

Study in Germany

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Practical Guide

For International Students



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ALI GOES TO GERMANY



In this guide, we present to you, Ali, an African student, from North central Nigeria, who is fascinated with machines and is interested in studying in Germany, as he learnt Germany is a powerhouse in engineering and he is on the quest of finding all the necessary information needed to study Mechanical Engineering (BSEng) in order for him to fulfill his dream but in quest of searching for his degree programme, he discovered a lot more about the enormous study potential Germany offers to all students no matter their programme choice or the degree they want to obtain. Ali shares his story with you on everything he did to succeed, from making his decision, searching for schools, course of study, accommodation, application for student visa and settling in Germany after arrival. Read Ali's success story and learn how he prepared and made his way to study in Germany. If Ali succeeded, you can succeed too.

For you to understand Ali's story perfectly, we've broken it down into phases 1, 2 and 3

I NEED ADMISSION

Do you need study admission to Germany? But before you apply you need to understand why you want to study in Germany. I had to find out why Germany was a top choice for me and why it stood out from other countries as a beloved study destination in Europe.

These are what I discovered:

These were my top 10 reasons from my research before applying:



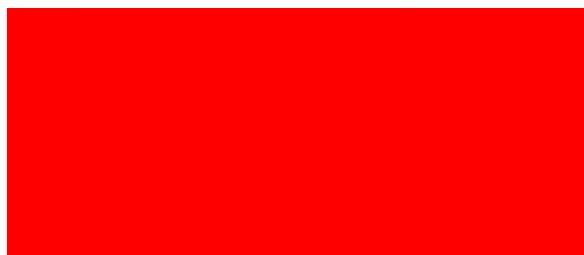
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Unique culture and history of Germany and as well explore its beautiful landscape. Germany has more 410 higher education institutions and gives you the possibility to choose close to 15,000 Bachelor and master study programmes.



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11 states in Germany charge no tuition fees at all for international students, except for some states like Baden Württemberg that now charges tuition.





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It is not so expensive to study and live in Germany. The average living cost is a r o u n d 800 - 900€ Euro including accommodation, food, transport, health insurance, telephone/internet, study materials and fun activities.

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DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and many other foundations both public and private foundations offer scholarship opportunities to foreign students.



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Many German Universities now offer international courses in English language. Having a knowledge of German to study in Germany is not necessary but of course it is highly recommended, since you need it for everyday communication.



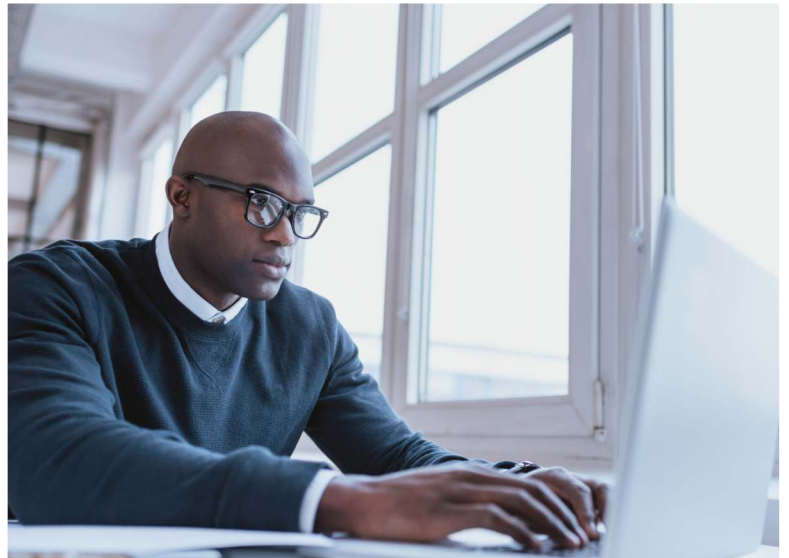
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You have the chance to live and enjoy



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After studies, international students have one year and six months to find a job.



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German offers world class education, especially in fields like Engineering, Medicine, Science, Economics, Philosophy, Information Technology, Social Sciences and Humanities.





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You can study and work for 90 full working days or 180 half working days in a year to support yourself. Students earn from 10 to 15 Euros an hour.



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You can travel to so many EU countries during your stay in Germany including the nine countries bordering Germany.



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM IN GERMANY

I was surprised to discover the variety of higher institutions, study programmes and degrees available in Germany. There are more than 420 higher institutions, among which 106 are universities in Germany offering more than 18,200 study programmes for both German and international students. Germany has many renowned Universities, some ranking among the top 100 Universities in the world. Universities Ranking

(<https://www.webometrics.info/en/Europe/Germany%20#content>)

Germany has a unique system of higher education. No matter what your needs or talents are, you'll certainly find an institution to fit into in Germany.

You typically have the choice among the following:

1. Universities: scientific-research focused.
2. Universities of Applied Sciences - mainly focused on technical and professional practices, usually offering several internship opportunities during studies or after studies.
3. Colleges of art, dance, fashion, film and music, etc. are focused on those who are talented and passionate about creativity, entertainment and self-expression.



Though, I applied for a Bachelor's programme, but it was interesting to find out that Germany offers study programmes at all levels:



1. Undergraduate studies: Bachelor's degree (BA, BSc, BSEng): This usually takes up 6-8 semester to complete, that is between 3 to 4 years, and you are awarded 180 up to 240 ECTS (European Credits Transfer System)

2. International Exchange Programmes - students often spend one semester in abroad in another country to study in an international institution or University. This is usually done to complement students' study or for them to gain exposure in their respective field elsewhere. This could be applicable to either bachelor's or master's students.

3. Graduate Studies: Master's degree (MA, MSc, MEng): This takes usually 2-4 semester to complete, that is 1 to 2 years, you must earn between 60 to 120 ECTS Credits

4. PhD/Postgraduate Studies: PhD Degree: You only need 4-10 semester to complete your research work (dissertation) to earn a doctorate degree in Germany

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

There are no general admission requirements to study in Germany, it depends on your choice of study programme and level as well as study institution and this varies from institution to institution and course of study to course of study. In most cases if you are going for a bachelor's degree, like in my case, my school-leaving certificate from Nigeria was not enough to present for admission in Germany and my German was not very good, so I had to apply for 1-year foundation programme called 'Studienkolleg' and then I wrote and passed the qualification assessment exam called Feststellungsprüfung. This enabled me to start my actual course of study.

But I had a friend, Ojolo, who was from Uganda, who was talented in art and design, did not have to take an entrance exam like me, instead he wrote an aptitude test and submitted his work samples to the school.



LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND REQUIREMENT FOR ADMISSION:

Most undergraduate courses in Germany are taught in German, while many graduate courses are currently available in English. If your course of study is in German, you'll need to show evidence of German language. To meet these requirements, you ought to have one of the following exams: German Language Test for Admission of Foreign Study Applicants or TestDaF. You don't need to take the German language test if you have these alternatives, i.e. an Abitur from a German school or you have the German Language Diploma (Level II), Goethe Zertifikat C1 or C2. Although there are some Universities that don't require international students to have the knowledge of German, but this is mostly for Master courses; in which case some Universities may request that you show a proof of English language, requiring TOEFL or IELTS. As a foreign student, if you would like to have an idea about your ranking in comparison to other applicants who wants to study in Germany, you can take an aptitude test called TestAS. Here is a link for you: https://www.testas.de/en/index_en.htm If you have a good results, you can increase your chances of being admitted for studies in a University in Germany.



ACADEMIC STRUCTURE AND REQUIREMENT:

Academic structure is different depending on the University and degree in Germany. In Germany every course of study is overseen by a seminar. This maybe in another building or in the same building. You'll also find the professors and research assistants here. Every course has a departmental committee called Fachschaft, made up of students representing the interest of all the students. In Germany, Universities are scattered around the city, only very few have centralised campuses. The academic year is generally divided into two; the summer and winter semester. The summer semester typically starts from April to September, while the winter semester starts from October to March, but in the University of Applied Sciences this is a bit different, summer starts from March to August and winter semester from September to February.

In Germany, most Universities use the modules and credit points system. The module system is used for both bachelors and masters programmes. I was a bit confused when I started studying, since in Nigeria, we don't use the module. It was totally a new experience to me. Modules could take two semesters to complete and consist of six to ten hours of lecture a week.

To receive an academic degree, students must fulfill certain amount of points. Usually, it is demanded that students complete 180 to 240 credit points for a bachelor's degree and 60 to 120 credit points for a master's degree.

Note: There are some courses that are only available in the winter semester



TIMELINE FOR PLANNING AND PREPARATION (BONUS)

As a bonus tip for you, I'm sharing a method I used in planning and preparing for my study and trip to study. Here is a breakdown of the process:

- Ÿ **At Least 1 Year Before Traveling To Germany:** I started by gathering information about the study opportunities for me in Germany and if I meet the requirement for me to successfully be admitted by checking and confirming all the necessary documents needed for admission. I also had to figure out how I was going to finance my study.
- Ÿ **6 Months Before Travelling To Germany:** By this time, I had already decided on a course of study and University and I also contacted the University's international office for further information about my course of study.
- Ÿ **3-5 Months Before Your Study Starts:** Already submitted my application to the University for admission and making sure I paid attention to the deadline, whether winter or summer semester.
- Ÿ **What Next After Getting Admission Notification:** I applied for an accommodation immediately I received my admission letter and applied for a visa as well as health insurance with a health insurance policy that is officially



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Step 1 I Need A Student Visa

Ÿ After getting my admission, the next thing was to apply for a student visa and because many African countries including Nigeria are not eligible to a visa-free entry into Germany. I had to apply for one. Citizens from the European Union member countries don't require a visa to enter Germany, all they need is a valid personal identity card and citizens from countries like Canada, Australia, Japan, South Korea, Israel, US usually require a visa on arrival, while citizens from the African continent must apply for a visa in their countries before travelling to Germany. Since I knew I would need a visa from Nigeria to travel to Germany, the next step was for me to know the requirement for applying. You can get more information from here: www.diplo.de/visa



REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENT VISA APPLICATION

First, you need to know there are different kind of visas. Once you get a notification of admission, then it is time for you to apply for a visa. Though, you may still apply for a visa even if you have not been granted an admission into a German University or Studienkolleg- this is the foundation programme I mentioned earlier but you'll only be able to apply for a study applicant visa (in German: Visum zum Zweck der Studienbewerbung). You must find out from the German embassy in your country, as this opportunity is not available in all countries. If you have been admitted to a University or Studienkolleg, you should apply for a student visa (in German: Visum für den Aufenthalt zu Studienzwecken). The visa you'll be given will only be valid for three months, so you'll have to apply for a residence permit at the foreign or immigration office in your city of residence when you arrive in Germany.



