

# SCHOLARSHIPS

FOR INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS AT GOETHE  
UNIVERSITY



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# 01 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

**GOOD GRADES ARE IMPORTANT**, but there are other criteria besides achievements at school or university that are often taken into consideration when deciding whether to award a scholarship, for example: your origin, religious denomination, social commitment, family background, or study subject. Different scholarship sponsors have different objectives – make sure you do your research thoroughly.

**DIVERSE FORMS OF SCHOLARSHIP:** International students can apply for support not only in their first semester, but especially in their later semesters or during Master's programmes. Furthermore, there are also scholarships or grants specifically for final papers and exams, a semester abroad or internships.

**LITTLE EFFORT:** Often all you need to apply is a CV, a motivational letter and sometimes a letter of reference.

**SECURE YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION DURING YOUR STUDIES:** Sometimes scholarship are sufficient to cover your entire living costs (full scholarships).

**THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES:** We have compiled a list of scholarship sponsors in Germany for you. However, you should also always research scholarship sponsors in your home country!

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

There are differences in whether and how the scholarships listed here are awarded to international students. Students are categorised in different groups that may receive different consideration:

- All students at Goethe University irrespective of their country of origin (this applies for example to the "Deutschlandstipendium")
- International students at Goethe University irrespective of their country of origin (this applies for example to graduation scholarships)
- Students from EU (and EEA) member states and/or "Bildungsinländer\*innen" pursuant to §8 BAFöG (see below)(e.g. this applies to faith-based scholarships)
- Students from non-EU member states / so-called "Drittstaaten" (this applies for example to special programmes at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung)

## WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF §8 BAFÖG?

BAFöG (Bundes-Ausbildungs-Förderungs-Gesetz) is the national law governing educational grants and support. §8 of this law determines who is eligible for state-funded support for their studies in Germany („Bildungsinländer\*innen“) and what conditions must be met (e.g. certain age limits when taking up studies, income below a certain threshold). Since many scholarship sponsors receive state funding, they are bound to BAFöG rules in their decisions about awarding scholarships. Some special programmes for international students are exempt from these rules.

## WHO CAN RECEIVE SUPPORT PURSUANT TO §8 BAFÖG? (EXCERPT)

- EU citizens who e.g. have lived in Germany for a minimum period of five years prior to taking up their studies, or who have, prior to taking up their studies, been in employment in Germany for a certain period of time
- recognised refugees or foreigners who are „geduldet“ (tolerated)
- foreign students whose parents have been in employment in Germany for a few years at the time the student takes up studies

A detailed list of all those eligible for support and the applicable conditions can be found here: [www.bafög.de](http://www.bafög.de)

## TIPS ON FINDING AND APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

### SCHOLARSHIP DATA BASES - THE RIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOU:

DAAD DATABASE (GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE):

All scholarships offered by the DAAD and scholarships for international students offered by other scholarship providers: [www.daad.de/stipendiendatenbank](http://www.daad.de/stipendiendatenbank)

STIPENDIENLOTSE (SCHOLARSHIP PILOT):

Scholarship database of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research. You can filter your research with various criteria: [www.stipendienlotse.de](http://www.stipendienlotse.de)

### APPLY TO MORE THAN ONE SCHOLARSHIP

Apply for all the scholarships that fit your profile. But please note, however, that the scholarship providers associated with StipendiumPlus (> Talent programmes) exchange data about their applicants and may not consider multiple applications, so be careful with applying for these scholarships in parallel.

### SHOW CONFIDENCE

Even if it feels a bit unfamiliar – describe your strengths and objective in strong, positive and detailed terms in your application. If a motivational letter is required, take your time with this and adapt it to each scholarship provider.

### KEEP DEADLINES AND MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION DOCUMENTS ARE CORRECT AND COMPLETE

Make sure, above all, that you submit your documents in good time and in accordance with the formal requirements of the scholarship provider. It is advisable to bring certified copies of important documents such as certificates and diplomas with you to Germany. Ask a native German speaker to proof-read your documents. There should not be any spelling errors in your application.

