

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEUTSCHLANDSTIPENDIUM OF THE LEUPHANA UNIVERSITY OF LÜNEBURG

APPLICATION FOR THE SUMMER SEMESTER 2025

With the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), a scholarship programme has been created that meaningfully supports and promotes performance-oriented and socially committed students on their academic path in a joint project between politics, business and science. From the start of the 2025 summer semester, Leuphana University of Lüneburg is expected to be able to offer 25 scholarship places for students on all degree programmes as part of this scholarship programme.

The aim of the scholarship programme is to improve the study and living conditions of particularly talented and high-achieving students and to create a network between sponsors, scholarship holders and the university at an early stage. Social commitment and special social circumstances are also taken into account when selecting scholarship holders.

Support from the Deutschlandstipendium is independent of income and can be combined with support from BAföG. Double funding through other performance-based, material benefits from the organisations for the promotion of gifted students is legally excluded (for exceptions, see StipG §4). There is no legal entitlement to the scholarship. The scholarships are paid for two semesters, starting in the summer semester 2025.

Applications are open to Bachelor's students enrolled at Leuphana University Lüneburg in the College, Master's students in the Graduate School and Bachelor's or Master's students in the Professional School.

The scholarships are awarded in accordance with the "Guidelines of the Presidential Board of Leuphana University of Lüneburg for the awarding of the Deutschlandstipendium". Applications must state the degree programme in which the student is enrolled or has applied for.

Selection criteria

The selection criteria of Leuphana University of Lüneburg are based on the official selection criteria of the Federal Government's Scholarship Programme Act (cf. § 2 StipV).

That means:

- for first-year students, the average grade of the higher education entrance qualification, taking particular account of the individual grades relevant to the chosen degree programme, or the special qualification that entitles the applicant to study at this university,
- for students who are already enrolled, the academic achievements to date, in particular the average grade and the CPs achieved. For students on a Master's degree programme, also the final grade of the previous degree programme.

The overall assessment of the applicants' potential also takes into account

- special successes, achievements, awards and prizes,



- a previous or existing professional activity (with a minimum duration of 6 months) or extracurricular internships (with a minimum duration of 6 weeks),
- extracurricular or extra-curricular commitment (to a significant extent) such as voluntary work, social, societal, university policy or political commitment or participation in religious communities, associations or clubs as well as other voluntary work.
- special personal or family circumstances (such as proven illnesses and disabilities, proven care of own children, especially as a single parent or close relative in need of care, work in the family business (to a significant extent), gainful employment during studies (to a significant extent), a migration or refugee background) or status as a first-time graduate.

The Deutschlandstipendium scholarships are initially awarded for a period of two semesters at a rate of 300 euros per month, with 50% of the sum being provided by private sponsors (companies, foundations, private individuals) and a further 50% by the federal government. Funding is unilateral and does not require anything in return. The funding period begins on 1 April of each year. The maximum funding period is generally based on the standard period of study and can only be granted beyond the standard period of study in justified cases. An extension of the maximum funding period must be applied for in writing, stating the reasons.

Online application

Applications must be submitted electronically using an online application form at awards.leuphana.de

Application documents

After completing the online application form, the application documents can be uploaded as labelled below. Please also label the files with your surname (e.g. CV_Mustermann) so that all documents can be clearly assigned to you.

1. Signed application agreement,
2. Certificate of higher education entrance qualification (in the case of foreign certificates, a translation/conversion into the German grading system)
3. Certificate of enrolment, stating the current semester and the (individual) standard period of study, or, if applicable, a letter of admission for first-year students,
4. Higher semesters: Proof of previous study or examination achievements with average grade and number of CPs earned to date (transcript of records),
5. curriculum vitae in tabular form,

As well as, if applicable - according to the information in your application - certificates or evidence for:

6. Successfully completed previous studies
7. Special awards, achievements and prizes
8. Previous internship and job references
9. Extracurricular or extracurricular commitment
10. special personal or family circumstances: Chronic illnesses and disabilities; care of own children or relatives in need of care; migration background (according to §6 of the Migration Background Survey Ordinance) or refugee background (refugee background no longer than 60 months after arrival in Germany), work in the family business or gainful employment during studies (to a significant extent); status as a first-time graduate.



If the application documents are not written in German or English, an officially certified translation into German must be enclosed.

Important notes

- Only complete applications uploaded by the deadline will be considered. Please do not submit any documents after the application deadline, as we will no longer be able to consider them.
- All documents **MUST** be attached in PDF format, other formats cannot be considered for evaluation. All supporting documents must be submitted in electronic form and only via the online form. Paper documents will not be accepted. All documents must be organised as described above and uploaded to the application server in the order specified.
- Please do not send any enquiries about the Deutschlandstipendium to the faculties or schools. Please also do not request expert opinions from professors for your application; such opinions will not be included in the selection process.
- Simultaneous receipt of another scholarship will be reviewed when the Deutschlandstipendium is approved. Parallel scholarship funding is theoretically possible and depends on the type of funding. As a general rule, anyone who already receives material support based on talent and performance that amounts to an average of 30 euros or more per month cannot receive a Deutschlandstipendium. An overview of the admissibility of receiving some scholarships at the same time as the Deutschlandstipendium can be found on the BMBF website¹. There is a statutory obligation to provide information during the scholarship period. The Federal Ministry of Education and Research carries out random checks to avoid double funding. Leuphana University of Lüneburg is obliged to provide the necessary data for this purpose (see §4 StipG).
- Please refrain from enquiring about the status of processing. All applicants will be notified in writing once they have been selected.

Application deadline

The application period begins on 1 February 2025 and ends on 15 February 2025

Selection is based on the recommendation of the scholarship selection committee by the Executive Board of Leuphana University of Lüneburg.

Thank you for your interest in the Deutschlandstipendium at Leuphana University of Lüneburg and we wish you every success with your application.

Current information on the application procedure can be found at the following link:

www.leuphana.de/deutschlandstipendium

¹ https://www.deutschlandstipendium.de/files/2018_12_06DStip_Uebersicht_Doppelfoerderung.pdf