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Pay Attention:

It is not advisable to enter Germany with a tourist visa, as you cannot convert a tourist visa to a student visa or student applicant visa in Germany. You'll still have to go back to your country to re-apply for a student visa. Once you're sure of the visa type you are applying for, the step is to make sure you have all the required documents ready before the slated date for interview. Here are documents I presented, and these are the general required documents. Although, in some countries some documents may not be required and in some more may be requested. You may have to confirm the necessary documents from the German embassy in your country before requesting for an interview date



STEP 2:

ARRANGE VISA DOCUMENTS

STUDENT VISA APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

1. Proof of finance
2. Previous academic certificates (including transcripts)
3. Proof of health insurance
4. German knowledge certificate or letter showing future German course in Germany
5. Admission letter from a German University or Higher Institution
6. Health certificate (Required for some countries)
7. University Entrance Qualification recognised in Germany (When applicable)

YES! I GOT MY VISA

After you get your visa, you must apply for accommodation, so you don't find it difficult when you arrive, as this could be difficult sometimes, depending on the city. Although it is usually more challenging with big cities, like Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Munich or Düsseldorf because of high demand. Kampus Konnekt49 sorted my accommodation before I arrived, you should contact them (link to appointment form). They support their students with securing accommodation before arrival, so you could focus more on settling in when you arrive your destination. Now you have secured your accommodation, then you can book your travel ticket.

I Got an ISIC Card

The International Student Identity Card (ISIC) is a student card that offers discounts for international students. The discounts could cover travel tickets, insurance and living expenses in more than 130 countries. I got my ISIC card with a registration fee of 22 euro. The card is available in some African countries.

You can apply online for it as well by submitting following documents:

- Digital photo
- Scanned copy of proof of full-time student status
- Scanned copy of proof of identity

To register and order the card online,
visit ISIC website: <https://www.isic.org/get-your-card/>

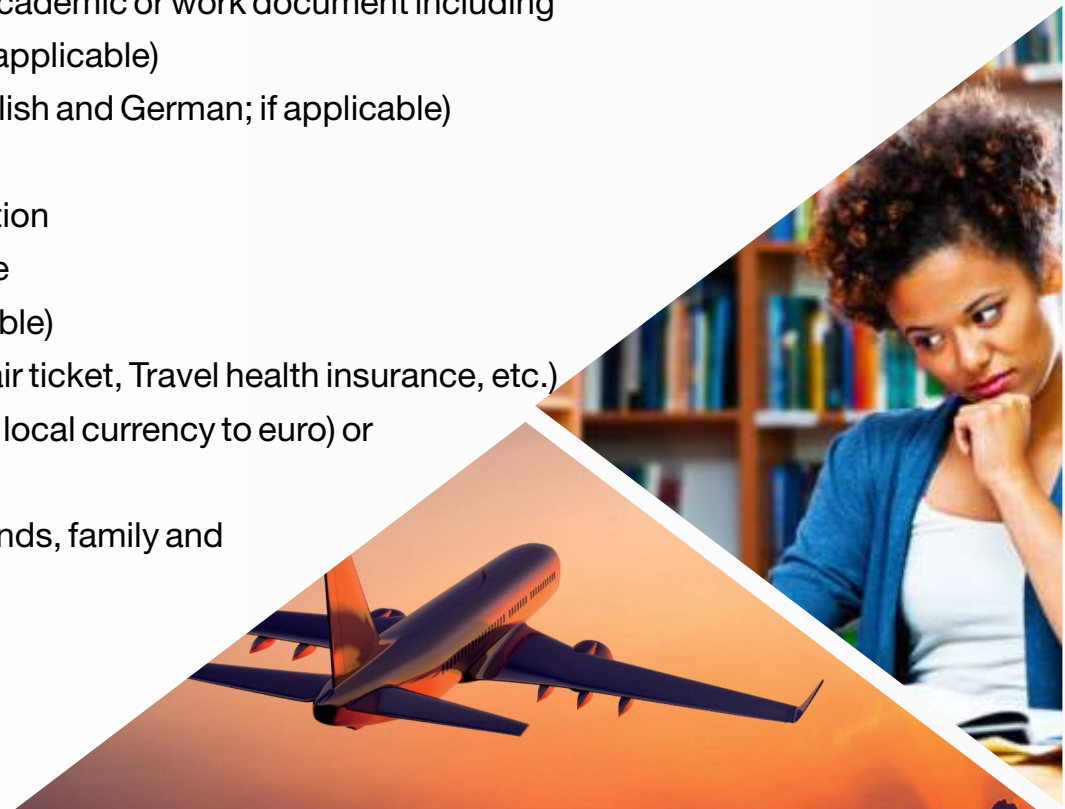
1 MONTH BEFORE I LEFT MY COUNTRY

One month before I left Nigeria, I visited a doctor. I'll advise you to do same before moving to Germany to ensure you are in a good health shape, you can also ask the doctor if you need to get any vaccine or any medication for Germany. The doctor can prescribe medicines needed to take along that will help during your stay in Germany, especially if you're on any special health treatment. Make sure you're well acquainted with the health issues for travellers to Germany before you embark on your journey.

Start Packing Soon and Smart

Packing for study abroad could be very challenging, since you will be away for a long period and there are so many things needed to put carry along. I was focused more on making sure I had all my personal documents. If you forget any of these documents, it may ruin your study plans but for other items you can always buy them in Germany: Here is my list of important items:

1. Passport valid throughout your study stay in Germany
2. Admission letter from the University or School
3. Proof of financial resources
4. Original copies of all your academic or work document including translated certified copies (if applicable)
5. Language certificates (English and German; if applicable)
6. Proof of finance/funding
7. Health insurance confirmation
8. International driving license
9. Vaccination card (if applicable)
10. Other travel documents (air ticket, Travel health insurance, etc.)
11. Cash (change it from your local currency to euro) or Credit/Debit card
12. Important numbers of friends, family and acquaintances



TRAVEL BAGGAGE

I ensured I was aware of the baggage and handbag allowance of the airline company I was travelling with. Make sure you confirm with the airline before you book your flight.



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I AM NOW IN GERMANY

Step 1 Getting Health Insurance

If your health insurance is not recognised in Germany, you'll have to get a health insurance recognised in Germany. Public health insurance coverage is usually recommended for international students and there are many of them. You need a health insurance coverage to successfully enroll at the University in Germany.



Step 2

ENROLLING AT MY UNIVERSITY

To fully get started at a University, you must matriculate, for you to be able to register for your courses, so you can get a degree upon completion of studies. These are the procedures I took to enroll at my University:

1. I visited the office of students' affairs "Studentensekretariat" and the international office and I was required to submit these documents for enrollment:

- Passport or ID Card,
- Admission Letter from the University
- University Entrance Qualification (or substitute documents)
- Passport photos (up to 10 depending on the university or school)
- Health insurance coverage,
- German Language proficiency proof (for study in German only)
- English Language proficiency proof (for study in English only),
- Proof of English and German language proficiency (for study in German and English)

After providing these documents, the international office gave me an enrollment certificate of enrollment, which served also as a temporary student ID.

You'll also be issued bank details on paying the semester contribution by at the international office or student affairs office. I received my student ID card after paying the semester fee.

After which, I was provided with an online account with login details to access the University's intranet services such as the electronic course information, online registration for courses and exams and online course material of professors.

At the beginning of each semester, you always have to re-register, because enrolment is only valid for one semester and to be enrolled in the following semester you will have to pay the semester fee, which is usually with a deadline.

Step 3

REGISTER AT THE CITY RESIDENCE OFFICE AND APPLY FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT

It is necessary to register in your city of residence in Germany. So, to do this, I went to the local resident registration office. For some of my friends, who were living in larger cities, they went to the municipal office. These are the documents I needed to register at the resident registration office:

1. Passport or ID Card
2. Confirmation of residence from my landlord

I was given a registration form to fill after which, I got a printout confirming I had registered.

Hint: Keep your registration confirmation safe, because you'll need in another city, if eventually you move.

I had to go to the foreigner's registration office after I finished my registration at the resident registration office. It is compulsory for every student, who is not a citizen of Germany or any of the EU countries to register at the foreigner's office, to have a legal stay in Germany. The registration isn't free, you must pay between 50 and 60 euros. These are the documents I presented at the time of my registration:

1. Residency registration confirmation from the resident registration office.
2. Health certificate (if applicable)
3. Proof of health insurance coverage
4. University enrolment confirmation
5. Passport
6. Proof of financial resources

I had all my document complete and valid, so I was given 1-year residence permit, which you could always extend if there's a need for it.



Step 4

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

To open a bank account as a student in Germany is quite simple. There are many banks that offer students special offers and services. To complete my account opening procedure was easy. All I did was fill an application form and submitted all the documents that were requested.

The documents usually requested are university admission letter, residence permit and sometimes a passport photo, depending on the bank. There's a possibility of opening an account online too, in a case, where you don't want to go to the bank physically.

See also: [How to open a bank account via internet](#)



Step 5

COST AND FINANCING

The first thing that came to my mind when I decided to study in Germany was how much it was going to cost me, considering my parents were not able to afford expensive education, by the time I realised there's was no tuition fee in many German public universities I couldn't wait to grab the opportunity. However, there were still some expenses that I had to still prepare for. To help you understand the financial cost of studying in Germany, I have broken it down for you accordingly:

Semester Contribution: Though you don't have to pay tuition, but it is compulsory to pay the semester fee, which differs from university to university, it ranges between 200 and 300 euros. This fee helps in financing some students' services and activities, which includes student halls of residence, dining halls, sport facilities and administration. The fee also includes the semester ticket needed for local and regional transportation within the state or city you are studying for six months.

Tuition Fee (If Applicable): As I told you before, many public universities in Germany are free and are funded by the government, however, there are some master's degree programmes that require you to pay for it and private universities charge a lot of money for those studying there, and the cost of tuition has nothing to do with the quality of education. Public universities in Germany offer quality education and very competitive global. Even though the tuition is free, you may still spend up to 49 euros if you process your admission through Uni-assist.

Living Costs: Compared to many other European countries, the cost of living in Germany is relatively cheap. It is difficult to predict how much one needs for upkeep in Germany but on the average, you will need 900 euros monthly to survive but this depends on whether you live in a big city or small town. You will need less than 900 euros if you live in a small city.

