



Scholarships

Info for M.A. DEV Students

Living [expenses in Germany](#) are slightly above average in Europe and lie at around €800 per month. Covering these costs constitutes a major challenge for many students. There are scholarships programs that offer the opportunity to receive financial support both for national and international students. The following shall give you an overview.

1. DAAD Scholarships

The DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst/German Academic Exchange Service) provides scholarships for studies abroad as well as in Germany for both national and [international students](#). The organisation annually supports over 100.000 German and international students and researchers. The DAAD also aims at students from developing countries.

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers an extensive [scholarship database](#), where information on various kinds of funding for foreign students can be found.

To facilitate your search, we want to provide you with some information and links of relevant specific scholarships:

1.1 Students from North/South America, Asia, Europe, Australia/Oceania:

Study Scholarships for Graduates of All Disciplines | DAAD

Who and what can be funded?

- Excellently-qualified graduates who have completed a first degree
- Postgraduate or Master's degree program completed at a state or state-recognized university in Germany

Duration and scope of funding

- Between 10 and max. 24 months (depending on length of chosen study program)
- Scholarship usually begins on 1st October, or earlier if the student takes a language course prior to the study program
- Scholarship payments of 750€ / month
- Payment towards health, accident and personal liability insurance cover

Application and Selection:

- Application requirements and application procedure are depending on the country of origin
- An independent selection committee consisting of specialist scientists reviews applications
- Most important selection criteria are: academic achievements, convincing academic and personal reasons for the planned study project in Germany,

⇒ [Link for further information](#)

1.2 Students from Africa

Development-Related Postgraduate Courses (EPOS) | DAAD

Who and what can be funded?

- Graduates with at least two years' professional experience
- Exclusively for postgraduate courses in Germany that are listed on the list

Duration and scope of funding

- Between 12 and 36 months (depending on study program)
- Monthly payment of 750€

Application and Selection:

⇒ [Link for further information](#)



2. Deutschlandstipendium

Over 22.500 students benefit from this national program created by the Federal Government of Germany. The program is a partnership between public and private institutions, in order to reward talented students. Talented students are awarded 300 EUR/month for at least two semesters. Students are also provided with mentoring programmes, networking events and internships. The selection of the students does not take into consideration the personal or parents' income or the nationality of the student. Further information can be obtained from [here](#).

3. The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung is a political foundation that offers financial assistance to international and German students with grades above average and who show "awareness of social responsibility", mainly including a social or political involvement. Students can receive up to 1000 EUR/month, the sum covering enrollment fees, the health insurance and the monthly required books/study materials. Further information can be obtained from [here](#).

4. Heinrich Böll Stiftung

Heinrich Böll Foundation provides several scholarships to German students as well as international students, including refugees, at all degree levels. However, the foundation mainly awards students who plan to study STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), and especially those programmes with a focus on environmental science. Other scholarships are dedicated to students who apply to economics, legal studies, journalism and art degrees. Further information can be obtained from [here](#).

5. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

International students who plan to obtain a M.A. or a Ph.D. in Germany are eligible for Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) scholarships. Graduates (master or postgraduate students) receive a monthly scholarship of €750. The standard funding period is two years. Applicants should also be aware of the 30 years age-limit requirement. Further information can be obtained from [here](#).

6. Further Scholarships

There are several other institutions that offer financial support including political foundations such as the [Friedrich NaumannStiftung](#) and [Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung](#) as well as religious organizations such as [Cusanuswerk](#) or [KAAD](#).

In addition, please take note of the following platforms that provide extensive overviews regarding scholarships and financial support:

- <https://www.dshs-koeln.de/studium/informationen-rund-ums-studium/studienfinanzierung/>
- <http://www.scholarshipportal.com/scholarships/germany>
- <https://www.stipendienlotse.de>
- <https://www.studienkompass.de/elternkompass/>
- <https://www.arbeiterkind.de/studium-finanzieren/stipendien>

Please bear in mind that when applying for any scholarship: (1) read the eligibility criteria carefully; (2) check the deadline; and (3) apply for several scholarships to increase the probability of succeeding.

In case you have further questions feel free to contact the [scholarship information office](#) of the Germany Sport University at stipendien@dshs-koeln.de.