Doctorate at the University of Stuttgart

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Two ways to the Doctoral Degree “Dr.-Eng.”

At the Faculty 2 “Civil and Environmental Engineering” are two possibilities to the doctoral degree Doctor of Engineering (Dr.-Eng.; German: Dr.-Ing.):

- Individual mentoring by a professor out of the teaching staff of the University of Stuttgart
- International Doctoral Program Environment Water (ENWAT) – exclusive for graduates from the department of research water and environment.
Opportunities of Funding

Doctoral candidates have different opportunities of funding:

- Position as scientific assistant or doctoral candidate at an institute of the University of Stuttgart or rather at an affiliated research facility.
- Scholarship or comparable type of funding. A mentor for the doctoral degree intent is required.
- Private financing.
- Financing through a position (part-time/full-time) outside of the University.
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- Pre-condition is that doctoral candidates have worked in practice for at least 1 - 3 years.
- Doctoral candidates usually work at the Institute for about 4 - 5 years.
- The duration of contract is 2 + 2 years or 3 + 2 years.
- The positions are financed by the faculty or by external funds.
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Task Areas

- Assistance in teaching and research.
- Supervision of students.
- Contribution to academic self-administration.
- Advancement of study courses.
- Contribution to the application of research projects.
- Editing of research projects.
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Facts for Doctoral Candidates

- Doctoral degree: Dr.-Eng. (Doctor of Engineering) **not** Ph.D.
- The thesis can be written in English provided the supervisor agrees.
- The university degree of the candidate has to be recognized as equivalent to a German degree.
- Regarding visa: a student visa is needed, no tourist or research visa.
- No tuition fees for doctoral students but no scholarships for covering living expenses either. For scholarships inquire at the DAAD.
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