

Scholarships for students with a refugee or migrant background

Funding opportunities for students with a refugee or migrant background	
You can apply to the 13 Begabtenförderungswerke (organisations for the promotion of gifted and talented students) if you - have German citizenship or - are a student from an EU member state or - meet the criteria according to § 8 BAföG (citizenship)	www.stipendiumplus.de
Hamburg Stipendium - Studierendenwerk Hamburg supports Hamburg students with a migration or refugee background whose parents did not attend university in Germany. As a Hamburg scholarship holder, you do not only receive financial support, but you also become part of the network. You can participate in events and establish contacts with companies and institutions.	www.stwhh.de/studienfinanzierung/stipendien/das-hamburg-stipendium
Grundförderung für Ausländerinnen – With this program, the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung supports refugees and international students who are already enrolled in a German higher education institution. You can apply if you can demonstrate above-average performance, very good German language skills and commitment to social democracy.	www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/grundfoerderung-fuer-auslaender-innen/
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Stipendium für Geflüchtete – Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst offers a scholarship for refugee students. You must not yet have exceeded the 3rd semester and have German language skills at the C1 level.	www.evstudienwerk.de/bewerbung/gefluechtete/unsere-stipendium.html
Flüchtlingsstipendienprogramm – Brot für die Welt supports female students who are persecuted or threatened in their country of origin for political, religious or ethnic reasons. You can apply for any bachelor's or master's degrees and if you can demonstrate developmental, social, socio-political or ecumenical commitment. Applicants must be in Germany at the time of application. The maximum participant age is generally 35 years, although justified exceptions are possible. Students cannot apply directly for these scholarships, rather they must be recommended by a Protestant Student Congregation. You can apply via <i>Evangelische Studierendengemeinde</i> in Hamburg.	www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/en/bread-for-the-world/cooperation/scholarships/refugee-scholarship-programme/ www.esg-hamburg.de

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DAAD scholarship for Ukrainian graduates, doctoral students and doctoral candidates. Funding is provided for a short stay for research purposes at a state or state-recognized German university or non-university research institution in Germany.	www.daad-ukraine.org/en/2023/10/19/new-daad-scholarship-programme-future-ukraine-research-grants-for-ukrainian-master-s-students-and-researchers/
Subject-specific scholarships	
Horizonte - The Claussen-Simon Foundation supports student teachers at the University of Hamburg with a migration background. You will receive both financial and non-material support for a maximum of two years. You should have good to very good grades. Another requirement for the scholarship is that you yourself or at least one parent was born abroad and immigrated to Germany.	www.claussen-simon-stiftung.de/de/bildung-schule/horizonte
Medienvielfalt, anders – The Heinrich Böll Foundation supports students with a migration background who want to pursue a career in journalism . You should have initial journalistic experience as well as very good performance, social commitment and political interest. In addition to financial support, non-material support also plays a major role in this program.	www.boell.de/de/junge-migrantinnen-und-migranten-den-journalismus
Idealistic support (networks, mentoring, workshops etc.)	
Geh deinen Weg – The Deutschlandstiftung Integration supports young people with an immigrant background with a mentoring program, workshops and events.	www.deutschlandstiftung.net/projekte/geh-deinen-weg-programm
Schotstek – The Hamburg-based initiative Schotstek supports students who have immigrated alone or come from immigrant families. Seminars, networks, coaching, mentoring and much more are offered.	www.schotstek.com
Welcome - The Deutsche Universitätsstiftung offers a scholarship for Bachelor students: You will receive 1:1 support from a university lecturer close to your subject and place of study, workshops, coaching and training for the duration of your first degree. There is an annual budget for study-related costs. Application requirement: German language skills at C1 level.	www.deutsche-universitaetsstiftung.de/stipendienprogramme/welcome/

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Hochform – The Deutsche Universitätsstiftung in cooperation with the <i>Walter Blüchert Foundation</i> supports academics with a refugee background through idealistic support and book money. Requirements are a recognized refugee status, a first academic degree, the study of a MINT subject and very good German language skills (C1).	www.hochform.org
Diversity Initiative – The Fulbright Commission sponsors a four-week summer study program in the USA for students with a migrant background. Requirements are German citizenship, good to very good performance and good English language skills (B2).	fulbright.de/stipendien/programm/diversity-initiative-sommerstudienprogramm-uni-und-fh
Medicus - The German University Foundation offers a scholarship for medical students : 1:1 mentoring by university lecturers close to the subject and place of study. Admission via the Tandem and Welcome Program. After the Physics exam, the medical students switch to the Medicus program. Workshops on medical topics, personal coaching, annual call-off budget for study-related costs.	www.deutsche-universitaetsstiftung.de/stipendienprogramme/medicus/
Support with the scholarship application	
On the website of arbeiterkind.de you can find out more about the funding, the application and the motivation of individual scholarship holders.	www.arbeiterkind.de/stipendien
ApplicAid wants to support talented people from educationally disadvantaged groups on their way to a scholarship. ApplicAid has published a scholarship guide that you can download free of charge and offers free help with your scholarship application	www.applicaid.org www.applicaid.org/angebot

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Scholarship databases	
The <i>DAAD</i> database offers an overview of scholarships for international students, graduates and postdocs in Germany from the DAAD as well as other scholarship providers. At the time of your application your stay in Germany should not exceed 15 months in general.	www.daad.de/deutschland/en/
In the large database „ <i>e-fellows.net</i> “ you can find more than 1000 scholarships from 450 organizations.	www.e-fellows.net/Studium/Stipendien/Stipendien-Datenbank/Stipendium-suchen-finden
<i>ELFI - Servicestelle für Elektronische Forschungsförderinformationen</i> , offers the opportunity to look for scholarships.	www.elfi.info/studentenservice.php
Using a questionnaire <i>MyStipendium</i> generates an individual profile which will be compared to the profiles of different foundations. Under the button “Stipendienverzeichnis” you find a summing up of scholarships. The scholarship-index includes about. 3.300 scholarships as well as a few other means of income while studying. This database is only available in German.	www.mystipendium.de https://www.mystipendium.de/stipendienverzeichnis/abschluss/promotion
The <i>Hamburger Stiftungsdatenbank</i> lists all foundations in Hamburg. Keywords might be “Studium” or “Stipendien”.	serviceportal.hamburg.de/HamburgGateway/FVP/FV/Justiz/Stiftungsdatenbank/ (→ Hamburger Stiftungsdatenbank)