Scholarship possibilities
for international students and PhD candidates

Please note that in Germany, as opposed to other countries, there are only few scholarship possibilities for students. Additionally, it is usually necessary to apply for one of those scholarships very early-on – in many cases before applying for a study place. This means that international student applicants must get information on scholarship possibilities while they are still in their home country, and usually have to start the application process then as well.

Information on scholarship possibilities for your studies in Germany is given by the German embassy/consulate, by the Goethe-Institutes as well as the local DAAD offices. Since the number of scholarships is very limited, you should also consider applying for financial assistance (scholarships or loans) through your home country (governmental or other).

Information on scholarship possibilities for undergraduate and graduate studies as well as for PhD candidates is also available online. On the websites listed below, you will find more details on the different scholarships as well as contact information of the person in charge. Each institution individually determines funding conditions and application procedures. Accordingly, if you have further questions, please get in touch with the contact persons indicated on the websites. The International Relations Office of the University of Heidelberg cannot answer questions on the individual scholarships.

a. General information on scholarship possibilities

https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/
Information of the DAAD on scholarship possibilities for studies in Germany

https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/management-of-studies/funding-of-studies/scholarships-and-support-programmes
Information of the University of Heidelberg on scholarship and support possibilities for studies in Germany

https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/management-of-studies/funding-of-studies/scholarships-and-support-programmes/scholarships-for-students
Overview of scholarship programs for students offered at the University of Heidelberg

https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/study/management-of-studies/funding-of-studies/scholarships-and-support-programmes/support-programmes-for-doctoral-students
Overview of grants and fellowships for doctoral candidates offered at the University of Heidelberg

https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/de/bildung/begabtenfoerderung/ (only in German)
Information on scholarship possibilities of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

http://www.bildungsserver.de/zeigen.html?seite=2416 (only in German)
Overview of scholarship opportunities for international students
b. Information event of the University of Heidelberg

The University of Heidelberg holds information events for (German and international) students concerning scholarship opportunities. Short presentations as well as information booths of different scholarship-granting institutions are part of these events. Further information, including current dates, is available (only in German) at

https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de/studium/service-beratung/stipendieninfoabend


c. Scholarship databases

https://www.deutsches-stiftungszentrum.de/stiftungen (only in German)
Search engine of the Central Association of German Foundations (“Stifterverband”)

Overview of programs for the promotion of young talent (“Begabtenförderungswerke”)

http://www.e-fellows.net/Studium/Stipendien/Stipendien-Datenbank/
Stipendium-suchen-finden (only in German)
Database with search engine

http://www.scholarshipportal.eu
Europe-wide database for scholarship

https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/
Database with search engine of the DAAD

https://www.mystipendium.de/ (only in German)
Database with search engine

d. Foundations

Search engine for foundations of the Federal Association of German Foundations

https://www.stifterverband.org/ (only in German)
Programs and initiatives to promote young researchers

e. PhD candidates

Information on scholarship possibilities and other financial aids for PhD candidates, please contact Heidelberg University’s Graduate Academy:

https://www.graduateacademy.uni-heidelberg.de/foerderung/index_en.html

f. Programs to promote equal opportunities for women in research and teaching

http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/gleichstellungsbeauftragte/stipendien/index_en.html
Overview of Heidelberg University’s Equal Opportunities Office on programs to promote equal opportunities for women in research and teaching

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