Tip: If you have questions regarding your application documents, check with Goethe University's Career Service. They will give you tips for improving your CV and your motivational letter. [www.career.uni-frankfurt.de](http://www.career.uni-frankfurt.de)

## DON'T BE SHY TO ASK

If your application is not successful, don't be shy to ask why. Sometimes it was just a formality. And sometimes feedback will help you develop and grow, so you can apply for a scholarship again at a later point.

## SCHOLARSHIP COUNSELLING BY THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Here you will get recommendations as to which scholarship might be a good fit for an international student and tips on how to apply. In particular, you can find out about the graduation scholarships offered to international students by Goethe University.

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Due to the current health situation related to the corona virus, we provide scholarship counselling digitally only. Please visit the link below to book an appointment:

[https://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/89617280/Digital\\_Appointments](https://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/89617280/Digital_Appointments)

## SSC – COUNSELLING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ALL GOETHE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The SSC (Studien-Service-Center) has consultation hours for any and all questions related to scholarships. They support you in your research for an appropriate scholarship, give useful tips for your application and answer general questions about scholarships.

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# 02 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT GOETHE UNIVERSITY

## DEUTSCHLANDSTIPENDIUM OF GOETHE UNIVERSITY

The Deutschlandstipendium is available for students of all nationalities at German universities, including Goethe University. It provides support to students whose career so far promises outstanding study results. It is available as of the first semester.

## CRITERIA REQUIRED AT GOETHE UNIVERSITY

Besides high achievements at school and/or university, requirements include social commitment, for example in clubs or in university politics, in church-run or political organisations, as well as getting involved in the social environment, family or a social institution. Any special obstacles resulting from a student's family or cultural origin are also taken into consideration.

## TWO-STEP SELECTION PROCESS

In the first step, only grades achieved at school or university are evaluated. During the initial study phase, this means the grade achieved in the Abitur or, if applicable, other university entrance qualification is taken into consideration. During the main study phase of Bachelor's studies, a specific average grade is calculated for study and exam results achieved so far; and for Master's programmes, the grade achieved in the Bachelor's studies is taken into consideration. In the second step, the evaluation looks at social commitment, personal and social competences and particular personal achievements.

## AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

300 EUR per month for the duration of one year, irrespective of any other income students or their parents may have. It is possible to apply for an additional year of support.

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Email: [ssc-ds@uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:ssc-ds@uni-frankfurt.de)

Website: [www.deutschland-stipendium.uni-frankfurt.de](http://www.deutschland-stipendium.uni-frankfurt.de)

## **GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

Goethe University offers graduation scholarships for international students enrolled in Bachelor's and Master's programmes as well as programmes leading to a state examination. Applications are open to students of any subject area offered by Goethe University.

Requirements: registration for the final examination and/or thesis and, for medical students, preparation for the second part of the German medical examination.

Doctoral students and students studying for a second degree are not eligible for this scholarship. Likewise, students who are entitled to receive BAföG are not eligible for this scholarship, irrespective of whether they receive or have received BAföG or not.

The scholarship is awarded for a maximum of 6 months and to a maximum amount of 250-500 EUR per month.

Application deadlines: February 28th, June 30th and October 31st

Further information: [www.uni-frankfurt.de/stipendien\\_international](http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/stipendien_international)

## **03 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN GERMANY**

### **DEUTSCHER AKADEMISCHER AUSTAUSCHDIENST (DAAD; GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE)**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is the world's largest funding organisation for the exchange of international students and researchers. It supports German and foreign students with a variety of scholarship programmes (full and partial scholarships, internships and research visits, summer and winter schools, language courses).

