

Scholarship Information Overview

Scholarships for German nationals & foreign students educated in Germany (“Bildungsinländer*innen”) & foreign students eligible for BAföG according to §8 Section 1-3 BAföG

Awarding Institution	Earliest/latest application	Application period and deadline	Regular duration of scholarship	Required proof of German proficiency	Type of funding	Application language	Further requirements	Further information
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung	Before commencement of studies	Summer semester: January 15 Winter semester: July 15	Duration of study	N/A	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 649€ plus 300€ for study costs per month plus various allowances	German (reference letters may be in English or French)	May not be older than 35	
Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft	Before commencement of studies (must be in first Master semester during assessment center in October)	Once yearly: January 2 – April 26	Duration of study	C1 or DSH 2 for non-native speakers	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 744€ plus 300€ for study costs per month	German (degrees and transcripts may be in English)	May not be older than 32 on October 1 in year of application	
Cusanuswerk	Must have studied one semester before applying	Once yearly: Mid-July	Duration of study	B2 (CEFR) for non-native speakers	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 744€ plus 300€ for study costs per month	German	Must be a member of the Catholic Church	
Hans-Böckler-Stiftung	Latest by end of the first semester (must have 3 semesters remaining)	Summer semester: November 1 – February 2 Winter semester: May 1 - August 1	Duration of study, at least 3 semesters	N/A	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 744€ plus 300€ for study costs per month plus various allowances	German	N/A	
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	Before commencement of studies; Latest to begin of the first semester	Summer semester: April 30 Winter semester: October 31	Duration of study	C1 or DSH 2 or TDF 4 for non-native speakers	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 744€ plus 300€ for study costs per month plus various allowances	German	N/A	
Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung	Must have at least 2 semesters remaining after begin of scholarship	Summer semester: April 30 Winters semester: October 31	at least 2 semesters, up to duration of study	Knowledge of German required, but no language test necessary	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 744€ plus 300€ for study costs per month	German (reference letters may be in English)	N/A	
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung	Before commencement of studies; Latest to begin of the first semester	Summer semester: April 1 Winter semester: October 1	Duration of study	B2	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 649€ plus 300€ for study costs per month	German (reference letters and degrees may be in English)	second degrees may not be funded (i.e. second master's degree)	
Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung	Before commencement of studies; Latest to begin of the first semester	Once yearly: March 1, September 1	Duration of study	None required	€744 per month plus various individual allowances	German (reference letters may be in English)	N/A	

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Scholarships for EU nationals not educated in Germany

Awarding Institution	Earliest/latest application	Application period and deadline	Regular duration of scholarship	Required proof of German proficiency	Type of funding	Application language	Further requirements	Further information
Heinrich Böll Stiftung	Before commencement of studies; Latest to begin of the first semester	Once yearly: March 1	Duration of study	B2 or DSH 2	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 744€ plus 300€ for study costs per month plus various allowances	German (reference letters may be in English)	N/A	
Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung	Must have at least 2 semesters remaining after begin of scholarship	Summer semester: April 30 Winter semester: October 31	at least 2 semesters, up to duration of study	Knowledge of German required, but no language test necessary	Varies according to BAföG guidelines: max. 744€ plus 300€ for study costs per month	German (reference letters may be in English)	N/A	

Scholarships for all nationalities

Awarding Institution	Earliest/latest application	Application period and deadline	Regular duration of scholarship	Required proof of German proficiency	Type of funding	Application language	Further requirements	Further information
Dr. Jost Henkel Stiftung	applications possible at any time	applications possible at any time	varies	N/A	needs-based scholarship, funding varies	N/A	N/A	
Rotary International								Rotary International offers scholarships through its local Clubs Details can be found on the website of your local Rotary Club.
DAAD								The DAAD offers a variety of scholarships for various countries, regions and specializations. Please use their scholarship database.
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung	at least one year remaining	Summer semester: April 1 Winter semester: October 1	Duration of study	B2	€850 per month plus the cost of health insurance	German (reference letters and degrees may be in English)	second degrees may not be funded (i.e. second master's degree)	

Scholarships for foreign students (non EU-nationals)

Awarding Institution	Earliest/latest application	Application period and deadline	Regular duration of scholarship	Required proof of German proficiency	Type of funding	Application language	Further requirements	Further information
Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung	Before commencement of studies; Latest to begin of the first semester	Once yearly: March 1	Duration of study	B2 or DSH 2	€850 per month plus various individual allowances	German (reference letters may be in English)	N/A	
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	Before commencement of studies; Latest to begin of the first semester	Summer semester: May 31 Winter semester: November 30	Duration of study	C1 or DSH 2 or TDF 4 for	€850 per month plus the cost of health insurance	German	N/A	
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung	Before commencement of studies	Varies yearly and by country	Duration of study, minimum of one year	B2	€850 per month plus various allowances	English	May not be older than 30	Only students living in one of the listed countries or in the region can apply via the international selection procedure. Students already in Germany apply via the domestic procedure, regardless of nationality.
Fulbright Commission	Applicants should contact their advisor or the IIE in the spring preceding the year in which they wish to study in Germany	Once yearly: Generally October	2 semesters / 10 months	where applicable	850€ to 1200€ per month plus the cost of health insurance and an incidental allowance of €250 per semester	English	Must have completed BA or BSc; only for U.S. citizens	The amount of funding depends on the candidate's academic background
Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung	Must have at least 2 semesters remaining after begin of scholarship	Summer semester: April 30 Winter semester: October 31	at least 2 semesters, up to duration of study	Knowledge of German required, but no language test necessary	850€ per month plus allowance for health insurance	German (reference letters may be in English)	must have German address for application process; may not have lived in Germany for longer than 15 months prior to application	
KAAD							Must be a Catholic Christian (or belong to another Christian denomination)	The KAAD offers scholarships to both to foreigners interested in postgraduate study in Germany (Program 1), as well as to those already enrolled in a German university (Program 2).
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung	at least one year remaining	Summer semester: April 1 Winter semester: October 1	one year, extension to duration of study possible if certain prerequisites have been met	basic proficiency in German (further classes funded by RLS), advanced proficiency in English	850€ per month	German (reference letters and degrees may be in English)	Only for students from the MENA region (Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, Tunisia, Yemen, Jordan, Morocco and Iraq)	second degrees may not be funded (i.e. second master's degree)