Evidence of Finance: To study in Germany, you must prove you have up to 11,904 euros you can live or survive on for one year. Before you leave your country, the German embassy will require you to show proof of finance when you apply for study visa, which can be through any of these means: payment of 11,904 euros into a blocked account in a bank in Germany as I mentioned before, an issue of guarantee by someone living in Germany called verpflichtungserklärung or a scholarship. To be sure of the type of financial proof required for your country, find out more from the German embassy in your country. If you don't have the means to fund your study just like me, there a lot of scholarship opportunities in Germany, the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service). I received my scholarship to study in Germany from them. You can check out the DAAD scholarship database here: www.funding-guide.de

SCHOLARSHIPS

German Government Scholarship

<https://www.scholarshipsads.com/germany-scholarships/#gs.qrsk6q>

DAAD scholarship link

<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/>
<https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/musik-kunst/en/8590-the-daads-artists-in-berlin-program-/>

Bayer AG - Stiftungen

<http://www.bayer-foundations.com/en/international-fellowship.aspx>

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

<https://www.fesdc.org/about/friedrich-ebert-stiftung/>

MAWISTA Scholarship

<https://www.mawista.com/en/scholarship/>

Tuition Free Universities in Germany

1. Technical University of Munich
2. Ludwig Maximilians University
3. Heidelberg University
4. Karlsruher Institute of Technology
5. Humboldt University of Berlin
6. Free University of Berlin
7. RWTH University
8. Technical University of Berlin
9. University of Tübingen
10. Albert Ludwig University
11. Georg-Augusta University of Göttingen
12. University of Hamburg
13. University of Bonn
14. Goethe University
15. University of Stuttgart
16. Darmstadt University of Technology
17. TU Dresden

Tuition Free Universities in Germany

1. University of Siegen
2. University of Kaiserslautern
3. University of Giessen
4. Free University of Berlin
5. University of Koblenz and Landau
6. Esslingen University of Applied Sciences (Hochschule Esslingen)
7. Braunschweig University of Technology (TU Braunschweig)

Here are some of the best universities in Germany, which offer degree courses in English:

- Hochschule Mannheim –University of Applied Sciences
- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
- Berlin International University of Applied Sciences
- Bremen University of Applied Sciences
- Jacobs University
- Technische Universität München
- University of Göttingen
- Max Planck Institute
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Technische Universität Dresden
- Munich University of Applied Sciences
- University of Bonn
- Saarland University
- Frankfurt School of Finance & Management
- Technische Universität Kaiserslautern
- Universität Hamburg
- ULM University
- HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management
- University of Bayreuth
- WHU-Otto Beisheim School of Management
- University of Stuttgart
- RWTH Aachen University
- HTW Berlin
- Technische Universität Berlin
- TU Darmstadt
- University of Hohenheim
- University of Erfurt
- University of Freiburg

Universities that offer Computer Science (Msc.) with English as language.

1. Technical University of Munich
2. Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
3. Ludwig Maximilians Universität München
4. RWTH Aachen University
5. Technical University Berlin
6. University of Saarland
7. University of Bonn

Step 6

CAN I FIND A JOB IN GERMANY AFTER MY STUDY?

There are a lot of African students working in Germany currently. This is because international students have up to one year and 6 months after graduating to find a job. Although, the job must be related to the field of study. Graduates from German universities have great prospects in the German labor market, most especially graduates in the field of engineering, information technology, life sciences and mathematics.

You could decide to do a doctorate degree, if you were a master student or take up a master studies, if you were a bachelor's student, you also have an option of setting up your own business or enterprise. Find further information on job opportunities in Germany on the Make it in Germany website under "Studying in Germany-and after?" You may even get support if you decide to return home, but you may have to fulfill certain conditions to be entitled to such support, get more info here:

www.zav-reintegration.de/en

For you to live and work in Germany, you need to have long-term residency and as an international student, you are entitled to the following residence titles:


1. Residence permit (this is temporary residence permit you get for regular studies)
2. EU Blue Card (temporary residence title)
3. Settlement permit (permanent residence title)
4. Permanent residency (permanent residence title)


Every graduate student from Germany with a fixed or contract job with a minimum gross annual income of 48,000 or 38,000 euros for a job that's not in high demand can apply for EU Blue Card. The card is first issued for a maximum of 4 years (max.) and can be extended depending on the job contract.








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When You Arrive Germany

The Scholarship Guide at a Glance

When it comes to scholarship opportunities in Germany, there are numerous scholarship funding opportunities to choose from, depending on your study programme, academic qualification, professional qualification and German language proficiency. After acceptance in their desired study programme, all students can apply for a scholarship, for example at a foundation. Foundations that grant scholarships can be found [here](https://www.stiftungsindex.de/) <https://www.stiftungsindex.de/> German and international students are eligible for Bundesausbildungsförderung (BAföG) under specified criteria. Germans with a bachelor's degree or international students who lived in Germany prior to their studies can be supported. See [link https://www.studentenwerke.de/en/](https://www.studentenwerke.de/en/) for details. International students, researchers and academics can apply to many scholarship organisations, like the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), which is the largest and most recognised scholarship body in Germany as well as the largest scholarship organisation in the world, party-affiliated foundations, business-affiliated institutions and university scholarships. The guide will give you a detailed overview of many scholarship granting bodies and opportunities for international students to study in Germany.

Preface

Scholarships in Germany are mostly available only for Masters and PhD candidates, especially for international applicants. Therefore, this ebook will mainly focus on providing information for postgraduate courses and scholarships.

Scholarships for Postgraduate Courses



General Information

International applicants applying for a scholarship in Germany for a postgraduate programme should have obtained a recognised Master's or PhD degree in their home country or anywhere else in the world.

Scholarship Duration



Usually 12-24 months for Masters (but this depends on the particular institution) and 36 months for PhD. For your scholarship to be effective, it is required that you must have already gained an admission into a German University or University of Applied Sciences. Scholarships are also available for various study programmes based on what you want to study and sometimes the scholarship fund could include an all expense paid German language course. However, students who can finance their study themselves or depend on their government support or other sources still get admitted to study as well.

Prerequisites and Requirements

General Requirement For Postgraduate Scholarship Applications



Professional Qualification

At the time of application, all applicants must show documentation of at least two years of professional job experience and identify their current employment condition. The following proof must be submitted: a letter of reference from the employer(s), ideally guaranteeing re-employment after completion of the study in Germany; a certificate(s) of employment that include the exact position and period of employment; a letter of recommendation from the employer(s), ideally guaranteeing re-employment after completion of the study in Germany.



Academic Qualification

All applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree (normally four years) in a related subject of their intended study and must have completed the academic degree with far above average results (upper third) and at least two years of related professional experience after the first degree (bachelor) at the time of application. The academic degree should not be more than six years old under normal circumstances.



Language Qualification

German

For study courses in German (scholarship includes a preparatory 6-month German language course in Germany for some scholarships, especially DAAD scholarships.) Successfully passing the language examination TestDaF 4 or DSH 2 may also be a requirement for some scholarships in Germany. TestDaF or DSH 2 are examinations that confirm the language skills needed for admission to enrol in all degree programmes and courses at all German universities. Therefore a minimum German language level of B1 at the time of application is a requirement that needs to be proofed by providing a certificate in some other cases. It is not possible to pass the required German language courses (DSH 2 or TestDaF) without any previous basic knowledge in the German language (at least B1 Level). Passing the language test is a formal prerequisite for matriculation at the respective German university.

English

For courses in English: IELTS (Band 6) certificate or TOEFL (minimum score: 550 paper based, 213 computer based, 80 internet based) are the required standard in some cases for a scholarship in Germany.



Statement of Motivation

Applicants are usually required to submit a statement of motivation explaining why they are interested in attending a particular postgraduate course with reference to their current employment. They are usually also asked to describe their development-related motivation and how they intend to make full use of their scholarship and education by taking on social responsibility later in their careers.



How The Scholarship Selection Is Made

An independent and voluntary committee mostly made up of German university lecturers, researchers and teachers selects applicants. Personal introduction may be required depending on the study programme of the applicant, if it is a two level selection, another independent committee of academics will then be set up for this.

The main criteria for selection are the project's quality, whether it is for study or research or continuing education and a solid letter of motivation. In addition to project quality, the individual's academic achievements play a major role as well as language skills, although this depends on the scholarship programme.

N.B For DAAD scholarships, application forms are available on their website including information on required documents. Here is the [link](#).

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?daad=&detail=50076777&origin=190&page=1&q=epos&status=3&subjectGrps=>

There are some courses that applicants can apply to get DAAD funding, for such courses applications have to be sent directly to them. Always ensure to check their websites for the application process and deadlines and the required documents to be submitted. If you send your applications to the DAAD in such a situation, your application will remain with DAAD as they don't forward the applications to the institutions concerned nor will they return it.

Available Scholarships in Germany

Government Funded Scholarships

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Scholarships

General Information

You can apply for a DAAD scholarship as an international student at the German embassy in your home country. See [link https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/](https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/) for more info about how to apply for the DAAD scholarship.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) assists over 100,000 German and international students and researchers each year all over the world. The DAAD and its programs are primarily supported by government funds. The DAAD had a budget of 549 million euros in 2020.

The most commonly awarded DAAD scholarships to international applicants from developing countries is the so-called EPOS scholarship, which is focused on development-related postgraduate study programmes.

DAAD sponsors a carefully determined range of postgraduate courses of particular relevance to junior executives from developing countries from among the enormous number of postgraduate courses provided by German institutions of higher education.

Postgraduate programmes, which are currently available include the following areas:

- Economic Sciences/ Business Administration/ Political Economics
- Development Cooperation
- Engineering and Related Sciences
- Mathematics
- Regional and Urban Planning
- Agricultural and Forest Sciences
- Natural and Environmental Sciences
- Medicine and Public Health Social Sciences, Education and Law
- Media Studies

Selection Procedure and Requirement for the DAAD EPOS Scholarship

Candidates must demonstrate development-related motivation and are expected to make the most of their scholarship and education later in their careers by taking on social responsibility and acting as change agents who stimulate and support development in their personal and professional environments (motivation, commitment to development) in their home countries.

The candidates must possess the professional and academic qualifications required for successful completion of the degree program in Germany (final test scores, language skills, etc).

Frequently Asked Questions About the DAAD EPOS Scholarship Programme:

1. Should I send my applications directly to DAAD?

No, you must apply directly to the course! For information on the application process (e.g., online application), the application deadline, and the documents that must be provided, you have to visit the course provider's websites for this. Applications sent to the DAAD by e-mail or through the DAAD website will be ignored during the selection process.

2. Can I apply for more than one course at a time?

Yes, you can apply for up to three courses at a time, usually you will have to list your courses in order of importance in your application forms, indicating your host institution/university in Germany.

N.B Without the official DAAD application form, scholarships cannot be provided.

3. What are the application deadlines for DAAD scholarships?

The deadlines varies depending on universities or courses

4. Does the scholarship cover my living expenses in Germany?

DAAD scholarship covers living expenses, health insurance and in some cases language training for the entirety of the postgraduate program.

