

Scholarships for internationals

**Hochschule
Bremerhaven**

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and the Federal Foreign office regularly sponsor scholarships for international PhD students. The scholarships are awarded through different foundations and organizations (see list below). The scholarships are usually awarded bi-annually for 36 months plus 12 month for scholars with children or special needs or pregnant scholars. Scholars receive approx. 1350 Euro per month plus money for research and/or additional benefits for children. In addition scholars receive substantial immaterial support through workshops, advanced-training and networking.

Overview

Scholarships associated with political parties

- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (social democrats, SPD)
- Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung (liberal party, FDP)
- Hans-Seidel-Stiftung (bavarian christian democrats, CSU)
- Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (green party, B90/Grüne)
- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (christian democrats, CDU)
- Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (left party, Die Linke)

Confessional scholarships

- Avicenna-Studienwerk (muslim students)
- Cusanuswerk/KAAD (catholic students)
- Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich-Studienwerk (jewish students)
- Evangelisches-Studienwerk-Villigst (protestant students)

Other scholarships

- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD)
- Hans-Böckler-Stiftung (Confederation of German Trade Unions)
- Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)
- Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft (Confederation of German Employers)

Scholarships associated with political parties

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (social democratic party, SPD)

Link: <https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/promotionsfoerderung-fuer-auslaender-innen>

"Our foreign scholarship holders enjoy all the advantages of our doctoral funding: financial security, professional contact persons, networking in university groups and working groups, and a comprehensive seminar program. The Student Support Department has set up a buddy program especially for newly admitted refugee and foreign scholarship holders."

Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung (liberal party, FDP)

Link: <https://www.freiheit.org/scholarships-for-doctoral-students>

Requirements: https://www.freiheit.org/sites/default/files/2022-II/erforderliche-bewerbungsunterlagen-promovierende_en_1.pdf

„We offer workshops, training courses and seminars on current scientific and competence-oriented areas such as academic writing, presenting academic results, career planning or project management through our extensive non-material support.“

Hans-Seidel-Stiftung (bavarian christian democrats, CSU)

Link: <https://www.hss.de/stipendium/wen-suchen-wir/>

"Talented and at the same time socio-politically committed doctoral students are supported ideally and financially so that they can contribute critically and constructively to the shaping of our legal and social state within the framework of the free democratic basic order."

Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung (green party, Die Grünen)

Link: https://www.boell.de/sites/default/files/181030_fly_stw_en.pdf

„The scholarship department grants scholarships to doctoral students from all disciplines. We are particularly interested in supporting research projects related to focus areas of the work of the Heinrich Böll Foundation.“

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (christian democrats, CDU)

Link: <https://www.kas.de/en/web/begabtenfoerderung-und-kultur/auslaenderfoerderung>

„In line with these principles, our Foundation awards scholarships to international master students and graduates in order to enable study and research at universities in Germany. This way, we actively promote intercultural dialogues, the formation of international networks as well as the internationalization of universities and science.“

Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (left party, Linke)

Link: <https://www.rosalux.de/en/foundation/studienwerk/doctoral-scholarships#c36494>

„Eligibility requirements for a doctoral scholarship include outstanding academic performance during undergraduate studies as well as proof of social engagement in the spirit of the Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung.“

Confessional scholarships

Avicenna-Studienwerk (muslim students)

Link: <https://www.avicenna-studienwerk.de/scholarship/#ISP-en>

„The new International Scholarship Program (ISP) offered by the Avicenna-Studienwerk is directed at Muslim students and doctoral candidates who want to pursue a degree program (MA) or PhD-thesis at a German university. The program is directed to Muslim students and doctoral candidates from Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey.“

Cusanuswerk/KAAD (catholic students)

Link: <https://www.kaad.de/en/stipendien>

„As a scholarship organisation of the Catholic Church in Germany, KAAD supports young professionals from Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and Eastern Europe through academic (postgraduate) studies and research stays. The aim is to enable them to take on leadership roles in the social and cultural development of their country. Social responsibility and church commitment are cornerstones of our support policies.“

Ernst-Ludwig-Ehrlich-Studienwerk (jewish students)

Link: <https://eles-studienwerk.de/foerderung/promovierendenfoerderung//?lang=en>

„The aim of ELES is to financially and ideologically support Jews who demonstrate a sense of social responsibility and the ability to communicate beyond their own specialist knowledge and are therefore among those who can and will actively shape the future. In addition to outstanding university and research achievements, the scholarship holders are therefore also expected to show social commitment in Jewish communities, in the social sphere, in youth work, in student organisations and in their social environment.“

Evangelisches-Studienwerk-Villigst (protestant students)

Link: <https://www.evstudienwerk.de/english/doctoral.html>

„Every year, the Studienwerk supports around 200 doctoral students from all disciplines with grants and a wide range of educational offers. The scholarships are awarded according to the guidelines of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The full scholarship is currently 1.350 Euro per month. In addition, doctoral candidates receive a research lump sum of 100 Euro.“

Other scholarships

Doctoral Programmes in Germany (DAAD)

Link: <https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/?origin=190&status=3&subjectGrps=&daad=&q=&page=1&detail=57135739#voraussetzung-en>

„This scholarship programme offers you the opportunity to complete your doctoral degree in Germany. The scholarships are funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.“

Note: Your application **cannot** be considered, if you have been resident in Germany for longer than 15 months at the application deadline

Hans-Böckler-Stiftung (confederation of german trade unions)

Link: <https://www.boeckler.de/de/international-scholarships-33846.htm>

„The Hans Böckler Foundation focuses on co-determination, research linked to the world of work and supporting students on behalf of the Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB). We offer scholarships to foreign doctoral candidates from various disciplines who wish to combine their

research work with a stay in the Federal Republic of Germany. Below you will find an overview of the scholarships currently available with the corresponding application requirements.“

Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes (German Academic Scholarship Foundation)

Link: <https://www.studienstiftung.de/en/doctoral-scholarships/doctoral-scholarships/>

„Largest and oldest German sponsorship organisation for the academically gifted, promoting future excellence, funding, foundation, scholars“

Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft (Confederation of German Employers)

Link: <https://www.sdw.org/das-bieten-wir/fuer-studierende/studienfoerderwerk-klaus-murmann/ueberblick.html>

"sdw supports high-performing doctoral students who take social responsibility and actively help shape solutions for society. All disciplines are welcome."