



Kühne Logistics University - Wissenschaftliche Hochschule für Logistik und Unternehmensführung (KLU) is a private university founded in 2010 and based in Hamburg's HafenCity. The independent, state-approved university focuses on the areas of logistics and management. As a boutique university, KLU offers its students and doctoral candidates a high degree of specialization and excellent study conditions.

KLU Executive Education offers advanced training programs for specialists and managers within the framework of seminars and summer schools. We offer our employees exciting projects and challenging responsibilities in an innovative environment. Contribute your skills to a strong team that significantly influences and drives the development of our university.

At KLU you will work with open and ambitious colleagues in an international, multicultural atmosphere at an attractive HafenCity location. The campus offers not only breathtaking views of the Elbphilharmonie, the container terminals and the new quarters of Hamburg's HafenCity, but also modern workplaces.

KLU PhD Program 2019 Enrollment

Now accepting application for scholarships and other funded positions

Reference-No.: 20190101

PHD PROGRAM

KLU's PhD program is a unique program in training academics to be future thought leaders with a thorough understanding of one of the world's most dynamic sectors. Digitization, new value-adding processes, and a need for increased sustainability along the triple bottom line have globally a major impact on corporations and society in general, and logistics and supply chain management in particular. We do this from the perspective of all logistics and management disciplines, and welcome applicants from very diverse backgrounds including (but not limited to) business (including finance, marketing), (industrial) engineering, and psychology.

The KLU PhD program is a four-year program mainly consisting of independent research under supervision by two academic supervisors of **KLU's outstanding faculty**, encompassing a wide scope of social science and business disciplines. Furthermore, some coursework is required, consisting of courses taken at KLU, courses taken at our partner universities and broader networks, and relevant skills training. The course program is tailored to the specific focal research area of the student. Upon successful completion, the student will obtain the (German) degree of Doctor in business, economics, and social sciences /Wirtschaftswissenschaften (Dr.rer.pol.) or the (international) degree of Doctor of Philosophy in management (PhD).

ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

To be considered for admission, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Completed or about to complete a Master degree from an accredited university with a good international reputation, and belonging to the best students of your class.
- English language proficiency at a level that is equivalent to at least IELTS 6.5.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FACILITIES

This year, the KLU is offering 5 scholarships sponsored by the Kuehne Foundation. Selection for a Kuehne Foundation Scholarship competitive and is based on the excellence of the applicant and the match in research interest with the university's resident faculty and match in profile with the university. Check out the profile of our resident faculty. Note that not all our faculty will accept students for this 2019 cohort.

The Foundation scholarship is 1150 euros per month, tax free. In addition, all students selected for the scholarship will be offered a (tax-free) mini-job of 450 euros per month, for which they are expected to serve as teaching or research assistants for a maximum of 10% of their time. KLU PhD students further receive a generous annual research and training budget of 5000 euros. The Kuehne Foundation scholarship students furthermore receive a full tuition waiver. All these are for a period of four years, which is equivalent to the nominal duration of the program.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

Furthermore, KLU at any given time has various open positions with scholarship support or a salaried position enabling PhD candidates to work on topics linked to funded research projects (e.g. from the German Research Council / Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, EU projects, or companies). You can find these positions among the list at **KLU Jobs and Careers**. For these positions, the responsible faculty member / researcher needs to be approached directly in accordance with the specific position announcement. Candidates for such positions still need to apply for admission as PhD candidates following the standard procedure outlined below (with inclusion of the reference number for the position involved). The list of such positions is updated throughout the year as positions are filled and new projects become available.

APPLICATION

Please apply exclusively by quoting the reference number (20190101) via the following link:

<https://application.the-klu.org/campus/application/applicationStart.asp?lang=en>

As part of entering information into our online tool you, need to upload the following three sets of documents. You will be asked to upload those documents in the last section of your application.

1. Background
 - a. Statement of purpose indicating the specific reasons why you should be admitted to the program and be selected for one of the Kuehne Foundation PhD Scholarships (or for a specific funded project position). This letter should also name specifically which of the resident faculty you are seeking to work with.
 - b. Full resume (CV)
 - c. Two references (full contact details)
 - d. Evidence of your English proficiency (such as a TOEFL or IELTS test, or other evidence provided by your university)
2. Excellence portfolio
 - a. List of degrees obtained (Bachelor degree and Master degree) and quality indicators of the universities where you obtained these degrees. Quality indicators could include (but are not limited to): rankings (with URL to the published ranking), universities where your supervisor/advisor/teacher of key courses obtained their doctorate degree, or other quality indicators of your school or program.
This set of documents should include a scanned copy of your degree certificate (undergraduate and graduate degrees).
 - b. Indicators of your excellence in the program
Excellence indicators could include (but are not limited to): full transcripts with grades and explanation of grading system, class rank, grade/rank of thesis.
This set of documents should include a scanned copy of your transcript of records / mark sheets (undergraduate and graduate degrees).
 - c. Indicators of your individual excellence
Excellence indicators could include (but are not limited to): ranking in national university entrance exam, high school grades, GRE or GMAT results and ranking, admission to graduate programs of reputable research universities or business schools, competitive scholarships awarded, prestigious awards received.
3. Personal fit
 - a. Research statement (maximum two pages) in which you outline the research you would like to do, and with which faculty members there is most likely a good fit. Also, explain how this research statement is linked to current or past research of resident faculty and the KLU. Feel free to get in touch with specific KLU faculty in advance of your final submission. If you have been in touch with a KLU faculty member, please mention this in your application file. In case of a funded position, this statement instead needs to indicate your fit to the required qualifications and experience for the position.
 - b. Document including a link to a video-file of yourself stating why you should be admitted to the program, and specifically why you expect you could be a future thought leader in your discipline (maximum 3 minutes).

SUBMISSION AND PROCEDURE

Review of submissions will start as soon as we receive the files and will continue until all 5 scholarships have been awarded. Awardees will be selected in monthly rounds, with the first set of decisions made in early March. Positions for project-funded positions remain open until they are filled.

Questions

If you have any further questions, please see <https://www.the-klu.org/degree-programs/choose-your-program/doctoral-program-phd/>