5. Who decides if I get an admission?

After reviewing the application materials of your postgraduate programme, an admission committee consisting of German university professors and academics decide on the admission based on all criteria.

6. How long is the application duration for a DAAD scholarship?

In most situations, the application process for a DAAD scholarship takes a year. You can apply even if you haven't finished your education in your home country.

7. How much do I receive from DAAD as support?

A monthly scholarship support of 861 Euro for graduates and 1,200 Euro for doctoral/PhD students is paid and a flat-rate travel allowance is frequently included. Health, accident, and personal liability insurance are in some cases provided as well.

N.B: All postgraduate courses featured in this guide have a selection procedure that runs from the end of October to the beginning of March.

-To get more information on courses and deadlines about the DAAD EPOS scholarship go to this [link](https://www.daad.de/en/information-services-for-higher-education-institutions/further-information-on-daad-programmes/epos/). <https://www.daad.de/en/information-services-for-higher-education-institutions/further-information-on-daad-programmes/epos/>

Required Documents for a DAAD Scholarship Application

Signed DAAD application form with current date. You can access the form [here](#).

https://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf

Personally signed CV. You can use this recommended Europass [template](#).

A personally signed Letter of Motivation (two pages maximum) with the current date (with reference to present occupation and choice of postgraduate program(s).

Academic Letter/s of Recommendation from your university; the letter must be current and have a letterhead, signature, and official university stamp.

A letter of recommendation from your current employer; the letter must be on letterhead, include a signature, and be current in date.

Certificate(s) of Employment from the employer(s) confirming a minimum of two years of relevant working experience (after a bachelor's degree) at the time of application, as well as, if possible, a promise of re-employment from your current employer upon return home.

IELTS or TOEFL for English proof of language skills.

German is necessary for courses taught in German.

University Academic Degrees (certified translation copies if requested)

Academic Transcripts (with grading scale) (certified translation copies if requested)

N.B: *The institutional TOEFL is not accepted for applications*

N.B: *Additional documents may be required for some courses. Please review the relevant course descriptions before applying on the related websites for more information.*

N.B: *If you are applying for more than one postgraduate course (up to three), you must submit a single motivation letter stating why you are applying for these specific courses and why you choose that priority.*

Key Info:

-To be considered, the entire application must be written in English or German.

-Applications that are incomplete are usually rejected.

-You have to list courses in order of priority on the DAAD application forms if you are applying to multiple courses.

-If you have more questions, you can find out more [here](#)

https://www2.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/epos_faq_en.pdf

The Deutschlandstipendium

General Information

The Deutschlandstipendium supports high-achieving and dedicated students from all over the world financially and non-materially. Businesses, foundations, or private individuals fund young talent with a monthly contribution of 150 Euros, modeled after the public-private partnership approach. The German government adds another 150 Euros to the total, bringing the total to 300 Euros. In 2020, the Deutschlandstipendium benefited 28.100 students.

Eligibility Requirement

The Deutschlandstipendium is awarded by universities in Germany. Applicants must meet the requirements of the individual institutions. In addition to academic achievement, the criteria for selecting scholarship recipients include social commitment and personal achievements, such as a student overcoming challenges or obstacles in his or her social or family background.

More and more institutions of higher education and private sponsors are offering additional non-financial support in connection with the Deutschlandstipendium. Mentoring programmes, networking events and internships allow scholarship holders to establish valuable contacts to businesses and gain insight into work life. Check [here](https://www.deutschlandstipendium.de/de/english-1700.html) <https://www.deutschlandstipendium.de/de/english-1700.html> for more info.

Deadlines

You can apply for the support at the beginning of every study semester. Funding is usually provided for at least two semesters, but it might be for as long as the conventional length of study.

Application Procedure

The Scholarship Program Act (StipG) and the Scholarship Program Ordinance (StipV) define the types of financing criteria that institutions can create. The Deutschlandstipendium is designed to help students who are gifted and capable. School and academic achievements are essential benchmarks for evaluating applicants' performance and talent.

Awards and honors, past jobs and internships, extracurricular or extracurricular activity, and overcoming any biographical difficulties relating to origin are all part of the financing criterion. The applicant's full personality should be considered during the application and selection process.

Scholarship Value

300 Euro per month

StipendiumPlus

General Information

StipendiumPlus is a consortium of thirteen organizations dedicated to the development of young talent that have joined forces under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to support students and young researchers with exceptional abilities.

Eligibility Requirement

For application requirements you can directly check the link below for more information and any possible specific requirements. <https://www.stipendiumplus.de/en/dein-plus/stipendiumplus-who-we-are.html>

Deadlines

Varies depending on the organisation

Application Procedure

For application requirements you can directly check the link below for more information and any possible specific requirements. <https://www.stipendiumplus.de/en/dein-plus/stipendiumplus-who-we-are.html>

Scholarship Value

Scholars who are chosen receive up to 1,350 Euro, plus a research expense allowance of 100 Euro and, if applicable, family and child allowances as a doctorate scholarship holder.

Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft (sdw)

General Information

The Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft, in addition to financial support, offers a variety of multidisciplinary sponsorship opportunities under the tagline "Entrepreneurial thinking and doing with social responsibility."

Eligibility Requirement

- Outstanding academic achievement
- Social skills, broad knowledge, connected thinking, and effective communication skills
- Political or social commitment
- Determination

Deadlines

The application period is expected to start in January and end in April or May every year.

Application Procedure

Applications are submitted through the sdw application portal, requiring you to upload all requested documents. A pre-selection interview follows, then followed by an assessment center in the final round.

Scholarship Value

The Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft (sdw) provides financial assistance to students up to 1,148 Euro a month throughout the duration of their studies.

The scholarship includes an income-related basic stipend of up to 744, a flat-rate study fee of 300 Euro, and a 109 Euro health insurance subsidy. You can also apply for grants for your children as well as tuition cost waivers at four different schools.

"Spar-Stipendium"

General Information

The "Spar-Stipendium" (English: "Saving-Scholarship") is looking for frugal students who are able to manage their lives without spending a lot of money. The three scholarships each feature a 300 Euro monthly bonus for a year.

Eligibility Requirement

Only being a thrifty and saving student qualifies you for the "Spar-Stipendium."

Deadlines

At the beginning of new semesters

Application Procedure

Fill out the [application form](#) with your essential personal details.

Make a brief video or write a short article in which you identify yourself and explain why you are one of Germany's most financially responsible students.

Any video portal will accept your video (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo).

Scholarship Value

300 Euro monthly for 12 months

Religious Organisations Government Funded Scholarships

Avicenna-Scholarship

General Information

The Avicenna-Scholarship is the newest of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research's (BMBF) 13 institutions for the promotion of outstanding students. The Avicenna-Studienwerk encourages brilliant and socially engaged Muslim students and PhD candidates across all fields by offering scholarships.

Eligibility Requirement

Applicants must display above-average professional success, socially active in the society, confession of Islamic faith, and are interested in interreligious dialogue. The scholarship is granted mostly to Muslim graduates, students, and doctorate candidates. Non-Muslims may be eligible for financing if they are particularly committed to dialogue with Islam or if their course of study includes a specific reference to Islam.

Deadlines

If you have at least four semesters of regular study ahead of you at the start of the funding period, you can apply for student support.

The application period ends on April 1st or October 1st.

Application Procedure

You are expected to upload all of your application materials to the online portal before the deadlines of April 1 and October 1.

Here is the application [link](#).

Scholarship Value

The scholarships cover both financial and non-financial support. Students receive a monthly basic grant of up to 735 Euro. Doctoral students might get a monthly stipend of up to 1,350 Euro.

Cusanuswerk e.V.

General Information

During their studies and doctorates, the Cusanuswerk gives scholarships to exceptionally talented Catholic students from many disciplines and universities. People are encouraged to choose their own way and take responsibility in society, science, and the church as part of the funding. A diversified educational program encourages debate on science and faith, society and religion.

Eligibility Requirement

Young women and men with outstanding professional skills, interdisciplinary interests, and inventiveness who pursue their studies.

People with inquisitive and open personalities, who ask lots of questions and aren't content with simple answers.

People who are willing to take a stand, accept responsibility, and participate in various activities.

Deadlines

Application process for new students

Registration deadline for the procedure is July 1st.

Application process for students

Registration deadline for the procedure is August 1st.

Students at art schools

Registration deadline for the procedure is August 1st.

Students at music colleges

Registration deadline for the procedure is August 1st.

Application process for doctoral candidates

Registration deadline for the procedure is between June 1st. and November 1st.

Application Procedure

1. Find out about the selection process.
2. Check whether you meet the requirements.
3. Register on the online portal [here](#)
4. Apply with your application documents.

Scholarship Value

Doctoral candidates will be supported by Cusanuswerk with a monthly stipend of 1.350 Euro and a monthly research cost subsidy of 100 Euro. In addition to study and promotion support, the Cusanuswerk offers extensive overseas support to its scholars. For more info about this scholarship, contact Maria Schilling:

Telephone number: +49(0)228 98384-27

maria.schilling@cusanuswerk.de

Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk (ELES)

General Information

ELS (Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk) is a Jewish student and PhD candidate support organization. The scholarship recipients' show commitment for self-development to get this support. The scholarship strengthens Jewish identity, sense of responsibility, and ability to engage in discussion through non-material support measures, urging them to participate in shaping the future.

Eligibility Requirement

ELES only accepts applicants who are Jewish. Non-Jewish doctorate candidates are eligible to apply if their research is related to the Jewish community. Above-average academic performance, as well as commitment in Jewish communities, the social sector, youth work, student organizations, and the social environment is expected.

Deadlines

June 1st for admission to the winter semester and December 1st for admission to the summer semester

Application Procedure

Application is through the online application portal. Postal applications are not accepted!

You will need the following documents to apply:

- Letter of motivation stating why you would like to be funded by the Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk (max. 2 pages)
- Tabular curriculum vitae
- Your high school diploma
- Proof of internship and training, if applicable
- Proof of achievement, if applicable
- Certificate of enrollment, if applicable
- Copy of the passport or residence permit
- Proof of social commitment
- A reference from a representative in a Jewish institution (no form required),
two academic reports.

N.B: *Expert opinion and the reference of a representative in a Jewish institution must be sent as a PDF file directly to bewerbung@eles-studienwerk.de. Reviews sent in by applicants will not be accepted.*

Evangelisches Studienwerke e.V. Villigst

General Information

The Evangelische Studienwerk Villigst is the gifted support agency of Germany's Protestant churches, now supporting roughly 1200 students of all fields and 200 PhD candidates.

