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EXCHANGE PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY FOR STUDYING AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2027/28

As part of the exchange programs of Heidelberg University and the State of Baden-Württemberg with American universities and colleges, the following university places are expected to be available to students along with tuition waivers.
Subject to change.

DIRECT EXCHANGE:

University	Scholarship Benefits	Application Requirements	Additional Information	Places
University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Law and Medicine; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle	1
Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Law and Medicine; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle	2

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Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA	Tuition waiver (1 course per semester), \$4,980 per year, additionally flight costs, room and board, & health insurance	Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad; Teaching experience desired	Teaching Assistantship for German! Single-semester stays are not possible	1
University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA	Tuition waiver	Completion of at least three semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Applications from Computer Science especially welcome Psychology not possible Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle Quarter System	1
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	Tuition waiver at the Graduate School, health insurance	For all fields except for Medicine and Law; Bachelor's degree no later than February 2027		2
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA	Tuition waiver	Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Applications from Philosophy especially welcome Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle one term only (fall or spring)	1-2
Heidelberg University, Tiffin, OH	Scholarship that covers approximately 75% of all costs associated with the stay	Completion of three semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Single-semester stays are possible. Participation in the MBA program for graduate students (without final degree) and in <i>Psychological Counseling</i> at the <i>graduate program</i>	2-3
Illinois College, Jacksonville, IL	Tuition Waiver	Completion of at least three semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad;		1
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL	Tuition Waiver	Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Applications from Geography and American Studies especially welcome; Restricted fields: Business,	2-3

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			Bioengineering, Computer Science, Law, Medicine; Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle	
University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY	Tuition Waiver 1 additional scholarship of 3000 USD/semester	For all subjects except Law and Medicine; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle	2-3
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ	Tuition Waiver	Theology and Religious Studies		1
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Law and Medicine; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle	2
University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Medicine and Business; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	<i>Economics Studies</i> limited; Admission for <i>graduate studies</i> is possible in principle, but not for <i>Economics</i> ; Law is possible in principle	2
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Law and Medicine; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	For Master's students, attending individual <i>graduate courses</i> is possible; however enrollment in the <i>graduate school</i> is not possible.	1-2
University of Washington, Seattle, WA	Tuition Waiver	For Bachelor's students only! Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad TOEFL: min. 83 (iBT)	Fields not open for exchange students: <i>Computer Sc., Engineering, Economics, Finance, Communication, Psychology, Sociology, Law, Society & Justice</i> ;	1-2

State-to-State programs:

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California State University System (Humboldt State University, CSU Chico, Sonoma State University, CSU Sacramento, California Maritime Academy, CSU Hayward, San Francisco State University, San Jose State University, CSU Stanislaus, CSU Monterey Bay, CSU Fresno, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CSU Northridge, CSU Bakersfield, CSU Channel Islands, California State Polytechnic University Pomona, CSU San Bernardino, CSU Los Angeles, CSU Fullerton, CSU Dominguez Hills, CSU Long Beach, CSU San Marcos, San Diego State University)	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Law and Medicine Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad; Applications from students with US citizenship or German-US double citizenship unfortunately cannot be considered	General Information: https://csuip.calstate.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=0&Link_ID=01E879DA-5056-BA1F-7216FE7D6C361227 Education is not available anywhere. For campus-specific restrictions please see: https://csuip.calstate.edu/customtags/ct_FileRetrieve.cfm?File_ID=648	10-12
Universities in Connecticut (Central, Eastern and Southern Connecticut State University, University of Hartford, Connecticut College, Trinity College, University of Connecticut , Wesleyan University)	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Law and Medicine Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	UConn: Restrictions for Economics; Business not possible; Wesleyan U: exchange spot + TA for German (free room & board), single semester stays not possible; Conn. College: TA for German, two semester stays preferred (compensation 4.000 \$/semester).	5
Yale University	Tuition Waiver	All subjects offered by the <i>Graduate School of Arts and Sciences</i> Bachelor Degree and acceptance in a Master's Degree program at Heidelberg University in early 2027 at the very latest. Application from Master's students are welcome!		1-2

