

### **Tuition and Fees**

ESSRES offers the programme without tuition fees. However, PhD students have to be enrolled at University of Bremen or Jacobs University. Here, each semester you will have to pay the enrollment fee ("Rückmeldegebühr") of approx. €197,70. It includes free public transport within Bremen and Bremerhaven and surroundings ("Semesterticket") and warrants the student status that allows for benefits like reduced insurance fees or entrance costs at cinema or museum etc.

Please be aware that living expenses in Germany might be higher than in other countries. It has been estimated that students in the land Bremen will require approx. €800,- per month to cover the costs of living and study.

### **Estimated costs include:**

Accommodation: €250,- per month on average (deposit: one to two month rent, returned on expiry of the duration of rent if there is no cause for complaint)

Medical insurance: mandatory, but on your own responsibility

Third party liability insurance: €25,- per year

Lunch in the refectory: €3,- per day on average

other costs: varies from person to person but is unlikely to be less than €250,- per month (food, books, stationery, travel, clothes, sport/leisure, etc)

### **Stipend:**

PhD positions at ESSRES are financed by stipends, enabling the students to exclusively work on their research project. The stipend is paid without any taxes and ranges between 1.000,- EUR and 1.365,- EUR, depending on the personal qualification and the marital status. Additional funding for children can also be granted. At the moment, the scholarship amounts to 1.000,- EUR (basic amount) plus 103,- EUR (material expenses grant). In addition, an aid of 100,- EUR per month against proof of costs is paid for the health insurance.

*Prerequisite:* At the beginning of the PhD thesis the graduation must not date back longer than 3 years. Servitors must not have completed their 30th year of age.