Eligibility Requirement

You must be a citizen of an EU member state, a Swiss national, or you qualify for funding under 8 BAföG.

You must be a member of a Protestant church. If you are not, you could still apply. In this instance, after receiving your application, an admissions committee will review your letter of motivation and application and decide whether or not you will be admitted to the preselect program.

Letter of motivation, this will contribute to determine whether or not you are accepted.

You can demonstrate your voluntary commitment (for example, in church, politics, society, etc.) or dedication to the family and/or the social surroundings (for example, translation work, visits to authorities, care, support, etc.) as well as your professional aptitude to prove the (planned) route.

You have or will earn a valid university entry qualification in the near future (e.g. the technical or general university entrance qualification).

A full-time, face-to-face course at a state or state-recognized university is your (scheduled) course. Part-time, remote learning, dual or training-integrated courses are not supported.

The following rules are also applicable:

If you are over the age of 35, you have to submit a special application in PDF. More info [here](#).

Applicants without German citizenship must demonstrate level C1 German language skills (recognized: Abitur or advanced technical college entrance qualification (acquired at a German school), DSH 2 and higher, Goethe certificate C1 / C2, test DaF (at least 4/5), Telc C1 Hochschule, UNICert III, assessment test with at least a sufficient final grade in German).

If you are enrolled in two or more courses (dual or parallel), you can only be supported for one of them, and you must apply for funding for the course that you started first. The number of semesters of the subject or course of study that was begun first is used to calculate the financing term. The study of a major subject with lesser subjects is exempt from this rule.

Deadlines

October 10 until March 1 (Midnight) for funding for the winter semester.

April 15 until September 1 (Midnight) for funding for the summer semester.

Application Procedure

The application is done online, you'll have to upload the following documents: [\[PDF\]](#)

You will receive your access data for the online application portal after completing a brief registration via this [link](#). This means you can process your application at any point within the application period. On the homepage of the web portal, select »Entire entries« to submit your complete application.

The greyhound principle is used to assign pre-selection spots. That is to say, the sooner you finish and finalize your application, the better your chances of being selected for the preselection. Applications received after all pre-selection spots have been filled have lower chances of being accepted.

Because communication is exclusively via email, you will always have to keep an eye out for emails from the Studienwerk.

12 Euro processing cost applies by the end of the application period, which is to be deposited to the following account:

BIC: GENODED1DKD (Bank for Church and Diakonie)

IBAN: DE74 3506 0190 2112 5700 15

Recipient: Ev. Studienwerk. e.V.

Purchase: "Basic financing processing charge," surname, first name

You will be invited to a pre-selection interview if you are admitted to the selection process. Pre-selection interviews are held usually in April/May and October/November across Germany.

It will be chosen who will be invited to Villigst for the two-day main selection during the pre-selection. The primary selections take place twice a year, between February and July, and include two group phases, a presentation, and a final selection interview. Both the preselection and the primary selection rely on your personal appearance.

Scholarship Value

The financial support covers up to 752 Euro a month plus a lump sum of 300 Euro for study expenses, as well as a variety of other incentives, such as trips abroad.

Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst (KAAD)

General Information

The Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) is a German Catholic Church scholarship program for post-graduate students and scientists from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Near and Middle East, and Eastern and Southeastern Europe.

KAAD supports its scholars through scholarships and educational programs, as well as spiritual and personal support.

Eligibility Requirement

If you are from a developing or emerging country in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, or Latin America, you are eligible to apply for the KAAD scholarship program.

You have a university degree and work experience in your own country (scholarship program 1) or are currently studying in Germany (scholarship program 2) (scholarship program 2)

Catholics (especially from the Middle East and those generally belonging to a Christian denomination can apply for the KAAD scholarship). Other religious applicants may be supported if they are sponsored by Catholic partners and demonstrate a demonstrated readiness to engage in interreligious dialogue.

You have prior understanding of German (scholarship program 1), at least on a general communication level (scholarship program 2).

Deadlines

Application is on a rolling basis

Application Procedure

Scholarship programme 1: The KAAD collaborates with local partners.

Applications must be submitted through the local partners from there.

Please check the following websites for further information about your area:

Asia: <https://www.kaad.de/stipendien/stipendienprogramm-s1/alumni-asien/>

Africa: <https://www.kaad.de/stipendien/stipendienprogramm-s1/afrika/>

Middle East: <https://www.kaad.de/stipendien/stipendienprogramm-s1/naher-und-mittlererosten-inkl-nordafrika/>

Scholarship programme 2:

Scholarship applications should be sent to your university's Katholische Hochschulgemeinde (KHG) or Katholische Studierendengemeinde (KSG).

Scholarship Value

NA

Political Party Affiliated Foundation Scholarships

Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES)

General Information

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation is a non-profit organization affiliated to the SPD political party in Germany. They assist young and ambitious people who want to work for a more just society, as defined by social democracy.

Eligibility Requirement

Students from Germany and, under certain circumstances, foreign students (Bildungsinländer/innen) are supported: Their academic achievements have to be above average.

Applicants have to be involved in socio-political involvement (e.g., head boy/girl, student council, youth work, participation in associations and non-governmental organizations that align with the Friedrich-Ebert Stiftung's political goals)

Very good German language skills

The scholarship program can accept up to 40 students from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.

Deadlines

There are no deadlines for submitting your application. Any time is a good time to apply. A common rule is to submit your application as soon as feasible.

Application Procedure

There are four steps leading to funding you:

Step 1: Simply fill out the [online](#) application here. You will be asked a few questions about your professional and family background, no further documents are required for this.

Sample application form for basic funding for first-year students (not for master's students) can be found [here](#).

Sample application form for basic funding for Germans, foreigners with education and refugees can be found [here](#).

Sample application form for basic funding for foreigners can be found [here](#).

Sample application form for doctoral funding for Germans, foreigners with education and refugees can be found [here](#).

Sample application form for doctoral funding for foreigners can be found [here](#).

Step 2: If you are eligible for a scholarship, you will be contacted for further documents by email: two expert reports from university lecturers as well as information about your previous training and your socio-political commitment will be requested for. First-year students (not master's students) in their first semester will have to submit two reports from former teachers or lecturers.

Upon FES request, you have three weeks to upload the documents. Six weeks for the expert opinion, if necessary after consultation with FES. It is better for you to put the documents together while you are waiting for their response.

You can find a list of the required documents as well as information on the preparation of expert opinions in links with the info below:

First-year students (not master's students): Basic funding for first-year students at the beginning of the 1st university semester (Germans, foreigners with education and refugees); Reports from high school teachers or vocational school teachers. Information sheet for applications can be found [here](#).

Basic funding: information sheet for applications for basic funding can be found [here](#). (Germans, foreign students with education and refugees who are not new students or residents and foreigners after the 1st semester); Reports from university professors.

Doctoral funding: information sheet for applications for doctoral funding can be found [here](#). (Germans, foreigners and foreigners); Expert opinion from the supervisor of your dissertation as well as a further expert opinion from a second university professor.

Step 3: If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to two personal meetings: with a liaison professor from your department and with a member of the FES selection committee. Tips for preparing for the interviews can be found [here](#).

Step 4: The selection committee makes the final decision on admission for all programmes. The committee meets several times a year.

Scholarship Value

German Doctoral Candidates

Up to 1350 Euro per month for German students, educational residents and refugees.

Contribution to health insurance per month depending on the applicant's situation.

In addition, students with children will receive a 155 Euro family allowance.

100 Euro monthly research support.

International Doctoral Candidates

Up to 1200 Euro per month.

Monthly health insurance contribution.

Children and family allowance if application.

Monthly research support.

Support for German Masters and Bachelors Candidates

Scholarship recipients can get up to 744 Euro per month; the amount is similar to BAföG and is dependent on a variety of factors, including the parents' income. A monthly flat-rate study fee of 300 Euro is also available to all scholarship holders.

A contribution to health insurance of up to 71 euros and long-term care insurance of up to 15 euros is made monthly, depending on the applicant's condition. A monthly family payment of 155 euros is available to scholarship holders with children. The scholarship is not reimbursed.

FES strongly encourages stays abroad during the funding term, particularly for study or research stays, language courses, and internships lasting up to twelve months, through travel grants, tuition costs, and international health insurance.

Support for International Masters and Bachelors Candidates

Foreign scholarship recipients earn 830 Euro per month (Bachelor / Diplom / Magister / State Examination) or 850 Euro per month (Master's) plus health insurance charges. For scholarship holders with children, a 276 Euro family allowance is provided. Scholars are not expected to pay back the scholarship.

Contact Information

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES-Zentrale)

Phone: +49 (0)228/883 0

E-mail: stipendien@fes.de

Website: <https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung>

Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom

General Information

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom is the Federal Republic of Germany's liberal political foundation. Its mission is to promote the goal of making the principle of liberty applicable to the dignity of all persons in all aspects of society, both in Germany and abroad.

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation intends to contribute to shaping the future by maintaining and developing its statutory programmes (civic education and discourse, talent sponsorship, research and political consulting, archive work).

Eligibility Requirement

Outstanding academic achievements.

Social, liberal-oriented problem awareness and commitment.

Reliability, motivation, resolution, and the readiness to take responsibility in the liberal sense and actively engage in developing society.

Deadlines

Application is open from 1 - 30 April and 1 - 31 October each year.

Application Procedure

Step 1: An online form is used to submit the application. Here is the [link](#).

Step 2: A pre-selection is made based on three equally essential factors based on the given application documents (academic performance, strong personality, visible commitment). The most persuasive candidates will be invited to the selection conference.

Step 3: Based on the application documents, a pre-selection is made based on three equally important elements (academic performance, strong personality, visible commitment). Candidates that are the most compelling will be invited to the selection meeting.

Step 4: Your admittance is decided by the selection committee. Usually you will receive the results via email in a timely manner. After which, you will be invited to the introductory event for newly accepted scholarship recipients in Potsdam if your application was successful.

N.B: Typically, funding begins at the start of the following semester.

Scholarship Value

The scholarship is worth 850 Euro per month with health insurance and other benefits.

Hans Böckler Foundation

General Information

Everyone has the same educational opportunities: The Hans-Böckler Foundation awards academic scholarships and doctoral fellowships.

It aids in professional development and the first steps in the workplace. Scholarships are available in a variety of forms: Procedures and other programs related to the union.

Eligibility Requirement

In addition to the formal financing principles outlined in the BAföG guidelines, the Hans Böckler Foundation has its own set of funding criteria that is used to make decisions.

The appreciation of the complete biography is a vital feature of the foundation's own selection criteria.

The following rule applies: performance and commitment are not prioritized. Both conditions must be met, and they must be given equal weight. A little downturn can always be compensated for by exceptional commitment or above-average performance.