Scholarship database: [www.daad.de/stipendiendatenbank](http://www.daad.de/stipendiendatenbank)

Website: [www.daad.de](http://www.daad.de)

### **DAAD-SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PLANNING TO COME TO GERMANY**

- Support focuses on Master's and postgraduate programmes and on students who want to do their PhD in Germany
- There are special programmes for limited target groups (e.g. graduates of german-speaking schools abroad) which allow applications for undergraduate studies
- A number of countries of origin are excluded from DAAD scholarships, for example if equivalent scholarships (e.g. government-funded scholarships) are available in the respective country

- Students should apply while they are still in their home country via a German embassy, consulate or a DAAD office abroad. They must apply at the latest 15 months after their arrival in Germany (counting back from the DAAD's application deadline – on this date, the student may only have been in Germany for a maximum of 15 months)

## **DAAD-SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN GERMANY WHO WOULD LIKE TO STUDY ABROAD FOR A YEAR**

- This applies to all students who are enrolled in full-time studies at a German university, irrespective of their nationality
- Studies in the home country of the student in question are excluded (well-reasoned exceptions are possible)
- Support cannot be granted if students are already DAAD scholarship holders for their studies in Germany

Further information on application requirements:

[www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/bewerbung/de/59-bewerbung-um-ein-stipendium/](http://www.daad.de/ausland/studieren/bewerbung/de/59-bewerbung-um-ein-stipendium/)

## **SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS FOR SPECIFIC TARGET GROUPS**

### **OTTO BENECKE STIFTUNG E.V.: SUPPORT FOR STUDY PREPARATIONS**

This foundation specifically supports immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, Jewish migrants, and late repatriates (with a certain form of residence permit respectively, e.g. Duldung, §§22+23 Aufenthaltsg, joining spouses).

Applications must be submitted before the applicant turns 30. Support may be awarded only for study preparation such as attending a Studienkolleg (preparatory college), for language courses (as of level B2) and special preparatory courses for studies (e.g. TestDaF, TestAS).

Further information: [www.obs-ev.de](http://www.obs-ev.de)

### **KATHOLISCHER AKADEMISCHER AUSLÄNDERDIENST (KAAD, CATHOLIC ACADEMIC SERVICE FOR FOREIGNERS)**

The KAAD programme is designed for international students, in particular from developing and emerging countries, who want to return to their home country after graduating.

It is not possible to apply directly; scholarship candidates must be proposed by the katholische Hochschulgemeinde (KHG, catholic student communities) or partner committees abroad. You can ask someone from the KHG, whether you are eligible. Requirements are that you are catholic and/or open to interreligious dialogue.

Further information: [www.kaad.de/stipendien](http://www.kaad.de/stipendien)

### **EVANGELISCHER ENTWICKLUNGSDIENST (PROTESTANT DEVELOPMENT SERVICE) –**



## „BROT FÜR DIE WELT“

The programme primarily targets candidates from developing countries who already have an academic degree and plan to return to their home countries after graduating.

The Evangelische Studierendengemeinden (ESG, protestant student communities) or regional Studienbegleitprogramme (STUBE) can suggest prospective candidates. There is a church/theology oriented scholarship programme as well as one focused on developmental politics and related issues.

Further information: [info.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/stipendien](http://info.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/stipendien)

## WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE & STUBE – PREPARATIONAL INTERNSHIPS AND STUDY STAYS

For students from Africa, Asia and South America, who want to prepare their return via a study stay or internship in their home country. The stays should help to facilitate contacts and further knowledge of prospective professional fields. STUBE takes care of travel and insurance costs for those who are granted support.

Further information: [www.wusgermany.de/de/auslaenderstudium/stube-hessen/bpsa](http://www.wusgermany.de/de/auslaenderstudium/stube-hessen/bpsa)

## 04 TALENT PROGRAMMES

In Germany, there are 13 Begabtenförderungswerke (institutions that foster the intellectually gifted and talented). These have joined together under the umbrella term of StipendiumPlus. The scholarship providers represented here have diverse religious, political or social points of focus, and therefore the conditions for awarding scholarships vary. There are full and partial scholarships. Sometimes scholarship holders will receive additional book allowances. Furthermore, they will receive immaterial support through free seminars and courses.

Further information: [www.stipendiumplus.de](http://www.stipendiumplus.de)

### STUDIENSTIFTUNG DES DEUTSCHEN VOLKES

The Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation) is Germany's oldest and largest foundation sponsoring the intellectually gifted. According to its statutes, it fosters the "academic education of young people whose outstanding academic or artistic talent and personality promise special services to society". Selection and sponsoring of the candidates is unrelated to any political, ideological or religious requirements.

