You must identify and contact a professor in your subject area.

- **Supervision YES**
  - **Financing YES**
  - Looking for funds (ESKAS, other?)
  - Solution found
  - Application and admission
- **Supervision YES**
  - **Financing NO**
  - NO application
- **Supervision NO**
  - Requirements for admission met
  - Acceptance by supervisor / financing provided?
  - NO
    - Supervision YES
      - Financing YES
      - Supervision YES
      - Financing NO
      - Requirements for admission met
      - NO
    - Supervision YES
      - Financing NO
      - NO
    - Supervision NO
      - NO
    - Supervision NO
      - Financing YES
      - Supervision YES
      - Financing NO
      - Requirements for admission met
      - NO
  - NO
    - Supervision NO
      - NO
    - Supervision NO
      - Financing YES
      - Supervision YES
      - Financing NO
      - Requirements for admission met
      - NO
    - NO

You have to look for and study relevant documents about the general conditions (doctorate guidelines, admission, fellowship).
# Step by step - Preliminary information for International PhD candidates at the University of Basel
(with no claim to completeness)

## 1. Check before contacting
- Do you possess a Master’s degree (or equivalent)?
- Do you have the excellent skills required for the research cooperation you plan?
- Does the professor who will supervise you work in your field?
- Do you have the necessary language skills required for the research?

## 2. Finding a Supervisor at the University of Basel
To find a suitable supervisor check [www.forschdb2.unibas.ch](http://www.forschdb2.unibas.ch) for project keywords and contact the principal investigator or browse the websites of the departments [https://www.unibas.ch/en/Faculties-Departments~type=0bb42b8c-8f48-4ffa-ba46-82792f2c026f--.html](https://www.unibas.ch/en/Faculties-Departments~type=0bb42b8c-8f48-4ffa-ba46-82792f2c026f--.html).

## 3. General Requirements for Doctoral Studies at the University of Basel
Admission as a doctoral candidate requires, in general, a Master’s degree from a higher education institution recognized by the University of Basel. The doctoral degree regulations of the individual faculties (see doctoral disciplines) include additional provisions for the admission and subject-related requirements concerning equivalence and supervision. [https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Admission/Admission-to-Doctoral-Studies.html](https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Application-Admission/Admission/Admission-to-Doctoral-Studies.html).

## 4. Supervision and Financial Support
- Each PhD-candidate must find an academic supervisor for their research project.
- The professor must agree to supervise and support the candidate during the whole research stay.
- The financing of the doctorate must be clarified with the supervisor in advance.

### Scholarships
- ESFAS [https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search](https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/funding/search)

### PhD vacancies
- [https://www.myscience.ch/jobs](https://www.myscience.ch/jobs)
- [https://www.academics.ch/](https://www.academics.ch/)
- [https://www.myscience.ch/en/jobs/phd_in_switzerland](https://www.myscience.ch/en/jobs/phd_in_switzerland)
- [https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/](https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/)

### Entry Visa & Permits
- (i) Proof of sufficient financial resources to cover the cost of living in Switzerland
- (ii) working constraints can be put in place by the authorities.

## 5. Costs of Living
Sample budget for living costs > see minimum budget for a student: [https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Budget-Advice.html](https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Funding/Budget-Advice.html)

### Accommodation
No university accommodation is provided: therefore please check [https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Student-Life/ Accommodation.html](https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Student-Life/ Accommodation.html)

### Insurance

Double-check if you are authorized to apply for exemption with the KVG, if your foreign insurance is accepted: [https://www.kvg.org/en/application-and-request-for-exemption-online-residents_-_content---1--3097--1277.html](https://www.kvg.org/en/application-and-request-for-exemption-online-residents_-_content---1--3097--1277.html)

An option for persons with a monthly income of less than CHF 3500.-: [www.swisscare.com](http://www.swisscare.com)

Premium reductions by the cantonal authorities can be requested if you have to enroll with a cantonal insurance agency.

## 6. Application to Doctoral Studies
[https://www.unibas.ch/application](https://www.unibas.ch/application)

## 7. Checklist & Advice
### Student Social Services
Provides broad advice on topics such as disability, insurances, psychological topics, childcare etc. [https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Social-Services-Healthcare.html](https://www.unibas.ch/en/Studies/Advice/Social-Services-Healthcare.html)

### International Office/Student Exchange
Provides information concerning exchange agreements and is responsible for the FCS/ESKAS scholarship program at the University of Basel.

### Int. Office Welcome-/ Euraxess Center
Provides check-lists and advice, guiding you and your partner/family through the months before, during and after your move to the Basel area. [https://www.unibas.ch/welcome](https://www.unibas.ch/welcome)