



Information for PhD students about registration for PhD studies at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University Frankfurt

In order to study for a PhD at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University of Frankfurt, the faculty needs to accept you as PhD student. Only then you can register at the Study-Services-Centre to obtain a matriculation card. This applies to all PhD students regardless of their nationality or their degree.

If you hold however a Master degree in natural sciences from a University whose Master degrees are not considered adequate for PhD studies here, there will be certain additional requirements by the faculty. The PhD-exam-committee at the relevant faculty will determine the type of requirements (Kenntnisprüfung). This can be for example sitting exams or successfully participating in practicals.

In agreement with the Faculty of Chemistry, Biochemistry and Pharmacy (FB14), the additional requirements for FIRST PhD students registering in Pharmacy are the successful attendance (i.e. incl. passing the exam in) of

- 1.a) Current Highlights in Molecular Medicine (one semester)
- 1.b) Current Highlights in Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry (one semester)
2. Basics in Medicine & Pharmacology (one semester)
3. an elective course (e.g. Molecular Virology, Tumour Biology, Molecular Immunology).

For all these courses, there will be an exam!

There will be a deadline set until the courses should be finished.

Until the requirements are met, PhD students obtain a provisional registration. Once the additional requirements are met (the Science and Teaching Administrator will inform Frau Schemenau at the exams office (Prüfungsamt)), the PhD students are then registered as regular PhD students.

Please note: The additional requirements are set by the faculty, which means FIRST PhD students registering at another faculty (such as Biological Science (FB15) or the Medical Faculty (FB16)) or registering at the FB14 for biochemistry or chemistry may well be asked to fulfil different requirements!

Information for graduates from a German “Fachhochschule”

Graduates with a relevant Master degree from a German “Fachhochschule” can do a PhD at the graduate school FIRST, have however to do a qualification year before being admitted as PhD student at FIRST. FIRST requires that they provide proof that they belong to the 5% of the best graduates that year in their course.

The Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University does not accept graduates from a “Fachhochschule” as PhD students unless they have fulfilled additional requirements. Each faculty will set its own requirements for these PhD students. With the Faculty of Chemistry, Biochemistry and

Pharmacy, FIRST has a set procedure for those registering in Pharmacy. Additional requirements are the successful attendance (incl. passing the exam) of

1. Major Pharmacology practical with seminars (Großes Pharmakologie-Praktikum mit Seminaren)
 - 2.a) Current Highlights in Molecular Medicine (one semester)
 - 2.b) Current Highlights in Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry (one semester)
 3. Basics in Medicine & Pharmacology (one semester)
 4. an elective course (e.g. Molecular Virology, Tumour Biology, Molecular Immunology).
- For all these courses there will be an exam!