Application and support: Candidates can be proposed by teachers or apply directly. There is non-material support by way of networking, exchange, advice and a broad range of educational offers. In addition, all scholarship holders receive financial support in the form of a monthly allowance to cover the costs of

studying, and they can apply for an additional basic stipend. The foundation also offers funds for studies abroad.

Target group: Students from the EU and Bildungsinländer\*innen pursuant to §8 BAföG.

Further information: [www.studienstiftung.de](http://www.studienstiftung.de)

## **POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS**

There are several foundations that are considered “affiliated to a political party“, i.e. they are close to one of the major political parties in Germany. They look for scholarship candidates who relate to their ideals and values and show commitment and engagement accordingly.

Target group: International students from EU member states and students who are considered to be Bildungsinländer\*innen pursuant to §8 BAföG can usually apply in the same way a German student would. Some special programmes are available to other international students (non-EU). However, some foundations exclude them altogether.

### **FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STIFTUNG:**

- Target group: international students (different programmes for EU/§8 BAföG and non-EU): application for undergraduate studies possible
- Requirements: Excellent study results and socio-political activity
- Knowledge of German required
- Political affiliation: social democratic
- Information: [www.fes.de/studienfoerderung](http://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung)

### **FRIEDRICH-NAUMANN-STIFTUNG:**

- Target group: international students (different programmes for EU/§8 BAföG and non-EU); support for students from non-EU countries is only offered for Master’s studies
- Requirements: Excellent study results and socio-political activity
- Political affiliation: liberal
- Information: [www.freiheit.org](http://www.freiheit.org)

### **HEINRICH-BÖLL-STIFTUNG:**

- Target group: all international students, support is only offered for Master’s studies
- Requirements: Excellent study results and socio-political activity
- Excellent knowledge of German required

- Political affiliation: green, ecological, social
- Information: [www.boell.de](http://www.boell.de)

#### **KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG:**

- Target group: international students (different programmes for EU/§8 BAföG and non-EU); support for students from non-EU members is only offered for Master's studies
- Requirements: Excellent study results and socio-political activity
- Knowledge of German required
- Political affiliation: Christian Democratic Union
- Information: [www.kas.de](http://www.kas.de)

#### **HANNS-SEIDEL-STIFTUNG:**

- Target group: Students from the EU and Bildungsinländer\*innen (§8 BAföG)
- Requirements: Excellent study results and socio-political activity
- Political affiliation: Christian Social Union
- Information: [www.hss.de](http://www.hss.de)

#### **ROSA-LUXEMBURG-STIFTUNG:**

- Target group: international students (different programmes for EU/§8 BAföG and non-EU); students from non-EU members can only be supported in their Master's studies or after completion of undergraduate studies, respectively
- Special programme: for students from Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, Tunisia, Yemen, Jordan, Morocco and Iraq, who want to study in Germany
- Requirements: Excellent study results and socio-political activity
- Excellent knowledge of German required
- Political affiliation: democratic socialism
- Information: [www.rosalux.de](http://www.rosalux.de)

#### **HANS-BÖCKLER-STIFTUNG (FEDERATION OF GERMAN TRADE UNIONS):**

- Target group: EU citizens and students who are considered Bildungsinländer\*innen pursuant to §8 BAföG, groups typically disadvantaged in educational matters
- Requirements: trade union activity and socio-political activity
- Political affiliation: trade unions
- Information: [www.boeckler.de](http://www.boeckler.de)

#### **FAITH-BASED FOUNDATIONS**

As a rule, you should belong to the denomination in question. Exceptions may be

possible in individual, well-reasoned cases (does not apply for eles-Studienwerk).

Target group: Students from the EU and Bildungsinländer\*innen (§8 BAföG).

