



Scholarships and Funding for International Degree Seeking Students

**Scholarship Office
Trier University**



Scholarships

Scholarship programmes for refugees

If you are a refugee studying in Germany, you can apply for all foundations listed above. Additionally, the following foundations offer scholarships specifically designed for refugees. Please visit the following website for more information: www.study-in.de/fluechtlinge

Brot für die Welt – Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung e.V.
www.info.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/stipendien.de

Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst e.V.
(undergraduate applications only)
www.evstudienwerk.de
Expected German language proficiency: C1

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung
www.boeckler.de
Expected German language proficiency: no certificates required; however, interviews are conducted in German

Walter Blüchert Stiftung und Deutsche Universitätsstiftung
(funding for undergraduate finalists in STEM-disciplines only)
www.hochform.org
Expected German language proficiency: C1

Funding programmes at Trier University

Deutschlandstipendium

Every year, Trier University awards scholarships to excellent and dedicated students.
www.studium.uni-trier.de
(Studienfinanzierung > Stipendien > Förderung an der Universität Trier)

Scholarships for finalists

Trier University's International Office offers scholarships to students of Trier University who are reaching the end of their studies. These scholarships are usually awarded three times per year. Please consider the following website for current announcements:
www.international.uni-trier.de
(Wege nach Trier > Studieren in Trier > Abschlussstudierende)



Counselling and further information

The team at the International Office are happy to offer individual counselling to international finalists. We gladly offer additional information about different scholarships and funding opportunities, too. Please do not hesitate to contact:

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Trier University's Scholarship Office additionally offers:

- We regularly organize and host information events on, for instance, on individual scholarship foundations. Please check www.stipendien.uni-trier.de for the latest news about our events.
- We connect you with lecturers who are partnered with and/or liaise with different foundations and current scholarship holders.

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I'm an international student. May I apply for scholarships in Germany?

Yes, you may! Most scholarship foundations are happy to sponsor your studies under the condition that you are eligible for funding as specified by **§ 8 BAföG**. The section specifies that funding is generally available to international students if certain personal preconditions for students (or their parents, respectively) are met. Broadly speaking, this means that international students are entitled to BAföG (funding by the state) so long as they are legally permitted to stay in Germany or have already lived in Germany for some time. For citizens of the European Union (or of countries with equivalent status), access to these resources is generally easier than for students from outside the EU. Please note that most scholarships only require you to meet the preconditions for BAföG funding. (You do not actually have to receive BAföG). Therefore, please make sure you are eligible for BAföG funding before you apply for funding from the scholarship foundations. Please check <http://www.mystipendium.de/bafoeg-fuer-auslaender.de> for a first insight as to whether or not you are eligible for BAföG.

Please do not hesitate to contact the BAföG Office at Trier University for further inquiries.

Please consider the following general notes of advice:

- **Be in good time!** Read up on your scholarship-programme of choice and their individual deadlines sooner rather than later. Application processes may take up to six months after submitting your documents.
- **It's not all about the grades!** Scholarship foundations value commitment and personality just as highly as excellent grades.
- **Choose wisely!** Familiarize yourself with the profile and mission statement of your potential sponsor or scholarship foundation before handing in your application, as the aims and procedures of their programmes may vary significantly. Find a foundation that suits your personality (your interests and personal values are usually reliable indicators to point you in the right direction).

Where can I find more information about scholarships?

The following websites contain a lot of helpful information about scholarships, in general, including more specific information about the profiles of individual foundations:

- www.stipendiumplus.de (German / English / French): detailed information on scholarships and the major scholarship foundations
- www.stipendienlotse.de (German): a database that makes your search for the right scholarship a lot easier
- www.stiftungen.org (German / English): detailed information on scholarships and search assistant
- www.stifterverband.org (German): information about the Stifterverband (association of several foundations) and the German Stiftungszentrum (Centre for Scholarship Foundations); search assistant
- www.mystipendium.de (German): detailed information on scholarships and search assistant
- www.daad.de (German / English): information about studies and scholarships in Germany and a comprehensive scholarship database



What are the major nationwide foundations that offer PhD scholarships for international PhD students, and what level of German do they expect?

Non-political, non-denominational foundations:

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes

www.studienstiftung.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: no certificates required; however, interviews are conducted in German

Stiftung der Deutschen Wirtschaft

www.sdw.org/home

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1/DSH-2

Unionist foundation:

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung

www.boeckler.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1

Denominational Scholarship Foundations:

Avicenna Studienwerk

www.avicenna-studienwerk.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1

Cusanuswerk

www.cusanuswerk.de; www.kaad.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2

Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich Studienwerk

www.eles-studienwerk.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1

Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst e.V.

www.evstudienwerk.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1

Factional/Political Scholarship Foundations:

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

www.fes.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: C1/DSH-2/TestDaF (Level 4)

Funding from the FES is available to German and international students as specified under the terms of § BAföG 8. Applicants from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe may apply for funding from the foundation's international programme.

The following factional/political scholarship foundations offer scholarships to international **Master's students only**

Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung

www.freiheit.org

Expected level of German language proficiency: no certificates required; however, interviews are conducted in German

Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

www.boell.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2/DSH-2

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

www.kas.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2

Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung

www.rosalux.de

Expected level of German language proficiency: B2
Funding from the RLS is available to German and international students as specified under the terms of § BAföG 8. Applicants who do not meet the BAföG preconditions may apply for funding from the foundation's international programme.

Additionally, some foundations offer scholarships for students from specific countries of origin and facilitate alternative application processes for refugees. For the latest information on this, please check the scholarship foundations' and the Scholarship Office's websites.