

2024

Application Form for MSc Fellowships – Major Cancer Biology
sponsored by the German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)

Step 1: Carefully read and consider the conditions for DKFZ MSc fellowships as outlined on p. 3 before applying.

Step 2: Upload your application material for the **Master Program Molecular Biosciences (MolBio)** to the Heidelberg University online system; an Application Number will be created.

Step 3: Fill this application form here carefully and completely, but do not exceed the stated number of words for each section. Your Program Application number must be included. Incomplete or excessive application forms will not be considered, without further notification.

Step 4: Save the completed form in Word or PDF format and send it by e-mail to the Administrative Office of Major Cancer Biology (e.gundel@dkfz.de). **Deadline for application: 15. March 2024**

Surname:	Given Name	MolBio Program Application No.
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> D	Date of Birth:	Nationality/Citizenship:
Current Residency: (City)	Home University: (City, Country)	

Have you applied/will you apply for other funding in parallel? (*this is strongly recommended!*)

- ☐ YES; which source(s)?
☐ NO

How did you learn about the MolBio MSc program/Major Cancer Biology?

Description of previous research experience: (max. 300 words)

What is your special interest in applying for Major Cancer Biology? (max. 300 words)

Outline the reasons why you should receive support through a DKFZ MSc fellowship:
(max. 300 words)

state of 15th January 2024

Conditions for DKFZ MSc fellowships 2024 –
please carefully read before applying!

The German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ) can provide financial support to selected MSc-Major Cancer Biology students by ways of so-called "student assistant working contracts" ("HiWi-Vertrag"), which are formally affiliated with the DKFZ International PhD Program and are specified in the following way:

- The contract will be for 75 hours/month.
- The contract has a duration of 18 months.
Prospective contract dates for the 2024 intake: 15. Oct. 2024 – 14. April 2026
- The current hourly wage for student assistants is 12,87 €.
- A typical monthly net payment will be slightly above 900 €, plus an end-of-year bonus paid out in November (this calculation is based on the assumption that the recipient belongs to tax class I (unmarried) with no dependants).
- The average annual gross is around 12,300 € and is subject to social insurances but within the tax-free limit, or subject to minimal taxation only which may be claimed back through an annual tax declaration.
- Exact amount of net payment may vary, depending on the individual circumstances of the fellowship recipient. For example, if you are married and/or belong to a different tax class this may influence taxation of your contract and may result in a somewhat lower or higher net payment.
- The 75 hrs/month workload is fulfilled through participation in the regular study program and duties of Major Cancer Biology students.

Please note:

- You need to arrange and pay for your own statutory health insurance with a German company.
- The maximum amount of working hours per month allowed for students in Germany is 83 so you could only accept a second paid contract for an additional 8 hours/month.
- We reserve the right to amend contract details in accordance with future changes in labor law and wages but in no way this shall diminish the amount of your gross income as stated above.
- The student assistant contracts can only be signed and processed once you have successfully enrolled for the masters program with the University of Heidelberg.
- DKFZ MSc fellowships may be revoked or amended in case of receipt of funding of any amount from any other agency, which must be disclosed. All cases will be discussed on an individual basis.

Additional note for successful applicants from non-EU countries:

- Your visa application can be supported by a letter from DKFZ in which the contract resulting in the financial support (approx. 11,500 €/year net) is confirmed.
- With your regular student visa you may take employment for a maximum of 120 full days or 240 half days per year, thus the contract as outlined above does not require a special work permit.