AVICENNA-STUDIENWERK (islamic): [www.avicenna-studienwerk.de](http://www.avicenna-studienwerk.de)

CUSANUSWERK (catholic): [www.cusanuswerk.de](http://www.cusanuswerk.de)

EVANGELISCHES STUDIENWERK VILLIGST (protestant): [www.evstudienwerk.de](http://www.evstudienwerk.de)

ERNST LUDWIG EHRLICH STUDIENWERK (jewish): [www.eles-studienwerk.de](http://www.eles-studienwerk.de)

## **STIFTUNG DER DEUTSCHEN WIRTSCHAFT (FOUNDATION OF THE GERMAN INDUSTRY)**

Scholarships are awarded to students (Bachelor and Master) and doctoral candidates who demonstrate community spirit and entrepreneurship. Candidates are selected according to their level of performance, their commitment and their potential for development. They have the drive and the ability to assume responsible positions in the future to help shape society.

Target group: Students from the EU and Bildungsinländer\*innen (§8 BAföG).

Further information: [www.sdw.org](http://www.sdw.org)

## **FURTHER TALENT PROGRAMMES**

### **KÖLNER GYMNASIAL- UND STIFTUNGSFOND**

This endowment fund supports students with a special interest in and talent for science and social responsibility. Application is open to all international students in Germany. Support cannot be given before the 3rd semester.

Requirements: An average score of at least 2.0 on university entrance qualification certificate (Abitur, university assessment test); average marks of at least 2.5 on course assessments (credits, exam results); completion of your study course within the standard period of study; given sufficient reason, a period of study in excess of the standard study period by max. 30% is permissible; completion of a course of study before the age of 30.

Application periods: February 1st to March 1st, or August 1st to September 1st.

Further information: [www.stiftungsfond.org](http://www.stiftungsfond.org)

### **MAINCAMPUS – STIPENDIATENWERK DER STIFTUNG POLYTECHNISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FRANKFURT AM MAIN**

This is a foundation dedicated to the support of students (undergraduate through to doctoral) in the universities and other institutes of higher education in Frankfurt. The foundation offers undergraduate and postgraduate students support in the following subject fields: natural sciences, technical disciplines, education, history, music and music education, visual and performing arts, architecture.

You cannot apply for this directly! Instead, the university puts forward candidates

that have distinguished themselves through outstanding personal and academic achievements, motivation and competency. You might talk to a lecturer or professor that knows you well, to be put forward.

Further information: [www.sptg.de](http://www.sptg.de)

### **STIFTUNG BEGABTENFÖRDERUNG BERUFLICHE BILDUNG**

This foundation supports people looking to enter a programme of study having already completed vocational training, having demonstrated a high degree of professional capability in their training and work, and with at least two years of job experience.

Target group: Students from the EU and Bildungsinländer\*innen (§8 BAföG).

Further information: [www.sbb-stipendien.de](http://www.sbb-stipendien.de)

## **05 SUPPORT PROGRAMMES FOR REINTEGRATION AND REPATRIATION**

There are reintegration programmes mainly directed at nationals from developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, who plan to return to their home countries after graduating in Germany. These programmes are targeted towards development objectives.

### **CENTRUM FÜR INTERNATIONALE MIGRATION UND ENTWICKLUNG (CIM)**

CIM has the objective to help technical experts and managers find employment worldwide. Its services include a database for job opportunities worldwide, listed by country, with a focus on developing and emerging countries.

In specific cases, there may be subsidies for travel costs, salaries and setting up a workplace for returnees.

Further information: [www.cimonline.de](http://www.cimonline.de)

### **BROT FÜR DIE WELT – EVANGELISCHER ENTWICKLUNGSDIENST – REINTEGRATION PROGRAMME**

The reintegration programme targets specialists and graduates from Africa, Asia and Latin America who live in Germany but want to return to their home country after having been engaged in issues of developmental politics. The skills acquired in Germany should be used in developmental work in cooperation with partner

organizations.

Further information:

[www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/66882547/X\\_Doc\\_Flyer\\_Reintegranten\\_final\\_EN.pdf](http://www.goethe-university-frankfurt.de/66882547/X_Doc_Flyer_Reintegranten_final_EN.pdf)

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