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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
OVERVIEW

- Student scholarships in Germany
- Begabtenförderungswerke
- Scholarships through non-profit foundations
- Scholarships at Universität Hamburg
- Financial emergency measures
STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS IN GERMANY

- Scholarships not a common means of financing studies (4% of students)
- Scholarships mostly not offered by unis but by foundations
- Most scholarships primarily for domestic students
13 BEGABTENFÖRDERUNGSWERKE

INFO:
- Account for 50% of scholarships
- Political and religious foundations
- stipendiumplus.de

REQUIREMENTS:
- Above-average grades
- Civic engagement and volunteering according to the foundation’s values
- BAföG eligibility (§8), some accept all international students (FES, RLS, HBS...)

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NON-PROFIT FOUNDATIONS

INFO:
- Smaller foundations with very individual profiles
- Multiple search providers online

REQUIREMENTS:
- Dependent on foundation
- Available to students...
  - ...from specific regions (e.g. Copernicus e.V.)
  - ...enrolled in specific programs (e.g. DZS)
  - ...from any country (e.g. Pfungst-Stiftung)
DAAD

INFO:
- Variety of different programs
- Offered by DAAD itself or in cooperation with other countries
- daad.de/scholarships

REQUIREMENTS:
- Dependent on scholarship program
- Mostly for post-grads
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG: DEUTSCHLANDSTIPENDIUM

INFO:
- 25% of all scholarship recipients
- 300€ / month for one year
- uni-hamburg.de/deutschlandstipendium

REQUIREMENTS:
- Above-average grades
- Civic engagement
- Personal factors that negatively affect studies
- Active interest in sustainability
- Not a PhD student
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG: MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

INFO:

- Online Application
- Main criteria: academic achievements and intercultural/civic engagement
- 850€ for 12 months – 1000€ for some PhD students
- Maximum funding period: three years
- Third year only as a sufficiently justified exception
- Recipients chosen by selection committee
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG: MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

REQUIREMENTS:

- BA/Stex.: finished second semester at Uni Hamburg
- MA/PhD: finished first semester at Uni Hamburg
- No German citizenship
- No eligibility to BAföG
- Earned income does not exceed scholarship rate
- No parallel funding
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG: MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- Evaluation letters from two Uni Hamburg professors
- CV
- Letter of motivation (using the provided template)
- Proof of academic achievements (previous diplomas, grade overview from STiNE)
- Proof of civic engagement
**UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG: DEGREE COMPLETION GRANT**

**INFO:**
- Online Application
- Main criteria: income and financial neediness
- Amount dependent on income, max.: 720€
- Awarded for duration of exam period (usually 6 months)
- Extension request possible (12 months maximum)
- Recipients chosen by selection committee
REQUIREMENTS:

- Currently in or about to enter exam period
- Not a PhD student
- No German citizenship, no eligibility to BAFöG
- Documented lack of financial support
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG: DEGREE COMPLETION GRANT

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- CV
- Written reason for application
- Schedule detailing steps leading up to final exam
- Evaluation letter from thesis’ supervisor confirming the provided timeframe
- Account statements of the last three months (presented in person during consultation hours)
DEADLINES

(START OF SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT IN PARENTHESES)

- Degree Completion Grant:
  - June 1st (July 1st)
  - December 1st (January 1st)

- Merit Scholarship:
  - April 15th (October 1st)
  - October 15th (April 1st)
STUDENT EMERGENCY FUNDS

- Students facing a financial emergency can apply for one of the student emergency funds.
- These are considered a last resort and are for emergencies only.
- Money from the fund will only be paid for short periods.
- Students need to describe plans for future income.
STUDENT EMERGENCY FUNDS

- Emergency fund for international students of Diakonie Hamburg
  - Not eligible: PhD students or students of tuition-based degree programs
  - Not eligible: students who are eligible for BAföG
  - Students must hold citizenship of an OECD-DAC country
  - More info: diakonie-hamburg.de
STUDENT EMERGENCY FUNDS

- Emergency fund of Studierendenwerk Hamburg
  - Requires consultation with BESI (Beratungszentrum Soziales & Internationales) at Studierendenwerk Hamburg
  - More info and contact data: studierendenwerk-hamburg.de
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