



The Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics, and Social Sciences (CGS)

offers a

Doctoral Scholarship

in the WiSo faculty's Key Research Initiative

Demography & Social Inequality

(three years, starting October 01, 2026)

The Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences (CGS) at the University of Cologne (UoC) offers a **three-year doctoral scholarship** to outstanding students holding a Master's degree (or equivalent) in Social Sciences (Demography, Sociology, Political Sciences, or Psychology).

By joining the Key Research Initiative "Demography & Social Inequality", the doctoral scholarship holder will be integrated into one of the highly vibrant and international research networks at the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences.

About the Program

The course program will start in October 2026. During the first year, students will take part in courses on multidisciplinary methods and theories, as well as subject-specific courses. Courses are taught in English. During the second and third year, students mainly conduct research and work on their thesis.

Qualifications

We are inviting applications by highly qualified graduates from the Social Sciences (that is, Demography, Sociology, Political Sciences, Psychology) or related fields of study. Candidates must hold a Master's degree (or equivalent) or be very close to completion.

Scholarships

The scholarship amounts to 1,515 € per month plus a yearly research budget of 1,000 €. The scholarship is awarded for a maximum period of three years and is tax-free.

Application Procedure

Application is online only. The deadline for the submission of your application is March 15, 2026. For further information about the CGS, please visit the School's website. For more information on the application process and application documents, please visit the section on scholarship application.

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