

# Still have questions? We're happy to help!

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Your Ph.D.?**

# Is a Ph.D. degree the right thing for me?

So you're interested in research, would like to pursue your own academic projects, and are open to a career in academia? Then a Ph.D. degree is right for you!

## Obtaining a Ph.D. What's that?

Through a Ph.D. degree researchers prove that they're able to carry out research independently. To do this, they write a research work, known as a Ph.D. thesis, which they first defend in an exam and then publish. Upon successful completion of the research, Ph.D. researchers are awarded with their Ph.D. degree or doctorate.

## Co-operative Ph.D. degrees.

At the SRH University Heidelberg you can pursue a Ph.D. degree in co-operation with other universities or Ph.D.-awarding colleges, both in Germany and abroad. The regulations for obtaining a Ph.D. degree are set by the university in question, which also specifies the rules for admission to the Ph.D. programme. As a Ph.D. student, you have two supervisors in a co-operative Ph.D. degree: one at SRH University Heidelberg and the other at your co-operating university. Co-operative supervision is possible both for those pursuing their own Ph.D. project and those whose Ph.D. projects are part of a structured Ph.D. programme.

## What conditions do I have to meet?

A (very) good Master's degree is a fundamental condition for acceptance to the Ph.D. programme. In addition, you should possess an interest in conducting research, a high level of personal motivation, and excellent self-management skills.

## Your way to the Ph.D.

### The first steps.

- Consider your motivation: is a Ph.D. degree the right thing for me?
- Collect ideas for your thesis topic, identify gaps in existing research, exchange ideas with other researchers to discover your own areas of interest
- Find a Ph.D. supervisor: contact potential supervisors at SRH University Heidelberg
- Inform yourself about financial opportunities and planning your finances
- Write a Ph.D. project plan with breakdown of topics, bibliography and time-plan
- Find a Ph.D. supervisor: contact potential supervisors at a co-operative university
- Clarify the conditions for being accepted to a Ph.D. programme at a co-operative university
- Be accepted onto the Ph.D. programme of a co-operative university
- Network with other Ph.D. students from the beginning of your Ph.D.



For questions regarding financial opportunities and organisation concerning the Ph.D., the Graduate Centre at the Institute of Applied Research offers support and advice.

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