

## **Doctoral Program: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

### **Who is eligible to be nominated for this program?**

Doctoral candidates supervised by a [Cluster member](#). They must hold an exceptional degree in a field aligned with the Cluster and be researching a human rights-related thesis that intersects with at least one [global megatrend](#).

### **Can a Cluster member nominate multiple students?**

No. Each [Cluster member](#) may nominate exactly one doctoral researcher at a time for the program.

### **Does the program provide a monthly salary?**

No. This program does not provide a baseline salary or a full scholarship. The nominating PI must provide an explanation of the candidate's existing funding source (e.g., third-party funding, chair position, or external scholarship).

### **How do I submit a nomination?**

Nominations must be submitted as a single PDF document to the program coordinator at [lama.ranjous@fau.de](mailto:lama.ranjous@fau.de).

### **What documents are required in the application PDF?**

1. From the Candidate: CV (max 3 pages), Motivation Letter (max 2 pages), and Project Description (max 5 pages, excluding bibliography).
2. From the Cluster member: A Statement of Support that includes an explanation of the candidate's funding situation.

### **When is the deadline?**

We accept nominations on a rolling basis, with reviews occurring every six months.

### **What financial support is available?**

Accepted researchers receive a yearly lump sum of €900. This can be used for applicable fees, travel expenses, or research accelerator needs.

**What kind of mentorship is provided?**

The program offers "accelerated supervision," meaning candidates are matched with both a postdoctoral researcher and a practitioner for guidance and mentorship.

**What networking opportunities are included?**

Researchers will participate in virtual colloquia, Cluster jour fixes, and research retreats.

**What are the expectations for accepted researchers?**

The program spans four years. During this time, participants must:

1. Actively attend in-person events in Nuremberg/Erlangen.
2. Maintain and update a formal research plan.
3. Submit a reflection essay.
4. Present their work.

**Who can I contact for further questions?**

Please reach out to the program coordinator: Lama Ranjous at [lama.ranjous@fau.de](mailto:lama.ranjous@fau.de) for any administrative or eligibility inquiries.