The requirements vary based on the program. Some instances are as follows:

- Excellent performance in academics from all disciplines.

- Social engagement or forming a union.

Deadlines

February (included) for the following winter semester

November 19th to February 1st (inclusive) for the following summer semester

Applications are accepted from May 15th until July 1st

Application Procedure

Self-application using an online portal is used for the application.

Following the application deadline, all eligible applicants will be pre-selected for official consideration.

The assessment takes place following the preselection. A liaison professor and a group of scholarship holders invite the applicants to an expert interview.

The selection committee makes the final deliberation. Representatives of the DGB and its individual labor unions, as well as liaison lecturers and scholarship holders, make up the selection committee. You make the application decision as a group.

Between the application deadline and the selection committee's conclusion, about 6 months can pass.

Scholarship Value

744 Euro a month, plus a lump sum of 300 Euro for study expenses, plus any fees (e.g. health insurance contributions, family contributions, child allowances).

Heinrich Böll Foundation

General Information

Every year, the Heinrich Böll Foundation awards scholarships to about 1,000 undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate students from all disciplines and countries.

Only for international students enrolled in a master's degree in any topic who earned their university entry qualification outside of Germany and who are now studying or want to study in Germany.

Eligibility Requirement

Master's students in any discipline who received their university entry qualification from a school outside of Germany and who now study or wish to study in Germany.

Students from all disciplines can apply for this scholarship, particularly those from the following regions: Central/Eastern Europe, EU-neighborhood/CIS; the Middle East/North Africa; transition and newly industrialized countries, as well as conflict zones around the world.

Applicants from Tunisia and Egypt can apply [here](#)

A good or very good command of the German language (additional German language courses may be funded if a scholarship is awarded).

Deadlines

Application reviews are accepted and conducted twice a year. March 1st and September 1st are the usual application deadlines each year. Online applications are the sole way to apply. Approx. 6 weeks prior to the application deadline, the online portal is opened.

Application Procedure

1. Determine whether you are eligible to apply for the next deadline and whether you meet the formal requirements.
2. Research the application requirements and procedure.
3. Create an account on the website [here](#).
4. In the web portal, fill out the application information and documents.
5. After you have uploaded the documents, you submit your application.

Scholarship Value

Basic Study funding: 752 Euro, including study/research/mobility allowance of 300 Euro and 155 Euro family allowance if applicable.

PhD funding for Germans and those from EU countries: 1,350 Euro, including study/research/mobility of 100 Euro and 155 Euro family allowance if applicable.

Study funding for those from outside the EU and Germany: 861 Euro, including 276 Euro family allowance if applicable.

PhD funding for those from outside the EU and Germany: 1,200 Euro, including 100 Euro study/research/mobility allowance and 270 Euro family allowance if applicable.

Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

General Information

Every year, the Foundation awards scholarships to deserving students and doctoral candidates who have completed a higher-education program in their home country, are pursuing postgraduate studies (post-graduate courses/program) Master's or a doctorate, or are completing at least a two-semester research project at a German higher-education institution.

The foundation's civic education activities promote freedom and liberty, peace, and justice in Germany and around the world. They concentrate on enhancing democracy, Europe's union, and transatlantic relations, as well as development cooperation.

Eligibility Requirement

Scholarships are awarded by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung to students and graduates who have excelled academically and demonstrated extraordinary political or social commitment.

Christian, democratic, social and political principles are expected to be endorsed by German applicants including outstanding and social achievements in high school/college.

Foreign applicants must show proof of a four-year university degree.

Knowledge of German comparable to the Zertifikat Deutsch B2 (Goethe Institut certificate preferably))

Desire to return home after completing the specified studies are required.

Foreign applicants who are over the age of 30 at the time of application are not eligible.

You must have volunteered.

You have spent at least four semesters studying or doing doctoral research at higher education institutions in Germany or through Konrad Adenauer's Foundation sponsorship.

You have a comprehensive general education and a great interest in political matters.

You have a favorable fundamental attitude toward democracy and human rights.

You are able to establish your own point of view and to show tolerance toward those who think differently.

You are strongly driven and persuade others with your ideas and abilities.

Additional Eligibility Requirement

Medical and pharmacy students must have passed their respective preliminary exams or have shown comparable academic progress.

Specialist training in human or dental medicine, as well as postgraduate research stays, are not covered by the grant.

Deadlines

Each year, the deadlines for applications are January 15th and July 1st.

If you are already in Germany, you can apply for the selection procedure there. In Germany, the application deadline for the selection procedure is on July 15th at 12 p.m. each year.

Application Procedure

You get to answer a questionnaire that gives an insight into your personality and hobbies. You will also need to contact an expert of your choice and request that they write an opinion in support of your application. You then upload the report to the portal along with your application after you receive it. This is the [link](#) to the required expert opinion forms. You can forward the website or forms to anyone who wants to offer an expert opinion in support of your application.

All applicants are pre-selected by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung based on the complete application documentation.

You will have to complete an application form and send it with the necessary documents.

Click [here](#) to start your application and complete your document.

Your Curriculum Vitae

You are expected to use your CV to pique the interest of the committee about your personality, motivation to apply to Konrad Adenauer Foundation, motivation for your topic of study, volunteer commitment, and strengths. You don't have to include a photograph in your CV for data protection concerns.

After the Application, What Happens Next?

Pre-selection is made from among the applications received for the promotion of studies and the promotion of young journalists based on the complete application materials. Based on applications received, candidates are then selected on the selection committee's standard.

What occurs at the interview?

Retreats

A ten-question survey is used to determine your general education status. This is followed by an essay on a relevant issue. You have five options to pick from. In this essay, it is critical to create your own point of view while also dealing constructively with the subject and various viewpoints.

Discussion in a Group

The group discussion is planned in the style of a talk show, focusing on current political themes. You should offer your expertise, your point of view from various angles, and your own point of view to a politically motivated audience on a certain topic.

You will read contributions that will be made available to you on site to prepare for the imaginary broadcast, and you will collaborate on a combined analysis of the current situation before the "broadcast." Each group offers its analysis at the start of the talk show, contributing to a shared level of understanding among all participants and (fictitious) spectators.

One-on-One Consultation

All selection sessions will be replaced by individually arranged online one-on-one interviews as long as the corona epidemic imposes limits.

The selection meeting comes to a close with a one-on-one interview. You will have the opportunity to speak with the examiners and introduce yourself.

Individual test groups are used by our selection committee. Each review group is made up of three people:

A science representative, usually a professor as committee head, as well as two members who are exceptionally qualified for selection in the relevant applicant group according to their professional skills.

Scholarship Duration

The duration of the sponsorship depends on the circumstances and study aims as well as on the proven academic achievements. The grant period for graduates, that is, students doing post-graduate studies or a Master's programme, generally extends over two years. For doctoral candidates the sponsorship is awarded for a period of three years.

Scholarship Value

Graduates receive 861 Euro monthly and 300 Euro monthly study cost stipend.

PhD students, subject to meeting the requirements for unconditional admission to a doctoral program at a German higher education institution, as well as scholarship holders with a degree equivalent to a Master's degree from a German higher education institution who are coming to Germany for the purpose of research and can demonstrate at least two years of academic activity, receive 1,200 Euro monthly stipend.

The Foundation offers a variety of benefits and contributions, including health and long-term care insurance, as well as child and family allowances.

A health and long-term care insurance discount of up to 109 Euro per month can be awarded to scholarship holders who receive a basic scholarship. If at least one kid living in the household has personal custody rights, a family allowance of 155 Euro per month might be paid in addition to the basic scholarship.

Immaterial Funding

Regular engagement and committed work in university groups.

Attending at least four events from seminar programmes during the grant year.

These activities allow for a unique interdisciplinary, political, and personal discussion with scholarship recipients, alumni, and volunteer university liaison lecturers.

For more info about the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung check [here](#).

<https://www.kas.de/web/begabtenfoerderung-und-kultur/foreign-students/>

Richard Winter Foundation

General Information

The Richard Winter Foundation's mission is to provide financial support for natural science research and education in Germany, particularly for performance-oriented and needy students of all nationalities and religions.

Eligibility Requirement

- Natural science research
- Completion of an Intermediate Diploma or Bachelor's Degree Performance
- Orientation and Necessity
- Studying in Germany and a solid command of the German language
- Masters students
- Doctoral students

Deadline

No application deadlines

Application Procedure

Please complete the following form in the links below and attach the required papers. The documents can be sent via mail or e-mail. Only use the pdf format for email attachments.

General Application Form

[rws-bewerbung.pdf \(richard-winter-stiftung.de\)](#)

Economic Situation Form

[2-rws-wirtschaftliche-situation.pdf \(richard-winter-stiftung.de\)](#)

Semester Report Form

[4-rws-semesterbericht.pdf \(richard-winter-stiftung.de\)](#)

Scholarship Value

450 Euro monthly

Contact Richard Winter Foundation at info@richard-winter-stiftung.de

Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

General Information

The Rosa-Luxemburg Foundation is a political educational organization affiliated with Germany's "DIE LINKE" party. Its goal is to promote democracy, social justice, and solidarity, as well as to compensate those who are disadvantaged owing to their gender, social status, or ethnicity. These values are also at the heart of Rosa Luxemburg-Foundation scholarship.

Eligibility Requirement

- Outstanding academic accomplishments

- You must study within the usual time of study

- You must not be older than 30 years old, as defined by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation (exceptions may be justified)

German Nationals:

- Belonging to persons in the category (Zugehörigkeit zum Personenkreis) according to BAföG 8, paragraph 1 and 2 (see <https://www.das-neuebafoeg.de/>) (Germans, foreigners with BAföG permission, students with an immigrant background who hope to obtain permanent residence permission)

- Bachelor's degree in hand

International students:

- Enrollment (or, if not already enrolled, at least one admission) in a German state or state-recognized university.

- Bachelor's degree or basic studies completed (Diplom, Magister, state exam course)

- Excellent command of the German language

Deadlines

1st April for the financing term beginning 1st October that year, and 1st October for the funding period beginning 1st April the following year.

Application Procedure

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation selects scholarship recipients through a multi-stage selection procedure.

Advisors from the Studienwerk make the selections, and they submit financing requests. These are confirmed via an online committee member pre-selection (the so-called clearing). Liaison lecturers or expert assessors evaluate the applicants who have been recommended for funding (doctoral students). Applicants who were chosen for an assessment during the clearing process will get these invites by email from the Studienwerk (between mid-April and mid-August or between mid-October and mid-February).

