

University of Stuttgart
Germany

Scholarships & financial aid for international students

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International
Office

Welcome! Nice to have you here!

Good to know:

- Please **mute** your microphone.
- Feel free to turn off your camera.
- Please use the **chat for questions**. We will answer questions publicly, either in writing or verbally after every section.
- We will only answer **general and frequently asked questions** today. For individual consultations, please schedule an appointment by e-mail.
- You can **download the presentation** by pressing the button  and select “Inhalt/Files”.
- The **slides will be available** for download on our website from Nov. 24 to Dec. 15:
<https://www.student.uni-stuttgart.de/en/startingout/international/orientation-days/#id-fc0e6d68-0>

Scholarships and financial aid for international students

**What to expect
from this information session?**

Scholarships and financial aid for international students

Topics

- ❖ Introduction International Office & Advisors
- ❖ Scholarships in Germany
 - Basic information
 - Full scholarship for –specifically- international degree studies, by DAAD
- ❖ Scholarships and financial aid at the International Office
 - Basic information
 - Financial emergencies
 - Details of all application options at the IO
- ❖ General Scholarships (not specifically for international students)
- ❖ Working: Introduction FIT project & career events

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Introduction International Office & Advisors

International Office (IO)

Our services for you

- Questions concerning German authorities: e.g. residence permit
- Health or psychological wellbeing
- Conflicts within family, in the dormitory...
- Financial emergencies
- Orientation program after arrival
- Social events and activities

**We are your contact when you
do not know whom to contact!**



Your advisors at the International Office



Kerstin Glaser

- All German-taught study programs
- The following English-taught study programs:
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Computer Science
 - Computational Linguistics
 - Materials Science
 - Engineering Cybernetics
 - English and American Studies
 - Chemical Sciences



Rebecca Schwenger

- The following English-taught study programs:
 - COMMAS
 - GEM
 - INFOTECH
 - ITECH
 - IUSD
 - MIP
 - PHYSICS
 - WASTE
 - WAREM

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Scholarships in Germany – the basics

Scholarships in Germany

General overview

- Tax-financed higher education system
- Mainly public universities
- Low fees (specific to state)

Study financing:

- Social security system for local students from low income families (“BAföG”)
- Proof of financing required for residence permit as a student (§16 Residence Act)

Scholarships in Germany

General overview

As a consequence:

- Scholarships do not play a major role in study financing
- Only 2 - 3% scholarship holders
- Scholarship are understood as special honour for exceptional students
- There are no specific scholarships for the tuition fees charged by the state of Baden-Württemberg!

Scholarships in Germany

General overview

Typical criteria for scholarships:

- Academic excellence, special achievements
- Social situation, financial hardship
- Combination of the above

Full scholarship amounts to ca. 800 EUR/month plus additional benefits

Orientation towards the maximum amount of “BAföG” (currently 992 €)

Scholarships in Germany

Full scholarship for international degree studies
by DAAD – German academic exchange service



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

- Funded by the German federal state
- Programs **specific to countries and subjects**
- Selection on basis of academic excellence
- Application **max. 15 months after arrival** in Germany

Scholarship database: <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/>

Please note:

The IO and the University of Stuttgart are **not involved** in the DAAD application process!



Any questions?

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Scholarships and financial aid at the IO

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general basic information

Scholarships and financial aid at the IO

What kind of aids are available?

DAAD STIBET scholarship: - Final Stage - Equal opportunities - High commitment	Aids of state Baden-Württemberg „Beihilfe“	Emergency fund by Bürkert foundation
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>> Support options, to be presented in a minute

Applies to all:

- Towards reasonable living costs
- Support is partial and temporary
- No aids towards tuition fees
- There are limited funds and a lot of applicants!
- Allocation and amount of scholarships are determined by a selection committee at the International Office.
- **Do not rely on receiving an aid or scholarship!**

Scholarships and financial aid at the IO

Who can apply?

- Enrolled international degree-seeking students at the University of Stuttgart
- Residence in Germany
- **At least 2 semesters of successful studies** at the University of Stuttgart (average grades, average credits per semester)
- Positive study prospects
- No scholarships from other sources
- **Social factors and financial need / emergency**

Unsure whether you meet these requirements? Contact us!

