

RLS Graduate School on the Energy System Transition - PhD Scholarship -

- **You would like to conduct solution-oriented applied research for the energy transition?**
- **You would exchange your ideas directly with other doctoral candidates, researchers and practitioners?**
- **We are looking for interdisciplinary PhD projects that deal with overcoming the systemic obstacles of the energy transition.**
- **Applications from the engineering, economic, political and social sciences welcome!**

Who we are

Since its founding in 2006, the Reiner Lemoine Foundation (RLS) has supported around 100 PhD candidates with scholarships in the field of renewable energy. From the year 2020 onwards, the proven scholarship program will be continued as a graduate school. For this, we are looking for four motivated doctoral candidates who want to support the energy system transition with their research!

Structure of the graduate school

The graduate school will create a group structure at the Reiner Lemoine Institute (RLI) in Berlin enabling synergies within the doctoral theses, creating a supportive and demanding work environment with direct support, and facilitating the methodical collaboration and exchange of ideas with researchers at the RLI.

Application-oriented mentors will be assigned to the PhD candidates accompanying the doctoral theses. These mentors are either part of the RLS, such as committee members and former scholarship holders, or practitioners from associations, politics and companies.

The scholarship

The PhD candidates will each receive a tax-free scholarship of 1,600 EUR per month over a funding period of four years. In addition, there is a budget for participating conferences, further education and student assistants. If necessary, PhD students can spend part of their time at their supervising professorial chair or at other research institutions.

How do I apply?

The application process for a PhD scholarship and thus for a place in the graduate school consists of two stages: a written application and a personal interview. The deadline for written application is August 25, 2019. The interviews will be held on September 26, 2019 in Berlin.

Please note that the RLS Graduate School aims at applied research and policy advice addressing German stakeholders in the field of the energy system transition. A good command of German is therefore a strong asset for any applicant. The application instructions are available in German only, while the application documents can be submitted in English or German.

Details about the application process and more information on the graduate school can be found here: <https://www.reiner-lemoine-stiftung.de/aktivitaeten/#graduierntenkolleg>

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