



Akademisches Auslandsamt / International Office

Scholarships and funding opportunities For international students of the OVGU

1. Scholarship of OVGU from budget funds

The Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg awards every year two scholarships to very qualified international students

Application Deadline: 25st of March every year

Scholarship amount: corresponds to the respective BAföG maximum rate: 992€ per month

Scholarship period: 1 Year (beginning from April)

Counselling is provided by Ms Böhning at the OVGU International Office, and applications are submitted by email to hiwiakaa.incoming@ovgu.de.

2. Otto-von-Guericke Scholarship

Since 2003, the city of Magdeburg and the Otto von Guericke University are advertising once a year the Otto-von-Guericke-scholarship.

Application Deadline: June/July every Year

Scholarship amount: per month 500€

Scholarship period: 1 Year (beginning from November)

Application can be submitted to the International Office of the OVGU, to Ms. Böhning, Building 01, Room 2.

3. Deutschland-Stipendium

The „Deutschland-Stipendium“ <https://www.ovgu.de/deutschlandstipendium-path-2,9609,30978,30990,36738,109100,37414.html> is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research as well as from companies, foundations and private individuals. Students of all nationalities and subject areas with excellent academic performances are primarily funded. In addition to their outstanding achievements in school/university, social commitment and the overcoming of particular biographical obstacles resulting from their family or cultural background are considered.

Application Deadline: for new applications: 15th of April to 15th of June

Scholarship amount: per month 300€

Scholarship period: at least 2 semesters until the end of the predicted number of semesters prescribed for the completion of the course of study.

Online Application is required via <https://stipendium.ovgu.de/> . For more information <https://www.ovgu.de/en/Study/During+Your+Studies/Germany+Scholarship.html>.

4. Business Scholarships

Information for applying see: <https://www.ovgu.de/unternehmensstipendium.html>

Scholarship amount: 300€ per month

Condition: In addition to financial support, other offers such as internships and project works in the Company may be part of the scholarship. The advertisement for definite specialist fields can be found via the attached link.

5. Scholarship database (DAAD)

The German Academic Exchange Service (**DAAD**) and a variety of other funding institutions award scholarships to young graduates, for which they can apply. Information on funding opportunities, application forms, selection criteria, etc. can be found here <https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/>.

The DAAD usually does not fund bachelor students. Applicants who are already 15 months in Germany will not be considered.

6. Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation

The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung is a political foundation which 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€ per month, the sum covering enrolment fees, the health insurance and the monthly required books/study materials. <https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/grundfoerderung-fuer-auslaender-innen/>

Application deadline: depending on the degree you wish to obtain

Scholarship amount: up to mon. 830€ or 850€ + the health insurance + family allowance 276€

Duration of scholarship: individual

7. Heinrich-Böll-Foundation

The Heinrich Böll foundation provides several scholarships to international and German 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 programs with a focus on environmental science. Other scholarships are dedicated to students who apply to economics, legal studies, journalism and art degrees.

<https://www.boell.de/en/foundation/scholarships>

Application deadline: 1st of March and 1st of September

Scholarship amount: up to monthly 860€ or 1200€ for PhD students + 276€ family allowance

Duration of scholarship: individual

8. Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

International students who plan to obtain a Master's degree or their Ph. D. in Germany are eligible for the 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. <https://www.kas.de/en/web/begabtenfoerderung-undkultur/foreign-students>

Application deadline: 15th of January + 15th of July

Scholarship amount: up to monthly 861€ or 1200€ for PhD students + 120€ for health insurance + 276€ family allowance

Duration of scholarship: 2 years or 3 years for PhD students

9. Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung

Domestic and foreign students of all subjects can apply for a study scholarship from the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. They must be enrolled at a university in Germany. For a study scholarship for German citizens* (see below), you can also be enrolled at a university in an EU country or in Switzerland. The 02.02.2024 university can be a university or a university of applied sciences. It must be either a state university or state-recognized. Prerequisites for a study scholarship are very good academic performance and proof of a pronounced social commitment as defined by the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. You must study within the standard period of study. There are different

types of scholarships for students, which differ in the requirements.

<https://www.rosalux.de/en/foundation/studienwerk/>

Application deadline: 1st of April + 1st of October

Scholarship amount: up to monthly 850€ + up to 109€ for health insurance

Duration of scholarship: standard period of study

10. Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst

Scholarship Program 1 (Country Programs) is aimed at postgraduates and persons with professional experience who are applying from their home countries and would like to be invited to Germany for postgraduate studies or research stays. Applications are submitted from the home countries, usually via the partner committees. Scholarship Program 2 supports foreign students from developing countries who are already studying in Germany. The Catholic University Communities have the right to make suggestions here. The Eastern Europe Program - as an invitation program in cooperation with partner bodies - usually provides for shorter study and research stays in Germany.