The scholarship is awarded twice a year (in March and September) by two parallel committees (for students and PhD candidates). The committees are made up of liaison lecturers, scholarship holders or past scholarship holders who are elected by their respective committees, as well as full-time and honorary foundation representatives recommended by the board. The selection committees' decisions are final.

E-mail or postal applications are not accepted.

Scholarship Value

Students can receive up to 1,148 Euro per month from the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. The financing period is determined by the normal period of study. The scholarship consists of a 744 Euro income-related basic grant and a 300 Euro per month flat-rate study fee.

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation: The German Chancellor Fellowship

General Information

The Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany is the patron of the scholarship program. The program is only open to candidates from the United States, Russia, the People's Republic of China, Brazil, India, and South Africa, who are developing thought and opinion leaders in a variety of sectors such as politics, public administration, and business, as well as society and culture.

Eligibility Requirement

University graduates with initial leadership experience.

You have Brazilian, Chinese, Indian, Russian, South African, or US citizenship, work in a field such as politics, business, media, administration, society, or culture, and can demonstrate beginning managerial experience.

Have their first university degree (bachelor's degree or comparable academic degree earned less than 12 years prior to the beginning of the fellowship which is 1 October of the year following the application.)

You want to do an independently designed project for a year in Germany with a host of your choice.

You have English and/or German language skills.

Deadlines

Each year, applications are accepted between the 15th of March and the 15th of October. You can register for the next application round outside of this time frame. The start of the next application round will be automatically notified to you through email.

Application Procedure

From all the formally authorized applications, the most promising individuals are chosen and invited to a selection conference in their home country. The candidates identify themselves and their project plans in this conference.

Number of Scholarships

Up to 60 scholarships are awarded every year at least up to 10 per country.

Duration

one year, fellowship starts every year in October

Scholarship Value

Depending on the applicant's academic level, funding ranges from 2,150 to 2,450 Euros per month; it includes a regular mobility allowance as well as payments for health and liability insurance.

Additional Benefits:

Allowances for accompanying family members for stays of at least 3 months (up to 326 Euro per month for the spouse and up to 244 Euro per month and child.)

Allowances for research costs to the host(s) in Germany of 500 Euro per month.

Travel allowance for the fellow's inbound and return journey, if these costs are not carried by a third party.

German language training in the country of origin before the fellowship and during the fellowship period in Germany to solidify the skills gained in the intensive language course.

Allowance for a one-to-two-month stay at an institute in a European country other than Germany (but not the fellow's home country), if necessary to complete the research project.

Massive and extensive alumni support.

For more info about the Alexander von Humboldt Scholarship check [here](#).

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- Bachelor's degree in hand

International students:

- Enrollment (or, if not already enrolled, at least one admission) in a German state or state-recognized university.

- Bachelor's degree or basic studies completed (Diplom, Magister, state exam course)

- Excellent command of the German language

Deadlines

1st April for the financing term beginning 1st October that year, and 1st October for the funding period beginning 1st April the following year.

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Private Institution Scholarships

Alpbach Scholarship

General Information

The European Forum Alpbach is a multidisciplinary forum that brings together science, politics, business, and culture.

They bring together international decision-makers from all walks of life with a passionate audience of young people. Our goal is to start a conversation that cuts across generational, ideological, and other divides. Working together in a large network, they also provide a variety of educational opportunities.

Eligibility Requirement

- Applicants must be 35 years or younger
- English Proficiency at B2 level
- Certificates and Transcripts
- Minimum 12 Day Attendance

Check [here](#) for more info on application.

Deadlines

No ongoing applications due to Covid-19 until February 2022, but you can write scholarships@alpbach.org to stay informed on new applications and deadlines.

Application Procedure

You are required to write a motivational statement by answering 5 questions about yourself and 1 question about the European Forum Alpbach.

Only motivational statements that address and respond to the specified subjects and questions will be considered.

You will be required to fill up your curriculum vitae (work, education, extra-curricular activities such as volunteer work) in an online application portal.

N.B: Please note that a CV file cannot be uploaded.

Scholarship Value

1. Basic Scholarship

The following expenses are covered by this scholarship category:

- a) 1600,00 Euro participation fee to the European Forum Alpbach

2. Partial Funding

The following expenses are covered by this scholarship:

- a) 1600,00 Euro participation fee to the European Forum Alpbach
- b) During your stay at the European Forum Alpbach, you have a lodging allowance of 30,00 Euro per day

3. Complete Scholarship

This scholarship covers:

- a) the European Forum Alpbach participation cost of 1600,00 Euro
- b) Daily accommodation of 30,00 Euro
- c) Daily board allowance of 17,00 Euro

Hertie School Financial Aid and Scholarships (Berlin)

General Information

The Hertie School is one of the first European schools of Public Policy.

About half of the students at Hertie School get financial aid or a scholarship. Tuition waivers ranging from 10% to 100% of tuition costs are provided as financial aid and scholarships. Financial need is considered insofar as only applicants who state that they do not have sufficient funds to pay for both tuition fees and living expenses are awarded a scholarship.

Financial aid and scholarships are awarded for the duration of the academic program and are distributed on a rolling basis until the final application deadlines.

Eligibility Requirement

- Academic excellence

- Personal suitability

- Motivation and financial need

Deadlines

Master of Public Policy

February 1st is the priority deadline

May 1st is the final deadline

International Relations Master's Degree

February 1st is the priority deadline

May 1st is the final deadline

Master's Degree in Public Policy Data Science

February 1st is the priority deadline

May 1st is the final deadline

Public Administration Executive Master's Degree

January 1st marks the beginning of the application period

June 1st is the priority deadline

August 15th is the final deadline.

Application Procedure

If you are applying for financial aid and/or scholarship, on the online application form, you have to answer “yes” to the question “Are you applying for financial aid and/or a scholarship?”

Complete the area on financial information.

Your information will be used to verify your financial need.

If you are applying for a scholarship, read the exact conditions listed on each scholarship page.

Other Scholarships From the Hertie School

Sustainability and Energy Policy Scholarship

Available for the Master of Public Policy or Master of International Affairs
Open to applicants of all nationalities

Scholarship Value

One full scholarship worth 34,500 Euro

New Perspectives Scholarship

Available for the Master of Public Policy, Master of International Affairs or Master of Data Science for Public Policy
Open to applicants of all nationalities

Scholarship Value

One full scholarship worth 34,500 Euro

Digital Governance Scholarship

Available for the Master of Public Policy, Master of International Affairs or Master of Data Science for Public Policy
Open to applicants of all nationalities

Scholarship Value

One full scholarship worth 34,500 Euro

International Law and Human Rights Scholarship

Available for the Master of Public Policy or Master of International Affairs
Open to applicants of all nationalities

Scholarship Value

One full scholarship worth 34,500 Euro

Doctoral Programmes

The Hertie School does not charge tuition for its PhD programs, and it does want to make sure that all admitted candidates have enough money to support themselves during their three-year doctoral study in Berlin. As a result, the Hertie School offers the following options for supporting your PhD:

Scholarship Value

Stipends for 12 doctoral students per year (1,250 euros per month, plus 100 euros for research and travel) for up to three years. In addition to this, a child allowance may be awarded for PhD employment financed by one of the doctorate programs or a research project.

For more info about the Hertie School Scholarships check [here](#).

Non-Government Funded Scholarships

Bread for the World (Brot für die Welt)

General Information

Bread for the World is the international development and relief agency of the German Protestant Churches.

Bread for the World is present in over 90 countries around the world, where they help the poor and disenfranchised improve their living conditions.

Food security, health and education promotion, water access, democracy strengthening, human rights respect, peacekeeping, and environmental integrity are all important issues in the work of Bread for the World.

Eligibility Requirement

Bread for the World offers three types of scholarships: refugee scholarships, theological and church-related scholarships, and development-oriented scholarships.

Deadlines

Every year in May and November, the scholarship committee convenes. May applications must be filed by January 1st. Requests for November must be received by July 1st.

Application Procedure

Only candidates nominated by churches, church schools, or development-oriented NGOs are eligible for the scholarship program. Individual applications are not accepted by Bread for the World.

Scholarship Value

N/A. You can find more info about the scholarship here: <https://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/en/bread-for-the-world/cooperation/scholarships/>

University Funded Scholarships

GISMA Business School, Hannover Germany

GISMA Scholarships are available to students enrolled in a degree program offered by GISMA Global GmbH in collaboration with the Grenoble Ecole de Management, The University of Law, and Kingston University.

Students applying for undergraduate and postgraduate programs at GISMA Business School can apply for a variety of partial scholarships as listed below:

- Principal's Scholarship for Entrepreneurship
- Exceptional Career Scholarship
- Women in Business Scholarship
- Academic Merit Scholarship
- Rector's Scholarship

Eligibility Requirement

Check [here](#) for the eligibility requirement of all GISMA scholarships listed above

Deadlines

It varies, depending on the scholarship you are applying for. Enquire with your programme consultant before applying.

Application Procedure

Choose your scholarship from the list above, fill out the application form on GISMA's website, and email it to your program consultant or send your application to info@gisma.com

Scholarship Value

This varies, depending on the scholarship you are applying to. Check [here](#) for more info or enquire from your programme consultant.

University of Hamburg

Merit Scholarships for International Students

Enrolled at the University of Hamburg

General Information

The merit award is designed to help high-achieving international students and doctoral researchers from all disciplines and degree levels who are actively involved in a social or intercultural setting.

Eligibility Requirement

You are pursuing an academic degree at University of Hamburg and have completed at least two semesters of your degree program (master's and doctoral students can apply after one semester).

You do not have German nationality.

You are not qualified for the BAföG federal student loan programme.

Deadlines

15 April (financing period: October 1–September 30 of the next year) 15 October (financing period: 1 April–31 March the next year).

Application Procedure

Follow the link for the application period you want and log in with your STiNE ID-detailed instructions for filling out the online application are available [here](#).

After your application is submitted. A committee made up of faculty members and ASTA members awards merit scholarships (student council).

An email is sent to you about 6–8 weeks after the application deadline. You'll have to check the web portal for the latest information on the status of your application.

Scholarship Value

The maximum funding amount each month is 850 Euro. Individual PhD researchers may be awarded a merit scholarship of 1,000 Euro per month, depending on financial availability (about 2-3 scholarships in each application round).

After receiving a scholarship, you can reapply. In justified rare instances, the grant period is limited to three years.

German Sport University of Cologne Scholarship

General Information

In collaboration with the North Rhine-Westphalian scholarship program, the German Sport University Cologne helps promising students. The scholarship is initially awarded for two semesters, however it can be extended to cover the entire academic year. Annually, up to 20 scholarships are given out.

