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Study Financing for international students



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Topics

1.Study Fees

2.Cost of Living

3.Scholarships



Before we start..



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**This session will only give an overview on study financing.
Today I will answer questions on study financing only!**

We offer additional orientation events, please have a look at our website



Besides the Orientation Days in person in Heidelberg you can also find all information online on our **Virtual Orientation Days** website





Study Fees and Cost of Living



Study Fees Federal State of Baden-Württemberg

Semester Fee

189,80€/semester



- Administration
- Student representational board (STURA)
- Student service fee (e.g. Mensa, cafeteria, housing (Studierendenwerk))

Tuition Fee

1.500 EUR/semester



- Only non-EU citizens
- Towards the educational budget of the German federal state of Baden-Württemberg

4 semesters = 6.759,20 €
6 semesters = 10.138,80 €



Cost of Living in Heidelberg

Monthly costs

min. ca. 992 EUR/month

- Rent: ca. 350 – 950€
- Health insurance: 150€
- Personal liability insurance: ca. 5€
- Broadcasting fee (compulsory): 18,36€
- Food and other personal expenses: 300–500 €
- Public transportation:
ca. 45€/month (“D-Ticket JugendBW”)
or 64€/month (“Deutschland-Ticket”)

Costs of Living + Study Fees

4 semesters = 30.567,20 €

6 semesters = 45.850,80 €

Cost of Living in Heidelberg



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1kg rice: 3–6 €

1kg bread: 4–8 €

1 kg chicken breast: 8–13 €



Meal at the university: ca. 5 €

Hamburger meal: 10–15 €

Meal in a restaurant: >15 €

ALWAYS LOOK FOR STUDENT DISCOUNTS!



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Scholarships

Scholarships and Tuition Fee



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Currently there are no scholarships towards the tuition fees!

Application for exemption from the tuition fee:

- Disabled students
- Students with a residence permit for another purpose than studies (e.g. refugees, marriage)
- Students whose parents have lived and worked several years in Germany

Application for exemption from tuition fees for international students in accordance with the Heidelberg University charter of 28 July 2017

- Evidence of extraordinary ability

Further information



Scholarships Towards Living Costs



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“Full” Scholarships, ca. 900 EUR/month (1-2% of students)

All in Germany available scholarships can be found in the DAAD scholarship database
<https://www2.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/datenbank/en/21148-scholarship-database/>



Please note:

All scholarships are highly competitive. The outcome of an application depends on a number of unforeseeable factors including the number of applicants, the available funds, the individual situations of the applicants, etc.

Please set up your study financing plan independent from financial assistance such as scholarships or jobbing. They are a potential option for short-term, partial financial support, not a dependable source of income.

Scholarships Towards Living Costs



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Heidelberg University's Online Information Session on Scholarships

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/node/1538>



- 24. November 2026 (once a semester)
- in German
- Online
- Hosted by the Central Student Advisory Office of Heidelberg University



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Working

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Overview:

- Do I need a working permit?
- What kind of jobs are available for students?
- Where can I look for a job?
- What about German skills?

Work Permit



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Residence permit for non-EU students (§16b AufenthG)
= work permit for 140 days within a calendar year (or 280 half days) + position as a student assistant

Does not allow freelance work in Germany!

-> for EU- **and** Non-EU nationals:
you will be compulsorily insured if
you work more than 20h/week
during the lecture period

Job
regulations for
international
students
in Germany



**EU-nationals need neither
residence nor work permit**

Schedule für work search



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First semester

- Talk with senior students about their jobs
- Make a realistic estimation on how much you can work on top of your studies
- Look for job offers on notice boards and job portals
- Improve your German skills
- Apply!

Second semester

- Start working
- Monitor your study load and adjust your working hours if needed!

**Arrive and settle in
only then look for a job!**

Jobs for Students



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“Mini-Job”

- Monthly income of under 603€
- No income taxes or social security fees
- Less regulations for the employer

Regular working contracts

are possible, too.

Contributions for taxes, pension and social security system are automatically deducted from the salary.

Online Job Market
Studierendenwerk



Minimum wage in Germany:
13,90 €/ hour



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Thank you for your attention!

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