The opportunity to visit seminars in different locations offers you the opportunity to optimally cover your own scientific interests.

Epidemiology is an interdisciplinary oriented field. PhD students traditionally proceed to their epidemiological doctorate coming from various scientific branches.

The application procedure starts in November. Please send your written application, including a letter of motivation and your CV, by email to:

Tanja Ludwigs: ZKE-Sekr@uk-essen.de
Tel.: +49 201 / 92239 289

Application deadline: January 15th every year.

Students can easily get to the different college grounds within 30 minutes using public transport.
**Epidemiology (Epi)** investigates the occurrence and causes of diseases from a population-based perspective. Among other things, epidemiological findings serve health promotion, prevention, and the qualitative assessment of the healthcare system.

**Clinical research (CR)** includes the areas of prevention, diagnosis, and prognosis, and describes the applicability of scientific epidemiological findings with regard to specific medical questions in the daily clinical routine.

In the course of the Program, the PhD candidates are actively involved in science.

At the end of their studies the PhD candidates should be able to conduct epidemiological and clinical studies independently, and in due consideration of good epidemiological practice. The multidisciplinary as well as international approach of the PhD program creates ideal prerequisites for a subsequent scientific career.

There are different ways to **finance** the studies. Current job openings for research assistants as well as possible scholarships are listed on the ZKE website. However, we also welcome applicants working outside the University Alliance Ruhr (UA Ruhr).

If you have any questions, we are happy to provide you with further information.

"In his seminars Prof. Stang encourages critical thinking, and the engagement with current epidemiological issues in an extraordinary way. He prepares students ideally for their time after university."

**Beginning in the summer semester of 2017, the program will start in April every year.**

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**Program Structure**

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*part of the program in LP = lesson periods of 45 minutes

**Entry requirement** for the structured PhD program is a completed degree (300 ECTS) thematically related to epidemiology. The final decision about an applicant’s admission is made after a personal interview.

The core teaching units are taught as modular compact courses. Professors and scientists from the UA Ruhr as well as international guest lecturers are involved in teaching. The working language is English; annual PhD retreats round off the program.

**PhD thesis** (incl. an optional international research stay in the second year)

**Accompanying program** (Approximately 300h)

**Life in the Ruhr Area**

More than five million people live in the Ruhr area where science and culture are successfully joined. Currently, 250,000 young people are studying at more than 20 institutions of higher education.

In Essen, Dortmund and Bochum there are many opportunities to spend one’s spare time.

In Essen, one can visit the Gruga park during the day and go out in Rüttenscheid at night.

In Dortmund, there are public parks to enjoy as well as many different museums. Bochum has more than twenty theaters offering musicals, concerts, traditional theater, and much more; and the Bermuda3eck offers anything a night owl might wish for.

Last but not least, major events such as the Ruhrtriennale or the “Extraschicht” that are collectively organized by the Ruhr cities make the metropolitan area one of the cultural capitals in Europe. All of the three university locations promise cultural diversity and high quality of life for the people living and learning there.

"The mixture of lectures, discussions, tutorials, and SAS labs makes the courses entertaining, and facilitate the understanding of the matter. Thank you!"

Cornelia Becker M.Sc., Research assistant in Mainz