

Is TOEFL necessary for my application?

Please note that the entire program is run in English so that fluency in both written and spoken English is essential. Tests such as TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) and CPE (Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English), while NOT MANDATORY, are recommended for students whose first language is neither English nor German.

Track 1, 2 or Fast Track: What is the difference?

Track 2 students are doctoral students who have just started their PhD work at the University of Freiburg and who are funded by their laboratory (not by SGBM). Their supervisor must be a member of SGBM. Track 1 and Fast Track candidates must select three labs in which they wish to perform their rotations. They will then identify the lab where they carry out their doctoral work. Successful Track 1 and Fast Track applicants will be offered a fellowship. Track 1, Track 2 and Fast Track members have access to the same offers in terms of curriculum, support for attending conferences, courses, etc...

Am I eligible?

Track 1: If you hold a master (or will obtain a master in the next 6 months) (or a German Diploma) in an area related to the research fields covered by our program you are eligible. All applications are pre-screened, and short-listed applicants are invited to attend interviews in Freiburg. After a stringent selection in which excellent grades, motivation, individual interviews and presentation to the selection committee play a role the best candidates are offered a fellowship.

Fast Track: If you hold a Bsc and are registered in the **first** year of a Master program at your current university in an area related to the research fields covered by our school you are eligible. All applications are pre-screened, and short-listed applicants are invited to attend interviews in Freiburg. After a stringent selection in which excellent grades, motivation, individual interviews and presentation to the selection committee play a role the best candidates are offered a fellowship.

Do I need my MSc when I send my application?

Candidates about to obtain their master degree are welcome to apply for Track 1. For the MD/PhD program, medical students must have completed their pre-doctoral training during the clinical semesters.

Candidates for the Fast Track can apply during the first year of their Master program.

I missed the deadline. What can I do?

We are sorry but all you can do is to apply next time.

My Diploma will only be issued after the deadline

This is no problem as long as you can provide us with transcripts of your master degree. A preliminary certificate will do for the time being.

Can I apply for a tourist visa?

You can use a tourist visa only for the interview. For your doctoral studies you will have to apply

for a special visa for doctoral studies in Germany. You will submit to the German consulate your admission letter along with a document asking the consulate to deliver you the appropriate visa.

Who will help me find a suitable accommodation?

When you join the program you can stay at the SGBM Guest House for a few weeks. Our office will assist you in finding accommodation either on the private market or in one of the university graduate students' houses. SGBM is constantly updated on available rooms in other student dormitories. Usually students find a suitable accommodation within a couple of weeks of arrival.

Living costs in Freiburg and the SGBM fellowship

In Freiburg, the cost of living ranges between 700 € and 1.000 € including accommodation and health insurance. The SGBM fellowship amounts to 1.450 € per month and is awarded for the period of up to 36 months.

Can there be a video conference interview due to visa problems?

We do not perform video conference interviews.

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