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Yale Divinity School	Tuition Waiver	Theology; completion of at least of the "intermediate examination (<i>Zwischenprüfung</i>) prior to commencement of studies	IELTS preferred	1
University of Massachusetts System (currently UMass Amherst only)	Tuition Waiver	All subjects except for Medicine and Law; Bachelor's degree and admission into a Master's degree program at Heidelberg University prior to commencement of studies	UMass. Amherst: Clinical Psychology not available; Linguistics is also not available	3
University of North Carolina System (Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, North Carolina A&T State University , North Carolina State University, UNC Asheville, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke, Western Carolina University)	Tuition Waiver	For undergraduate students only! For all subjects except Law and Medicine; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Information regarding the program and the participating universities: https://www.uni-mannheim.de/studium/vo-n-mannheim-ins-ausland/landesprogramm-north-carolina/austausch-nach-north-carolina/	1-2
Oregon University System (Oregon State University, Portland State University, University of Oregon), Willamette University	Tuition Waiver	For all subjects except Law and Medicine; Completion of at least four semesters of study prior to commencement of studies abroad	Psychology studies at OSU are not possible; Information regarding the program and the participating universities: http://ie3global.org/about-ie3-global/	3-4

If you apply for a study place in the state programs of California, North Carolina, or Oregon, you must choose at least three universities within the respective state program at which you would like to undertake your study abroad plans. This counts however as ONE preference. You have the possibility to choose two other preferences for other exchange programs (either other state programs or other universities with a direct exchange). If you apply for the state program with Connecticut and you choose the University of Connecticut in Storrs as your study location, you do not have to choose any other preference in this state program. If you apply for other institutions in Connecticut, you must choose at least one other preference. In regards to the selections of candidates for the state programs (especially CSU, North Carolina, Oregon), Heidelberg University cannot generally ensure any specific placement for a particular university, as a balanced distribution of all candidates from Baden-Württemberg to the participating universities must be kept in mind. The placement thus takes place in a secondary step through the respective program coordinators in Germany and the USA. The primary criterion is of course the feasibility of the study plan. You should therefore ensure that your study plan is feasible at several of the participating institutions if you are applying to a state program.

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General Information About Applying

Who can apply?

The aforementioned study places are available to Heidelberg **students from all subjects with the exception of medicine**. Studying at US *Medical Schools* is unfortunately not possible within the framework of the exchange programs. **Law Students** can only apply to the University of Oklahoma as their *Law School* is a participant of the exchange program (for more information, see below). **Economics** students should not assume that they will be able to study *Business* in the USA. Admission to *Business Schools* is extremely restrictive and they do not generally take part in our exchange programs.

Bachelor students who receive their Bachelor prior to the commencement of their scholarship must continue to be enrolled at Heidelberg University during their participation in the exchange program (generally proof of enrollment in a Master's program at Heidelberg University must be demonstrated).

A selection committee of Heidelberg University decides which applicants should be nominated to the US partner universities.

Along with good academic performance the selection process places great emphasis on social and communicative competencies. It is expected from the exchange students that they become involved in their US host universities and that they will be compelling "ambassadors" for German culture and Heidelberg University. Knowledge regarding both the host country as well as Germany and Heidelberg University is expected. Naturally, the choice of study location must also be well-founded with regards to your academic discipline.

Because the ultimate decision regarding admission rests with the US universities, the following points must be especially considered:

Admission as a *graduate student* is provided for or is at least possible at some of the partner universities. The admission criterion for the *graduate schools* is generally proof of a Bachelor's degree by the time of the application to the respective school. The decision regarding admission as a *graduate student* will always be made by the corresponding *department* and only after careful review of the disciplinary qualifications of the applicant. Absolute prerequisite for admission is therefore a very concrete, well-thought-out study plan aligned with the course offerings of the *department*.

Students who are not as advanced in their studies cannot be accepted at the *graduate schools*.

Language Qualifications: For admission at a US university you need to take a standardized test as proof of your language qualification.

- **TOEFL (*Test of English as a Foreign Language*):** It is offered in Germany as an internet-based TOEFL (iBT). You must obtain a minimum score of 79-80 points for the iBT, although some universities require a higher score. Because test dates in Heidelberg and surrounding areas are quickly filled up, we strongly recommend that you register for the test early. Test results have to be submitted **in mid-November 2026 at the very latest**.

Detailed information on the TOEFL can be found online at: www.toefl.org. **Heidelberg University TOEFL-code: 6235**

Duolingo: An increasing number of partner institutions will also accept a Duolingo test score as an alternative to the TOEFL.

Please refer to the information provided at our website for the most current information regarding English language requirements at our partner institutions.

Length of Stay:

At most partner universities the academic year is divided into two semesters. The *Fall term* starts generally in mid- to late-August and ends in mid-December. The *Spring term* begins in January and ends in early to mid-May. Some universities however have trimesters or quarters (e.g. the University of Washington, most universities in Oregon and some universities in California).