Scholarships and financial aid at the IO

Definition of a financial struggle/ emergency

You are **struggling financially** if you have, in the next 6 month, **less than 900 EUR/ month** at your disposal.

Counted as income:

Savings | Public/ government student loans | Money on blocked account

Signs of a financial emergency:

- You struggle to pay rent and health insurance
- You have a lot of overdue bills
- You must often rely on friends to buy food or pay your rent

Your situation is individual – contact us!

Scholarships and financial aid at the IO

What social factors do we consider?

- **Restricted ability to work** and study e.g.
 - due to illness or mental health problems
 - due to discrimination
- **Unexpected hardship** and blows of fate, such as
 - unexpected lack of funds of supporting relatives
 - accidents, victim of fraud or other crime
 - unexpected termination of rental contract
 - crisis or natural disaster in your home country

Scholarships and financial aid at the IO

How to apply

1. Contact your respective IO advisor in due time
2. Fill in the application form we send you
3. Collect supporting documents, e.g. proof of financial situation, transcript of records, letters of recommendation
4. Submit the application preferably a few days before the deadline. Results approx. 2 weeks after deadline

Deadlines for scholarships and financial aid in 2026:

January 31, June 30 and October 31

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/finances/international/>

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Financial Emergency

Financial Emergency - First Aid

What to do if you run out of money ?

- Inform your landlord, your health insurance and all companies you have to make payments to and ask for special arrangements, e.g.
 - rescheduling your payments
 - paying by instalments

Not paying your bills leads to further costs!

- Make an appointment with your IO advisor. Together we will find a way!
- Consult with the [Department for Tuition and Semester fees](#) regarding the possibility of an exception/exemption from tuition fees.

Financial Emergency

How to avoid a financial emergency?

- **Keep account** of your income and spending
- **Plan** your finances
- **Save** a small amount of money every month, e.g. on a separate bank account
- Consider paying the tuition fee partly in advance



Any questions?

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DAAD-STIBET scholarships at the IO in detail

DAAD – STIBET I Scholarship

Final stage scholarship



Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst
German Academic Exchange Service

For the **last semester** of studies, usually during thesis

- Criteria: Grades **and** social factors/financial need
- Duration: usually 2 - 6 months
- Extension only in exceptional cases
- Scholarship amount: usually 250 - 400 EUR/month

Next application deadline: January 31, 2026

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/finances/international/>



For students facing **exceptional challenges** during their studies

- i.e. disabilities, (chronical) illness, studying parents, refugees
- Criteria: social factors/ financial need
- Duration: presumably 2 - 6 months
- Extension only in exceptional cases
- Scholarship amount: presumably 250 - 400 EUR/month

Next application deadline: January 31, 2026

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/finances/international/>

DAAD – STIBET I scholarship

Highly committed students



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German Academic Exchange Service

For students who take up **responsibility and an active role** in the international community of the University of Stuttgart and similar

- Criteria: commitment **and** social factors/ financial need
- Duration: usually 2 - 6 months
- Scholarship amount: usually 250 - 300 EUR/month

Next application deadline: January 31, 2026

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/finances/international/>

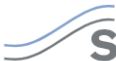
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Financial Aid in detail, by



Ministry of Science, Research and Arts
Baden-Württemberg

or

christian bürkert  stiftung

Financial aid “Beihilfe” by the state of Baden-Württemberg



Ministry of Science, Research and Arts
Baden-Württemberg

- Criteria
 - social factors/ financial need
 - after at least 2 semesters of studies, also if graduation is not near enough for “DAAD-STIBET Final stage”

Allocation and amount of “Beihilfe” are determined by a senate committee of the university.

Next application deadline: January 31, 2026

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/finances/international/>

Emergency funds

by Christian Bürkert foundation



- Short term aid for **unexpected costs** through no fault of your own
- Scholarship duration and amount are orientated toward the needs that arise due to the emergency
 - e.g. replacing a stolen laptop, covering a hospital bill, expenses due to an injury or accident (no fault of your own)

Allocation and amount of the aid are determined by a selection committee at the International Office.

Next application deadline: January 31, 2026

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/finances/international/>



Any questions?

