

The University of Bonn offers

## 2 PhD scholarships for international PhD students

financed by the DAAD within the DAAD-Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP). The PhD students will be associated to the Research Training Group RTG/GRK 2873 focused on “Tools and Drugs of the Future – Innovative Methods and New Modalities in Medicinal Chemistry” ([www.grk2873.uni-bonn.de/en](http://www.grk2873.uni-bonn.de/en)).

**Start:** The scholarship will start in **February 2026 or later** for a maximum of 4 years

**Description:** The research program focuses on **drug research and development** comprising four core themes: (I) targeted protein degraders (PROTACs), (II) macrocyclic drugs, (III) biopolymers as tools and drugs, and (IV) drug conjugates.

The RTG provides a structured qualification program in an interdisciplinary and strongly internationally oriented environment. A unique feature is the lab exchange program with leading international universities.

The following disciplines are represented by the participating research groups: pharmaceutical & medicinal chemistry, organic chemistry, chemical biology, structural biology, pharmaceutical & cell biology, molecular pharmacology, and microbiology.

**Qualifications:** We are looking for highly qualified and strongly motivated **international graduate students** especially from developing and emerging countries with an excellent Master’s degree or equivalent in pharmacy/pharmacology, (medicinal) chemistry, biochemistry, drug research or related fields. Applicants must not have been resident in Germany for more than the last fifteen months before the application; should not have graduated any longer than six years before the time of application, and must not have completed a PhD previously.

Complete applications including cover letter, GRK 2873 application form, CV, and copies of certificates should be submitted **via email** (one PDF file) to [grk2873@uni-bonn.de](mailto:grk2873@uni-bonn.de)

**Application deadline: October 31, 2025.** (Later applications might still be considered in exceptional cases).

**Terms of the scholarship:** The scholarships have a duration of 4 years and include a scholarship payment of EUR 1,300 per month; a country-dependent travel allowance; a combined health, accident and liability insurance; a study and research allowance; if applicable, a rent subsidy and family allowances; and the financing of a German language course.

Women are especially encouraged to apply. Disabled applicants with equal qualifications are given preferential consideration.

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