<https://www.kaad.de/en/stipendien/>

Application deadline: depending on program

Scholarship amount: depending on program

Duration of scholarship: depending on program

11. Final degree / interim assistance from budget funds of OVGU

Students with good academic performance, who got accidentally in difficulties, can apply for a final examination or interim assistance (monthly 992 €) of a max. of 3 months. Application can be continuously submitted to the International Office of the OVGU, via Mail to Ms. Böhning:

eva.boehning@ovgu.de.

12. Emergency Fund Scholarships of the protestant student community

Students from developing countries needing a fund through no fault of their own in phases decisive for their studies can be supported by emergency funds of the "Ökumenische Notfonds" program for 1 to 3 months. However, this requires active participation in the protestant student community. For more information contact pastor Dr. Angela Kunze-Beiküfner, Neustädter Str. 6,

pfarrerin@esqmagdeburg.de.

13. Food voucher of Student Service (Studentenwerk Magdeburg)

With these vouchers, students can eat free of charge for a certain amount in the canteens and cafeterias of the Studentenwerk Magdeburg. The food voucher is only for student who got accidentally in difficulties. This situation must be shown and proved in written form. Per applicant can a maximum of 40 food voucher per Semester handed out. The application for permit takes place at the "Sozialberatung" of the Studentenwerk: Ms. Jennifer Beder, J.-G.-Nathusius-Ring 5, Dorm 7, Beratungscenter, Room 2, soziales@studentenwerk-magdeburg.de

Request for food vouchers: [https://www.studentenwerk-magdeburg.de/en/social-](https://www.studentenwerk-magdeburg.de/en/social-affairs/counselling-abc/free-table/)

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14. Hardship fund loans of the Studentenwerk

These hardship fund loans address students of the OVGU which are in a financially difficult situation. Requirements are the proof of the financial situation by bank statements and a personal meeting with Ms. Beder at the social counselling service of the Studentenwerk in order to clarify the initial situation and requirements for the loan. The loans are without interest or fees, i.e., only the amount

received must be repaid. Repayment is then made in monthly instalments after a break of 3 months. There are 2 different hardship fund loans:

1. Loan for special emergencies: 1x max. of 800€
2. Graduation loan: up to 6x max. of 850€ (5,100€ max. in total)

Ms. Jennifer Beder, J.-G.-Nathusius-Ring 5, Dorm 7, Beratungscenter, Room 2,
soziales@studentenwerk-magdeburg.de

Application for hardship fund loans: <https://stura-md.de/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/A4-Deutsch-1.pdf>

Further information: <https://www.studentenwerk-magdeburg.de/en/finances/kredite/>

15. Social loans of the OVGU Student Council

The OVGU Student Council grants interest-free social loans to students who wish to overcome or improve their current situation. The loan amounts to a max. of 1,000€ and prerequisites are a visit to the Psychosocial Student Counselling Service (PSB) and the transfer of information to other agencies that can provide more targeted help with the underlying problem. By a majority vote of the student council members, a loan agreement can be approved. The guaranteed amount must then be repaid within the outstanding study period. Furthermore, students can visit the consultation hours at any time and talk about their problems. Further information: <https://stura-md.de/en/service-2/>, <https://www.ovgu.de/en/University/Structure/Representatives/Student+Council.html>.

16. Family Scholarships of "Familienbüro" OVGU

A scholarship to students of the OVGU with family responsibilities. The OVGU defines family responsibilities as the education and care of own children in own households as well as being the main responsible of care of relatives.

Applications can be handed in by women and men of all Bachelor-, Master-, Diploma-degree programs and state examinations of all faculties for the final semester via mail at ovgundfamilie@ovgu.de. <https://www.bgf.ovgu.de/en/Familie.html>

Application Deadline: 15th of January + 15th of July every year

Scholarship amount: 300€ per month

Scholarship duration: 6 months

17. Education Future International Scholarship for Indian Students

The Education Future International Scholarship is a unique fund set up by scholarship winners worldwide to help fund students. It promotes the idea of giving back to society to make the future better and is open to all subjects of study.

Application Deadline: Applications open- 1st September each year and are open based on rolling deadlines

Final results announcement date: Around 1st week of September in the following year

Scholarship: amount: between 2 lacs to 10 lacs Indian rupees (2,000€ to 10,000€)

Scholarship period: 1 Semester

Eligibility criteria: the scholarship is only offered to students with Indian nationality and a valid Indian passport studying overseas. Applicants should have a minimum scored 60% in 10th and 12th, and should reflect that they cannot fund their education abroad and should plan to fund at least 50% of it themselves through an education loan.

You can find all relevant information here: <https://www.education-future.org/>;
<https://www.wemakescholars.com/scholarship>

Application platform: <https://application.education-future.org/fall-application.php>

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18. Further Information

The homepage of the OVGU also refers to a number of study foundations whose funding is tied to very good academic performance as well as social, political or religious commitment:

<https://www.ovgu.de/stipendien.html>

Further overviews of scholarship opportunities can be found here:

<https://www.stipendiumplus.de/en/dein-plus/stipendiumplus-who-we-are.html> and

<https://www.scholarshipportal.com/scholarships/germany>.