



Hermann Paul Scholarship in Linguistics 2025

The Hermann Paul School of Linguistics at the University of Basel (Switzerland) and the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg (Germany) is offering **one scholarship for a PhD candidate in Basel**, starting between August 1st and September 1st 2025.

The graduate programme is internationally recognized and presents inter-university collaboration. As a PhD candidate, you will be part of a lively and active research community located in the upper Rhine region. Funding rates for the scholarships at the University of Basel are in line with regulations of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF).

Scholarships are granted for one year and may be subject to an extension of up to two years with successful project development. The PhD can be done in the following subjects: *English Linguistics*, *French Linguistics*, *General Linguistics*, *German Linguistics*, *Italian Linguistics*. The prerequisite for your application is a good to excellent degree (MA or equivalent; minimum [MA mark: a 5 out of 6 in the Swiss system](#)) in the field of language sciences. As part of an international community your PhD project should constructively add to the research environment. Scholarships are awarded based on the quality of your outline: applications without an outline will not be considered. Please inform yourself about the research areas at the HPSL beforehand and get in touch with your preferred first supervisor as soon as possible (the list of supervisors is available at <https://www.hpsl-linguistics.org/people/faculty-and-researchers/>). Please note that PhD scholarships at the University of Basel must be supervised by a [first supervisor](#) affiliated with the respective university which grants the scholarship (Basel).

Please submit your application electronically. It should include:

- a letter of motivation
- an informative outline of your research interests and PhD project
- your curriculum vitae
- copies of educational certificates (please note: in Basel the requirement for entering the PhD program is a "good" or "excellent" degree)
- a writing sample (seminar paper or master thesis on a linguistic topic)
- A document with two names of referees. Ideally, the referees should be a professor, a junior professor or another member of university staff with the right to supervise a PhD. In addition, ask one of the referees to send a letter of recommendation that contains information on your expertise and potential in linguistics directly to philipp.dankel@unibas.ch by the application deadline.
- if available: confirmations of internships, language proficiency and conference participation

The Closing date for applications is **March 31, 2025**. The selection process will take place in May and acceptances and refusals will be sent out by the end of June.

You can start the electronic application process on the HPSL homepage at:

<https://www.hpsl-linguistics.org/scholarships/hermann-paul-scholarship-in-linguistics-2025/>

For questions please refer to:

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