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General scholarships

**(not specifically for
international students)**

General Scholarships

The Deutschlandstipendium (DStip) at the University of Stuttgart



- The DStip is a grant-program of the German Ministry for Education and Science (BMBF). Half of the amount is given by the BMBF, the other half comes from private donors (private persons, foundations, companies or associations)
- Grant holders may be **excellent students** who fulfil additional criteria
- Scholarship amounts to 300 EUR/month
- The grants of the University of Stuttgart are paid from April onwards until March of the succeeding year
- Call for application: end of December; **application period: mid-January for 10 days**
- Further information, FAQ and contact: <https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/study/living-in-stuttgart/finances/germany-scholarship/>

Criteria:

- 1. Grades (results measured in relation to fellow students of the same semester in the same program) (max. 10 points)
- 2. Additional achievements related to your studies (max. 3)
- 3. Additional achievements besides your studies (max. 3)
- 4. Personal commitment (max. 10)
- 5. Personal circumstances (max. 10)
- Maximum duration: until the end of the regular duration of studies (i.e. 6 semesters for Bachelor's and 4 semesters for Master's degree programs)

Foundations for support of gifted students

Organizations for the promotion of gifted students / Begabtenförderungswerke



- Full scholarships for degree studies and PhD (internationals: Master/PhD)
- Promotion of talents via networking, workshops and more
- Funded partly by the German Ministry of Education, partly by social, political and religious organizations and donors
- Value-based, selection according to the specific profile of the 13 foundations
- Criteria: academic performance, social commitment, personality, usually also good knowledge of German (► networking!)

Joint homepage of all 13 foundations:

<https://www.stipendiumplus.de>

General Scholarships

Private foundations / Stiftungen

- Hundreds of private foundations are funded by private donors
- Some support students of certain disciplines, areas, origin or gender
- Support often restricted to a specific purpose, e.g. Master's thesis, excursion, material
- Rather no organized programs but case-to-case decisions
- Creativity and a lot of research needed!

Search engine of the Association of the German Foundations (in German):

<https://stiftungssuche.de/>



Any questions?

**Working:
Introduction FIT project
&
career events**



Project FIT-US

Prepare for the job market: Student success, career orientation and employability

FIT-US supports international students on their way to successfully completing their studies and starting a career in Germany.

Start your studies	During your studies	End of your studies
▪ German language courses ▪ Study and learning counseling ▪ Time and stress management ▪ Peer Mentoring ▪ Intercultural Mentoring, Buddy programme ▪ Information events for TestDAF German course	▪ How to find a student job, internship, study projects, student association ▪ German language courses ▪ Networking events ▪ Visiting job fairs ▪ Planning your finances ▪ Working in Germany ▪ Career planning	▪ Advise on your application documents ▪ Preparing for job interviews ▪ JobTalks ▪ International Alumni Talk ▪ Support with formalities for your job entry (insurances, tax ID, visa)

Upcoming FIT-US Events:

- Online Workshop "**Easy taxes in Germany**", Jan 22, 2026 4 p.m.
- Online Webinar "**Successful job hunting and working in the Stuttgart region**", Nov 26, 2025 6 - 8 p.m.
- In-presence event "**Tips and tricks for a relaxed start in 2026**", Dec 15, 2025 2 - 4:30 p.m., International Office

Check out our website and our ILIAS page
for further information about working and events!

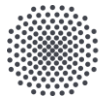
[FIT-US Project Webpage](#)



[FIT-US on ILIAS](#)



You need to log-in onto
ILIAS and click on "Fit-US
project: Prepare for the job
market"

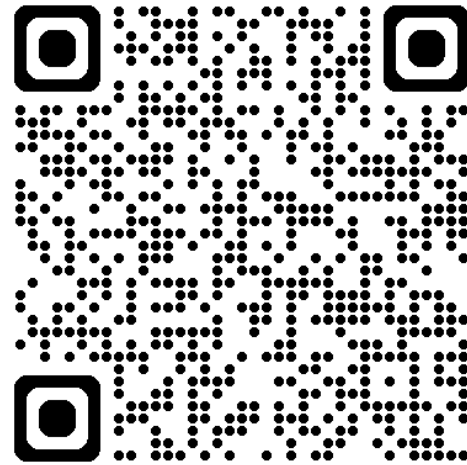


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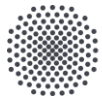
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