

## Open call: Scholarships for Master students

The Center for Integrated Quantum Science and Technology (IQST) supports talented Master's students with a **SCHOLARSHIP** during their Master's thesis work. All students who will be writing a Master's thesis in an institute/ group of an **IQST Fellow** on a topic **related to IQST** can apply.

### Content, Objective and Scope

The IQST sparking programme brings excellent Master students in touch with quantum research in IQST and funds scholarships for MSc projects in one of the IQST groups.

The mission of the IQST sparking programme is also to support diversity, equality, and internationalisation at IQST. We especially encourage Master students from groups underrepresented in quantum science and technology to apply.

### Funding requirements and Important Information for Students (Application Procedure)

At IQST, **Master's theses are not assigned directly**; instead, **scholarships are awarded** for students with a bachelor's degree. **Applicants** must therefore **have already secured supervision for a Master's thesis with an IQST Fellow** and must be accepted and enrolled in the MSc programmes at the respective university /institution. Based on this, a joint scholarship application with the IQST Fellow may be submitted. The application must include a **letter of support and confirmation from the IQST Supervisor**.

Applicants who have not yet arranged a Master's thesis position and would like to pursue a master's degree at an IQST institution are advised to consult the following link (<https://www.igst.org/fellows/>) for information on IQST Fellows and their research areas. Interested candidates are encouraged to contact potential IQST supervisors directly to explore available opportunities. A scholarship application can only be submitted once supervision by an IQST Fellow has been confirmed.

### Funding

The scholarship is granted for the duration of the Master's thesis work, the funding period is up to 12 months. The amount of the scholarship is based on the maximum BAföG rate applicable at the time of approval.

In addition, participation and travel costs for the summer schools, meetings, conferences, exchange programmes or training courses offered as part of the IQST scholarship programme may be granted.

## Review Criteria

- the achievements to date in the degree programme, the module grades and the final grade of the Bachelor's degree programme or existing module grades of the Master's degree programme
- strong motivation for quantum science and technology
- special achievements, awards and prizes, previous professional activities or internships
- special personal a/o family circumstances may be considered

## General Application Information

Applicants are invited to submit their application to the IQST office via **office@iqst.org** by **15.04.2026**.

Please send your application as a **single pdf-document**.

The **application template with detailed information and required documents** is attached below and can also be found on the IQST website (<https://www.iqst.org/iqst-programmes/>).

Based on the above criteria, the IQST Board will evaluate the applications in a timely manner. The best candidates will be invited to a personal interview.

The scholarship is awarded by the University of Stuttgart. The award guidelines of the University of Stuttgart from June 21, 2024 apply.

## Application Template

### Applicant

Name	Affiliation	Email

### IQST fellow / group for MSc thesis:

Name	Affiliation	Email

### Preliminary title of MSc thesis:

### Application Details and Required documents:

1. Curriculum vitae of student
2. Letter of motivation and research interests by the student (1/2 - page):
  - Please explain what fascinates you about quantum science—particularly your intended Master's thesis topic—and why you would like to pursue it with an IQST Fellow.
  - Do you have any experiences in quantum science and technology so far?
  - What are your main interests in quantum science?
  - What makes you a qualified candidate for the scholarship?
2. High school final certificate (Abitur certificate or equivalent).
3. Certificates of BSc or equivalent and transcript of records.
4. Letter of support and confirmation of planned supervision of MSc project by supervisor of MSc project (IQST fellow).
5. If applicable, MSc courses already taken a/o exam results.

### Application deadline: Apr 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Only applications submitted **in due time and in the proper form** will be considered in the selection process.