Eligibility Requirement

Qualification for university admissions

Current enrolment certificate, if applicable (only for students)

Notice of admission for a study place in WS 20/21 (only for first-year students); Master's degree applicants should submit their notification of admission as soon as possible. If the beneficiary is chosen before the letter of admission is received, the DSHS will check internally to see if the spot is available.

If applicable, a certificate of training

Proof of a professional activity, if applicable (reference; no part-time jobs)

The current grade table for the course of studies to date, including an average grade calculated by the Examination Office, if appropriate (a prerequisite for funding for high-performing students is an average grade of at least 2.0).

In addition, the University of Cologne/grade Siegen's table + computed average grade is necessary for teacher training students (if the corresponding grades are not shown in the grade table of the DSHS Cologne)

Current proof of squad participation, if applicable, and national team membership, if applicable (for competitive athletes)

Proof of athletic success, if applicable (for competitive athletes)

If relevant, a copy of birth certificate as well as verification of parental duties are required.

Proof of incapacity or chronic sickness, if appropriate.

Proof of your or your parents' migration history (birth certificate or parents' birth certificate, if applicable).

If applicable, a certificate of internship or "Voluntary Social Year"

Certificate of Volunteerism/Social Commitment

Other documents that favor funding, if applicable

Deadline

The application period is July/August every year.

Application Procedure

Click the link [here](#) to begin your application

Scholarship Value

The monthly stipend is 300 Euro.

Technical University of Munich (TUM) Scholarships

General Information

TUM provides international students with scholarships financed by the Bavarian government's budget.

Eligibility Requirement

Individuals, due to their nationality, may not be eligible for [BAföG](#).

Individuals in their third semester of their bachelor's degree or in their second semester of their master's degree (or as of the first semester of their master's degree, if the bachelor's degree was completed at TUM).

Bachelor's or Master's thesis submission deadlines are June 30 (summer term) and December 31 (fall semester) (winter term).

Good academic performance.

Proven need: If the applicant has greater monthly income than is required for students under [13i.V.m 13a BAföG](#) as recently revised, there is no need.

Parents with a low income.

Deadlines

October 1-15 yearly

Application Procedure

You'll need to prepare the following documents as pdf files for uploading:

Letter of motivation: describe your financial situation (100-200 words in English or German)

CV/resume

TUM grade report (can be downloaded from TUMonline)

Two recommendation letters (no more than one semester old)

Proof of the applicant's earnings: For this your bank statements from all your bank accounts during the previous three months is required. If the document is not in German or English, a certified German translation by a sworn translator (with official seal!) is required. (Winter term begins on July 1 and ends on September 30; summer term begins on January 1 and ends on March 31.) If there are incoming payments, please specify the type of payment on the bank account statement. (for instance, a wage, parental support, a scholarship, or a loan) and any further documents (job contract, internship contract, scholarship notice, loan contract, BAföG notification, etc.) that may be required.

Proof of parents' income or, if relevant, proof of spouse's income; If the document is not in German or English, a certified German translation by a sworn translator (with official seal!) is required. The document shouldn't be more than a year

Scholarship Value

One-time financial aid ranging from 500 Euro to 1,500 Euro per semester.

Linde Master Scholarship at the Munich Data Science Institute (MDSI)

General Information

Students enrolled in the master's programs "Data Engineering and Analytics" or "Mathematics in Data Science" who are distinguished by their exceptional aptitude in these subjects, outstanding academic achievements, and devotion are eligible to apply for the Linde / MDSI Master Scholarship.

Eligibility Requirement

Students of the master's degree programs: Data Engineering and Analytics as well as Mathematics in Data Science.

Applicants should be particularly talented in their field of study, have above-average performance and show particular commitment.

Deadlines

August every year

Application Procedure

You have to fill a form using this [link](#) to apply for the Linde/MDSI Master Scholarship. You have to combine all application documents and certificates into a single PDF file and email it to info@mdsi.tum.de.

Scholarship Value

The stipend is for a maximum of twelve months and is worth 1000 Euro per month.

Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Books and Learning Materials

General Information

The state of Bavaria administers this scholarship fund on behalf of the late Consul Oskar Karl Forster, and it is made available through the TUM.

Students with German university admission credentials and students with non-German university entry certificates who are eligible for BAföG assistance can get financial aid for books and learning materials.

Eligibility Requirement

TUM undergraduate and graduate students who have completed at least two semesters at TUM are eligible.

TUM grade report (may be acquired from TUMonline) must be handed in.

Low income (evidence of need): Academically exceptional or students proving financial need who have completed at least two semesters at TUM.

All students who receive financial aid under the BAföG Act are presumed to be in need. If not, the applicant's parents and income will be examined, and they must be less than 200 percent of the allowance, as per Section 1 BAföG. This amount lowers as the applicant's income rises.

There has been no previous financial aid from the Oskar Karl Forster scholarship fund.

Deadlines

April for the summer semester, and October for the winter semester

Application Procedure

You have to fill the application form [here](#) and submit it to the TUM scholarship office in Munich.

For more information about the application procedure send an email to:

stipendien@zv.tum.de

Scholarship Value

Grants ranging from 100 to 500 Euro for books and instructional materials.

Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Printing Costs of Dissertations

General Information

On behalf of the late Consul Oskar Karl Forster, the state of Bavaria administers this scholarship fund, which is made available through TUM.

The scholarship includes financial assistance to cover dissertation printing costs for students with BAföG-eligible university admission credentials from Germany and students with BAföG-eligible university entry certificates from other countries.

Eligibility Requirement

Students having German and international university entry certificates.

Dissertation having at least "magna cum laude" as the final grade.

Doctoral students

According to the German statute addressing financial support for young scientific and creative talent, an applicant may not have earned more than the value of a full scholarship (in the last 6 months).

Deadlines

April for the summer semester, and October for the winter semester

Application Procedure

Applications must be submitted within one month of the dissertation's publication using the form in this [link](#).

Scholarship Value

100 Euro to 500 Euro

Leonhard Lorenz Foundation

General Information

The Dr.-Ing. Leonhard Lorenz Foundation's mission is to promote scientific research at Munich's Technical University. Young academics' research initiatives will be given special consideration when the award is presented.

Eligibility Requirement

Doctoral and post-doctoral candidates.

Travel expenses for doctoral students can only be requested in exceptional circumstances and if a TUM-GS subsidy is not available.

Students who have not yet begun their doctoral studies are also ineligible for funding.

Applicants are chosen based on academic performance.

Deadlines

September every year

Application Procedure

You are required to include all of the following documents with your application.

Filled out application form, which you can download on the website [here](#).

Research project presentation (maximum of 2 pages); An extra abstract of the presentation and verification that the talk has been accepted for the conference in the case of conference trips.

A cost breakdown and justification for the monies asked (max. 1 page)

The Chairperson's Statement (closed sheet)

Scholarship Value

The grants are only given out for specific, defined research initiatives, such as:

Grants for research expenses, such as materials, minor appliances, auxiliary workers, travel expenses, and other costs.

Research visits and research stays, as well as the presenting of research findings at conferences, are all part of a broader framework, but not for the applicant's living expenses or other staff costs.

Up to 1500 Euro for conference participation and up to 5000 Euro for research projects.

Loschge Scholarship

General Information

Thermal engineering undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Mechanical Engineering (Chair of Energy Systems).

Eligibility Requirement

Students having German or foreign university entry certificates.

Students presently enrolled in a bachelor's or master's degree program.

Applicants must have excelled in their courses.

Deadlines

For specific info on deadline send an email to: stipendien@zv.tum.de

Application Procedure

The Institute for Energy Systems has applications open yearly. You can send an email to stipendien@zv.tum.de to get more info about the application procedure.

Scholarship Value

Up to 550 Euro per month

Graduation Scholarship Awarded by Technical University Munich (TUM)

General Information

TUM awards the Federal Foreign Office's graduation scholarship as part of the DAAD STIBET I program.

Eligibility Requirement

International students who are pursuing a degree. This includes international students who obtained their university admission qualification at a school outside of Germany (including German schools outside of Germany) or who obtained school qualifications abroad supplemented with a German preparatory study at the Studienkolleg.

If you are writing your thesis in Germany, and if you have a good GPA.

Deadlines

July every year

Application Procedure

Below are the documents you need for your application. To access the application form and start the application process, click [here](#).

Letter of motivation

Resume / CV

Certificate of current enrolment

Transcripts of records (can be downloaded from TUMonline)

Passport and resident permit

Final thesis registration (obtained from your department examination board)

Letter of recommendation from the instructor who will oversee your final thesis

A letter of recommendation from the instructor who will be supervising the final thesis

Bank statements for all German bank accounts for the last six months (Jan. 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021)

A copy of the employment contract for a part-time position as a student assistant and other jobs. Please keep in mind that part-time earnings as a scholarship holder are limited to a gross monthly pay of 450 Euro. If the wages are more than this, the scholarship rate will be reduced. Proof must be submitted if the part-time work is terminated at the start of the scholarship period or the amount of hours is modified.

N.B: All application documents must be uploaded as a single PDF file to the website. Documents sent via email or on paper are usually not processed.

Scholarship Value: 750–1500 Euros (payment in three installments)

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Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters Scholarships

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Erasmus+ provides scholarships to students who want to participate in these programs. In annual application rounds, masters programs provide these grants to the top-ranked student applicants from around the world.

Eligibility Requirement

60, 90, or 120 ECTS credits are available in Erasmus Mundus joint masters programs. This means the duration is anywhere from a year to a year and a half. The majority of the programs last 24 months.

Your research must include at least two study periods in two separate nations (different from your country of residence). Different study tracks are available in programs that meet this requirement.

Deadlines

October and January, for study courses starting the following year.

Application Procedure

To begin, you have to look through the Erasmus Mundus Master's Program Catalogue [here](#). The webpage has all the information you need for each programme about the curriculum, entry requirements, and colleges so you can decide if this is the perfect program for you.

This [website](#) for the programme will also walk you through each stage of the online application procedure. Every summer, a new batch of selected Erasmus Mundus Masters is added to the list.

Scholarship Value

The scholarship usually includes the student's programme participation, airfare, and stipend for living expenses. The scholarship amounts between 150 and 390 or more, depending on the country group.

When You Arrive Germany

If you are new in Germany, it may be difficult to figure out the things you need to do in order to settle fast and conveniently.

Here are some of the things you need to do when you newly arrive in Germany:

- Put your name on your door bell as you will need this for all letters and correspondences.

- You have to register within two weeks of arrival at the "Bürgeramt."


- You have to open a bank account after you have registered at the Bürgeramt as you will need this document alongside your passport or ID card for bank account opening.


- You need to get yourself a SIM card for communication. A prepaid or a postpaid phone plan is available for you. The main providers in Germany include Vodafone, O2, T-Mobile, Base, and others.

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