

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### PhD Positions in the Graduate Program at Hamburg School of Infection & Immunity (HSII)

**Start of the Program: October 2025 in Hamburg**

**Application Deadline: May 16, 2025**

Applicants are invited to submit their application as a single PDF file to **hsii@uke.de**. Please include:

- A letter of motivation
- Two letters of recommendation
- A reference to existing contacts with HSII working groups (if applicable)

For more information: [www.uke.de/hsii](http://www.uke.de/hsii)

#### About us

The **Hamburg School of Infection & Immunity (HSII)** was founded in 2022. We are part of the **Academy of Biomedical Health and Sciences (ABHS)** at the **University Medical Center Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE)** in Hamburg, Germany. Our mission is to support graduate education at UKE, especially for PhD students in the fields of infection, immunity, and inflammation. We aim to bring together the brightest young physicians and scientists who are eager to explore the fascinating complexities of immune surveillance, the challenges posed by infectious agents, and the adaptive and regulatory responses in health and autoimmunity.

#### Our Program

The HSII offers a three-year PhD curriculum beginning in October each year.. The program is supported by a wide range of collaborative research initiatives, including **CRC1192, CRC1328, CRC1648, CRC1700, FOR2799, FOR2879, and FOR5068**, which focus on infection, immunity, and inflammation. In addition, the immunological training is closely aligned with the research goals of the **Hamburg Center for Translational Immunology (HCTI)**, where scientists and clinicians work in an interdisciplinary environment on autoimmune and chronic inflammatory diseases.

#### Highlights:

- Research projects and funding for at least three years
- 180 credits (150 for the dissertation and 30 for accompanying courses, based on the European Credit Transfer System - ECTS)
- Courses in good scientific practice, presentation, and writing skills are offered by the UKE Academy of Biomedical Health Sciences (ABHS). Specific courses cover key skills, interdisciplinary topics, and research methods, along with weekly seminars and journal clubs.
- Retreats, guest lectures, symposia, and social activities
- Language of instruction: English

## Admission Requirements

- An above-average **MSc degree in biological sciences or equivalent** (e.g., bioinformatics)
- Proof of **English language proficiency** (e.g., TOEFL or IELTS), unless English is your native language or you have completed at least two years of education (during B.Sc./M.Sc. or equivalent studies) entirely in English
- Strong interest in **infection, immunity, and inflammation**
- Ability to work in a team and enthusiasm for interdisciplinary research
- Proof of full immunization against measles