

Study Financing

**Dear prospective students,
dear students,**

The costs of studying vary depending on the course of study, place of study and life situation of the individual. In view of the numerous offers of scholarships, student loans and education funds, it is necessary to deal intensively with this topic.

Based on your personal situation, you should carefully examine all the options presented in order to find the best solution for you.

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BAföG

BAföG (short for "Bundesausbildungsförderungs-Gesetz") is a type of governmental funding for students. It is a combination of federal grants and interest-free loans. Depending on the income of the parents students receive funds for their studies.

Requirements: <https://www.stw.berlin/en/baf%C3%B6g/baf%C3%B6g-faq/20.-baf%C3%B6g-for-international-students.html>

DAAD – scholarship programmes for international students and researchers

The DAAD (short for „Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst“) is the world’s largest funding organisation for the international exchange of students and researchers.

General information: <https://www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/scholarships/information-for-scholarship-applicants/>

Scholarships overview:

<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/de/21148-stipendiendatenbank/>

Please use the **contact form** for more information and help suited for your specific situation: <https://www.daad.de/en/the-daad/contact/contact-study-research-in-germany/>

Foundations / Non-profit Organizations

Brot für die Welt

„Bread for the World“ is a non-profit aid organization of the Protestant regional churches and free churches in Germany.

Information on their scholarships: <https://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/en/bread-for-the-world/cooperation/scholarships/>

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

The „Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung e. V.“ is the oldest so-called party-affiliated foundation in Germany.

Overview (in German):

<https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/stipendienprogramme/grundfoerderung-fuer-auslaender-innen>

Please note: They require very good German language skills

Friedrich Naumann Foundation

The „Friedrich Naumann Stiftung“ is a political foundation with liberal background.

General information on their funding: <https://www.freiheit.org/scholarships-friedrich-naumann-foundation-freedom>

Information for students originally from EU-countries:

<https://www.freiheit.org/scholarships-eu-students-0>

Information for students originally from Non-EU countries:

<https://www.freiheit.org/scholarships-foreign-students-non-eu-countries-1>

Heinrich Böll Stiftung

The „Heinrich Böll Stiftung“ is a green political foundation.

Information on their scholarships: <https://www.boell.de/en/scholarships>

Please note: They require written proof of German language proficiency (Minimum requirement: „Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang“ Level DSH 2 or „TestDaF“ Level B2)

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

The „Konrad Adenauer Stiftung“ is a political foundation.

You can find information on their funding options here:

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

Please note: They require B2-level German

Otto Benecke Stiftung e.V.

The „Otto Benecke Stiftung e. V.“ is a non-profit and politically neutral organization.

Overview (in German): <https://www.obs-ev.de/akademische-qualifizierung/garantiefonds-hochschule-2022>

Information in English: https://www.obs-ev.de/fileadmin/user_upload/Flyer/201109_GFH-komplett_2020_final_engl_web.pdf

Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung

The „Rosa-Luxemburg Stiftung“ is a leftist political foundation.

Information on their scholarships:

<https://www.rosalux.de/en/foundation/studienwerk/study-scholarships>

Please note: They require proficiency in the German language (at least B-2 level)

Other sources

Deutsches Studierendennetzwerk

The Deutsches Studierendennetzwerk (DSW) is the voluntary association of the 57 student and student services organizations in the Federal Republic of Germany. They fulfill public tasks of economic, social, health and cultural support for students at German universities. Here you can find tips for International students on how to finance your studies in Germany:

<https://www.internationale-studierende.de/en/prepare-your-studies/financing>

Masterportal

This website helps Master students find scholarships to finance their studies:

<https://www.mastersportal.com/scholarships/>

General Information on financing options

<https://www.daad.de/en/studying-in-germany/living-in-germany/finances/>

<https://www.study-in-germany.de/en/plan-your-studies/preparation/funding/>