent master's degree (or equivalent) in psychology or management (with a strong psychological background)
- Familiarity with or interest in classic theories and recent developments in the field of motivation and volition
- Proficiency in both English and German, oral and written
- Excellent knowledge of quantitative statistical methods
- willingness to assist in the organization of and to participate in seminars, conferences, and workshops of the project and the associated chairs
- willingness to enter the TUM Graduate School and take part in its course program for PhD students
- willingness to engage in team work in our productive, interdisciplinary research group

Job Assignments

- Empirical research on motivation and/or volition in basic and applied settings
- Publication in international peer-reviewed journals
- Supervision of student theses
- Assistance in project-related administrative tasks

Application process

Please send us the following application documents via email by **May 19th, 2019** to the address given below:

- a statement of interest (approximately 250 words) showing a clear focus on motivation psychology
- an abstract (approximately 250 words) outlining your own suggestion for an empirical study relevant to the research project
- your curriculum vitae
- a copy of your master's (or equivalent) certificate
- two letters of recommendation from two university professors addressing your qualifications for excellent Ph.D.-level research
- a statement about how you became aware of this position

Please use "Ph.D.-stipend TRT-Project" in the header of your email.

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