

Call for applications

3 scholarships (predoc) in Ancient Studies starting 2026 at Freie Universität Berlin

The Berlin Graduate School of Ancient Studies (BerGSAS) is offering 3 predoc scholarships at Freie Universität Berlin in 2026 in the field of Ancient Studies. Funding is available from 1 March 2026 onwards for up to 6 months. An extension is not possible. You receive a scholarship of EUR 1,000 per month.

At the beginning of the scholarship, you must be enrolled in either a master's program or a doctoral program at the Freie Universität Berlin. Funding is available to students whose Master's thesis is completed and evaluated by 1 December 2025, and who are planning to conduct & complete their doctorate at the Freie Universität Berlin, within BerGSAS. When submitting your application, please specify who the potential academic supervisor of your doctoral dissertation at the Freie Universität Berlin should be. Please enclose her/his letter of confirmation.

More information on the range of subjects in Ancient Studies at the Freie Universität Berlin here: [Fachbereich Geschichts- und Kulturwissenschaften: Startseite](#), and on the Graduate School here: <https://www.berliner-antike-kolleg.org/bergsas/index.html>

The purpose of the predoc scholarship is to develop a dissertation topic as well as to submit an application to scholarship providers (e.g., Elsa Neumann Scholarship; Gerda Henkel Foundation; Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes) within the 6-month funding period. It is expected that your doctoral dissertation will be written at and submitted to the Freie Universität. Predoc scholarship holders, who successfully apply for external doctoral funding, will be admitted as full members to BerGSAS and participate in the curriculum of a structured doctoral program.

Please send your application as **one single PDF file** to bergsas@berliner-antike-kolleg.org

Application documents (in German or English, Arial 12pt, 1.5 line):

- A letter of motivation (maximum 1 page, A4)
- A project outline for a doctoral dissertation (ca. 6,000 characters including spaces). The outline should include a title, state of research, aim/main research question, methods and material/evidence.
- A letter of confirmation of the potential supervisor of your doctoral dissertation at FU Berlin
- A curriculum vitae (CV, resume)
- University transcripts: B.A. and M.A. certificates
- English language certificate e.g., IELTS or TOEFL: C1 (only if your mother tongue is not German or English)

In addition, a **letter of recommendation** from the supervisor of your MA thesis is required. The reviewer should send the letter directly to bergsas@berliner-antike-kolleg.org.

The deadline for your application is 00:00 CET on 1 December 2025. The selection committee will not consider incomplete or late applications. For further inquiries, please contact the coordinator Dr Regina Attula, regina.attula@berliner-antike-kolleg.org