Scholarship possibilities for international students and PhD candidates

Please note that in Germany, as opposed to other countries, there are only few scholarship possibilities for students. Additionally, it is usually necessary to apply for one of those scholarships very early-on – in many cases before applying for a study place. This means that international student applicants must get information on scholarship possibilities while they are still in their home country, and usually have to start the application process then as well.

Information on scholarship possibilities for your studies in Germany is given by the German embassy/consulate, by the Goethe-Institutes as well as the local DAAD offices. Since the number of scholarships is very limited, you should also consider applying for financial assistance (scholarships or loans) through your home country (governmental or other).

General information on scholarship possibilities for undergraduate and graduate studies as well as for PhD candidates is also available online. On the websites listed below, you will find more details on the different scholarships as well as contact information of the person in charge, to whom you can also send questions you may have.

Please note that the International Relations Office of Heidelberg University cannot answer questions on the individual scholarships.

a. General information on scholarship possibilities

Information of the DAAD on scholarship possibilities for studies in Germany

http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/interesse/stipendien.html (only in German)
http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/university/scholarships/students.html
Overview of different scholarship-giving institutions

https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/university/friends/deutschlandstipendium_s_en.html
Information on the “Deutschlandstipendium” at Heidelberg University

http://www.uni-heidelberg.de/gleichstellungsbeauftragte/stipendien/index_en.html
Overview of programs to promote equal opportunities for women in research and teaching

https://www.bmbf.de/pub/Mehr_als_ein_Stipendium.pdf (only in German)
Information on scholarship possibilities of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research

http://www.eduserver.de/zeigen_e.html?seite=2416
Overview of scholarship opportunities for international students
b. Information event of Heidelberg University

Heidelberg University holds information events for (German and international) students concerning scholarship opportunities. Short presentations as well as information booths of different scholarship-granting institutions are part of these events. Further information, including current dates, is available (only in German) at https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/studium/interesse/finanzierung/stipeninfoboerse.html

c. Scholarship databases

https://www.deutsches-stiftungszentrum.de/stiftungen (only in German)
Search engine of the Central Association of German Foundations (“Stifterverband”)

http://www.stipendienlotse.de/ (only in German)
Database of the German Federal Ministry of Research with search engine

Overview of programs for the promotion of young talent (“Begabtenförderungswerke”)

http://www.e-fellows.net/Studium/Stipendien/Stipendien-Datenbank/
Stipendium-suchen-finden (only in German)
Database with search engine

http://www.scholarshipportal.eu
Europe-wide database for scholarship

d. Foundations

Search engine for foundations of the Federal Association of German Foundations

https://www.stifterverband.org/ (only in German)
Programs and initiatives to promote young researchers

e. Handbook

https://www.vergleich.org/stipendium/ (only in German)
Scholarship handbook of the customers’ portal vergleich.org

f. PhD candidates

Information on scholarship possibilities and other financial aids for PhD candidates, please contact Heidelberg University’s Graduate Academy:
http://www.graduateacademy.uni-heidelberg.de/stipendien/index_en.html

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