SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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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
SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS OUTSIDE OF UHH

- Begabtenförderungswerke → stipendiumplus.de
- DAAD → daad.de/scholarships
- other non-profit foundations
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
- between €850 and €1000 for 12 months
- 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 BAFÖG eligibility
- 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 (max. 6 months)
- Extension request possible (12 months maximum)
- Recipients chosen by selection committee
UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG: DEGREE COMPLETION GRANT

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Currently in or about to enter exam period
- Not a PhD student
- No German citizenship, no BAföG eligibility
- Documented lack of financial support
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- CV
- Written explanation 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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