



Doctoral and post-doctoral thesis programme of the Foundation for Family Businesses

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I. Conditions of support:

1. The topic must be highly relevant to family entrepreneurship and address one of the focal points of the foundation's work.
2. The foundation should be the sole supporter of the thesis. If there are multiple sponsors, including potential future sponsors, the foundation must be informed of this in advance.
3. The author of the thesis agrees to the publication of the results (and possibly also the publication of specific interim results in coordination with the author) in the foundation's publications as well as on its website. For this purpose, the author will prepare a summary of the thesis (three pages).
4. The author will inform the foundation regularly about the progress of the thesis and significant interim results.

II. Foundation sponsorship opportunities:

1. The foundation offers content support through exchanges with foundation employees. Experience suggests that ONE or TWO meetings per year prove effective for this.
2. At its locations in Munich and Berlin, the foundation has holding libraries of research on family entrepreneurship in addition to numerous company chronicles. Thesis authors may make use of these libraries.
3. There is no support for primary statistical data collection at and with family businesses or the provision of contacts at family companies.
4. In coordination with the author, the foundation will supply a foreword for the thesis and, as appropriate, provide its logo for publication.
5. In addition to the publication of the thesis required by the university, the foundation offers support for publishing the results of the thesis in industry journals and popular magazines.
6. On the basis of our Advisory Board's assessment of the completed thesis, the foundation will award a grant towards the costs of publication in the amount of €3,000 for



a doctoral dissertation and €4,000 for a post-doctoral thesis (“Habilitation”). Details are agreed in a sponsorship agreement.

III. Application:

1. Applications for support from the doctoral and post-doctoral thesis programme should be submitted in writing to the Head of Research and Programmes (info@familienunternehmen.de).
2. The application should include a covering letter, a curriculum vitae, a summary of the research and the name of the author’s university adviser. The covering letter should explain which support opportunities interest the author in particular.