

Ten doctoral scholarships on German-Jewish history and culture to be awarded in the Leo Baeck Fellowship Programme

Bonn, March 12th, 2025. For the academic year 2025/26, the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes is once again awarding up to ten doctoral scholarships to doctoral students working on a dissertation in the field of German-Jewish Studies. The Leo Baeck Programme is run in cooperation with the [Leo Baeck Institute London](#) and the [Leibniz-Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow](#). Applications can be submitted from now until April 21st, 2025.

The internationally oriented scholarship programme has been in existence since 2006 and is aimed at doctoral students working on a dissertation in the field of German-Jewish history and culture. Dissertation projects from all eras and disciplines can be submitted. The programme is financed by the [Federal Ministry of Education and Research](#) (BMBF), which is providing funding for a further five years until 2029/30.

Applications accepted until April 21st, 2025.

The programme offers a full scholarship for one academic year (October 2025 – September 2026). Scholarship holders receive € 1,650 per month and an additional research allowance of € 100. In addition, they can receive grants for travel expenses e.g. for trips to archives, research institutes, conferences and libraries worldwide, as well as support for health insurance and childcare. Academic activities corresponding up to 25 % of a fulltime position may be pursued to supplement the scholarship and in order to promote integration in the research context. Working languages are German and English.

The Leo Baeck Programme is open to applicants of all nationalities and universities worldwide, fostering a diverse community of doctoral candidates. Fellows remain at their respective universities and come together for two workshops organized jointly by the Leo Baeck Institute London, the Leibniz Institute for Jewish History and Culture – Simon Dubnow and the Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes.

The programme is named after Rabbi Dr. Leo Baeck (1873-1956), one of the most significant figures in German-Jewish history in the 20th century. The institutes named after him are located in Jerusalem, New York and London, founded in the 1950s by Jewish intellectuals like Hannah Arendt and Martin Buber. The task of the institutes is to research the history and culture of German-speaking Jewry.

Further information on the programme and application requirements can be found at: www.studienstiftung.de/leo-baeck/

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