

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Federal state scholarships („Landesstipendium“) for the winter semester 2025/26

For the winter semester 2025/2026, Leuphana University Lüneburg is awarding 107 federal state scholarships worth €500 each to students enrolled in the Leuphana Bachelor's programme (including teacher training) or one of the consecutive Leuphana Master's programmes at the Graduate School.

The scholarships are intended for particularly gifted students from so-called "educationally disadvantaged backgrounds"¹, especially those who are the first generation to attend university², as well as students who face particularly difficult starting conditions and circumstances for studying due to their refugee status, e.g. students who have fled the war in Ukraine can also be considered. Social reasons, such as the strained financial situation of large families, as well as outstanding voluntary work may also be relevant.

Basic requirements are:

- Enrolment in the 2025/2026 winter semester
 - in the Leuphana Bachelor's programme (including teacher training) within the standard period of study (+ max. 2 semesters) from the **3rd semester** onwards, or
 - one of the consecutive Leuphana Master's programmes at the Graduate School within the standard period of study (+ max. 2 semesters) starting in the **1st semester**,
- Proof of at least 50 percent of the examination requirements (CP) stipulated in the examination regulations by **means of a current transcript of records showing the average grade**
- an **above-average grade point average** in the study programmes at Leuphana University Lüneburg.

Furthermore, at least one of the following eligibility criteria must be met:

- no parent has completed a university degree,
and/or
- neither parent has a higher qualification than a secondary school leaving certificate,
or/and
- you have particularly difficult starting conditions and circumstances for studying due to your refugee status.

In addition to the above requirements, you can cite the following secondary criteria:

- The existence of special social reasons (e.g. strained financial situation of large families, acute or chronic illness, single parenthood, care of close relatives, etc.) this year, also due to the effects of the war in Ukraine. **and/or**
- outstanding voluntary work (including in university self-administration).

The scholarships are awarded as a one-off payment of €500 in the winter semester of each year. Applications must be submitted electronically using the online application form at

<https://awards.leuphana.de/datenabfrage/landesstipendium-WS-2025-26>

¹ No parent has a higher qualification than a secondary school leaving certificate

² Students who are the first in their family to begin a degree programme. However, only the parents' degrees are taken into account.



Application documents

The application documents can be uploaded when completing the online application form. Please label the files with your name (e.g. cover letter_surname-first name) so that all documents can be clearly assigned to you.

The following documents must be included in all applications:

1. Informal cover letter
2. Certificate of enrolment for the 2025/2026 winter semester
3. Proof of at least 50% of the regular credit points (CP) required in the completed semesters preceding the application in the form of a transcript of records from Leuphana University Lüneburg
4. or in the first semester of a Master's programme: a copy of the degree certificate from your first degree with your final grade (foreign students: GPA) that entitles you to enrol in the consecutive Master's programme.

The following documents must be submitted as proof, depending on the reason for your application for the state scholarship:

5. Proof that you are the first member of your family to study (e.g. written statement that your parents have not successfully completed a degree)
6. Proof that neither parent has a higher qualification than a secondary school leaving certificate (written statement, see above).
7. Proof of difficult starting conditions and circumstances due to flight (e.g. asylum application or similar)
8. Proof of special social reasons (e.g. written statement).
9. Proof of voluntary activities: Activities in student or academic self-administration and voluntary work no longer than 12 months prior to application (confirmation from the respective organisation or institution of election to a committee of the university self-administration)

Important

- Only complete applications uploaded by the deadline will be considered. Please do not submit any documents after the application deadline, as we will not be able to consider them.
- All documents MUST be attached in PDF format; other formats cannot be considered for evaluation. All evidence must be submitted in electronic form and only via the online form. Paper documents will not be accepted.
- Do not request references from professors for your application; such references will not be included in the selection process.
- If you are awarded a federal state scholarship, we will check whether you are receiving any other scholarships at the same time. As a rule, it is not possible to receive two scholarships at the same time.
- Please familiarise yourself with the FAQs on the state scholarship before applying and note the information in the online application.
- Please refrain from enquiring about the status of your application. All applicants will be notified in writing once the selection process has been completed.

The application period begins on 1 September 2025 and ends on 21 September 2025.

Current information on the application process can be found at the following link: www.leuphana.de/landesstipendium (choose english language bottom).

Thank you for your interest in the federal state scholarship at Leuphana University Lüneburg. We wish you every success with your application.