

Interdisciplinary Program Health Sciences (IPHS)

Step 1:

A counselling session in the Office of the Associate Dean for Scientific Affairs is mandatory. Please contact Dr. Christoph Aszyk for an appointment.

Step 2:

A) Documents to be submitted by the Doctoral Student

To apply, please submit the following documents as one PDF document. Please note that other formats are not accepted.

1. IPHS Application Form

Please download from homepage and fill in including two academic references (names and contact data sufficient)

2. Letter of Interest

Personal statement, describing why you are interested in participating in the IPHS program including your future scientific career goals

3. Curriculum Vitae

- Personal data
- Individual achievements (e.g. scholarships, prizes, publications)

4. Secondary School Certificate

5. University Degree Certificates and Academic Record

- Proof of initial enrolment ('Ersteinschreibung') for Bachelor and Master studies (e.g. proof of matriculation from first semester, 'Studienverlaufsbescheinigung', etc.)
- Bachelor's degree certificate
- Master's degree/diploma certificate, academic record, abstract of master's/diploma thesis (1 - 2 page)
- copy of master's/diploma thesis (as extra PDF)

6. Doctoral Project Proposal

- Focused thesis proposal in the field of Health Sciences including: subject and summary of the project (max. 3 pages)
 - short introduction to the state of the field (background),
 - specific aim(s) of the project,
 - working hypothesis/scientific question,
 - description of the experimental strategy/methods,
 - working and time schedule,
 - alternative plans for unforeseen obstacles (optional),
 - integration of the planned project into the surrounding of the Clinic/Institute.

7. Letter of Recommendation from supervisor

Please send your application as one PDF document to Dr. Christoph Aszyk (Program Coordinator) via e-mail to christoph.aszyk@uk-koeln.de.

B) Documents to be handed in by the Supervisor of the Doctoral Student

The following documents only need to be submitted, if the supervisor has not yet supervised another IPHS Doctoral Student

- CV and publication list
- Overview of research group composition: (Post Docs, doctoral students, technical assistants)
- Overview of former doctoral students (name, title of research project, academic degree, research period)
- Overview of third party funding

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Step 3:

Candidates fulfilling the formal requirements will be invited for an **interview including an oral presentation** conducted by the IPHS selection committee. Positively evaluated candidates are admitted to the program anytime throughout the year.