Experience shows that students benefit a great deal more when they study for a whole academic year at the partner universities. We therefore urge all applicants to strongly consider studying abroad for a full academic year. Nonetheless one-semester stays are possible, with only a few exceptions, during the Fall term. They are not possible

however during our summer semester (starting in April) due to differing semester dates with the US host universities. At universities with trimester or quarter systems, stays from September to the end of March are feasible. Beginning study abroad in the last trimester or quarter (from April) or stays during the U.S summer term are not possible.

Which university should I choose?

In general, you are given the opportunity to select three universities of your choice. The selection of your universities should be made based primarily on academic criteria. However, size, geographic location, cost, etc. may also be considered. **It is expected that applicants thoroughly inform themselves of ALL universities of their choice.** Along with the internet sites of the universities, testimonies of previous exchange program participants can also be very helpful in making a decision.

Application Process

A 10-15-minute selection interview in English will likely take place mid-November. Applicants will be invited to their interview per email. Placement in US universities will occur with regards to the first preference. The second and third preference will also be considered. The commission reserves the right to suggest a different study location if necessary. By mid-December all students will have been informed on the outcome of their selection process at Heidelberg University.

Application documents of successful candidates will be subsequently forwarded to the US host universities. The final decision regarding admission of the applicant rests with the US University, or the corresponding *department*. For all programs additional application forms, vaccination records, and proof of sufficient financial support must be submitted during this final stage of the application process. The final acceptance will generally arrive no later than June.

Application Documents

The online application will be available in September at:

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/international-studies/study-abroad/application-documents>

In addition to the online application form ((with photo), the following items are required for a complete application:

- Personal Statement
- Well-thought-out and coherent description of your study plan at your desired university (*statement of purpose*, 1 - max. 1.5 pages)
- 1 letter of recommendation for students in a Bachelor's program, 2 letters of recommendation for applications to graduate schools. **Letters of Recommendation should preferably not be directed towards any specific university and should be sent to the International Relations Office by the recommender directly (either by mail or email).**
- *Transcript of Records*/ overview of grades/list of grades*, from current and previous studies, preferably in English and confirmed by examination office or with verification code
- If applicable, authenticated copy of an intermediate examination* (*Zwischenprüfung*) certificate or Bachelor's degree* with an English translation (the translation can be created by the applicant themselves)
- Copy of the secondary school certificate
- **Language test scores (Duolingo or TOEFL) – to be submitted by November 15 at the latest.**
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* Original documents will have to be provided upon request at a later date.

Financial Question

To obtain a student visa, it must be proven to the host university in the course of the application process that you have sufficient financial resources for the study abroad visit at your disposal (the amount differs depending on the university, for the academic year 2026/27 between \$9,000 - \$15,000 per semester were required). Verification is usually made via one (or more) bank certificates. Sample versions of these certificates can be obtained from the International Relations Office.

BAföG and Travel Cost Grants

BAföG: Requests for BAföG grants for study abroad should be submitted no later than six months prior to the commencement of the scholarship to the Office for Educational Support (*Amt für Ausbildungsförderung*) responsible for the USA (Nagelsweg 39, 20097 Hamburg). Further information online at: <https://www.studierendenwerk-hamburg.de/studienfinanzierung/bafög-fuer-das-ausland/die-usa>

Fulbright Travel Grants

Most likely between early December 2026 and mid-January 2027 students who will be studying at an American university through an exchange program and have German citizenship will be able to apply through the International Relations Office for a travel grant from the Fulbright Commission. Further information available online at: <http://www.fulbright.de>

Baden-Württemberg-Scholarship

Exchange students will most likely be able to apply again for a Baden-Württemberg-Scholarship for 2027/28 through the International Relations Office at the beginning of 2027.

General Information regarding exchange programs can be found at the International Relations Office,

Fischmarkt. 2, Infocenter Studium und Praktikum im Ausland, <https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de/studium/studium-international/studium-im-ausland/infocenter-studium-im-ausland>. For **assistance with specific questions**, please contact: Ms. Trnka-Hammel, International Relations Office, Fischmarkt 2, Room 118, phone 54 12740, email: elisabeth.trnka@zuv.uni-heidelberg.de.

Information regarding the exchange programs with links to our partner universities can also be found online at:

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de/studium/studium-international/studium-im-ausland/austauschprogramme-der-universitaet-heidelberg/austauschprogramme-in-nord-und-suedamerika/austauschprogramme-usa>

Application Deadline: October 22nd, 2026