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UNIVERSITÄT LÜNEBURG

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

State Scholarships for the 2026/27 winter semester

For the 2026/2027 winter semester, Leuphana University Lüneburg is awarding 110 state scholarships, each worth a one-off payment of €500, to students who are enrolled on a Leuphana Bachelor's degree programme (including teacher training) or one of the consecutive Leuphana Master's programmes at the Graduate School and who are not on leave of absence.

The scholarships are intended for particularly gifted students from so-called 'educationally disadvantaged backgrounds[1] ', especially first-generation students[2] , as well as students who, due to their refugee status, face particularly difficult starting conditions and circumstances for undertaking their studies. This means that students who have fled Ukraine as a result of the war may also be considered. Social circumstances, such as the financial strain faced by large families, as well as outstanding voluntary work, may also be taken into account.

Eligibility

1. Enrolled and not on leave of absence in the winter semester 2026/2027
   - enrolled on a Leuphana Bachelor's programme (including teacher training) from the 3rd academic semester onwards, or
   - one of the consecutive Leuphana Master's programmes at the Graduate School from the 1st semester onwards
2. An above-average grade point average in a degree programme at Leuphana University of Lüneburg
3. Within the standard period of study (+ max. 2 semesters)
4. Evidence of having completed at least 50 per cent of the examination requirements (CP) stipulated in the examination regulations to date, as shown by a current Transcript of Records indicating the average mark.

Main criteria

- Neither parent has completed a degree at a university or university of applied sciences, **or/and**
- neither parent holds a qualification higher than a secondary school leaving certificate, **or/and**
- there are particularly difficult starting and general conditions for studying due to refugee status

Secondary criteria

- The existence of special social circumstances (e.g. financial hardship in large families, acute or chronic illness, single-parent families, caring for close relatives, etc.) **or/and**
- outstanding voluntary work (including within university self-governance).

The scholarships are awarded as a one-off payment of 500 euros at the start of the winter semester each year. Applications must be submitted exclusively online via the online application form at https://awards.leuphana.de/datenabfrage/landesstipendium-WS-2026-27

Application documents

When completing the online application form, you can also upload your application documents. Please name the files using your name (e.g. Cover_Letter_Surname-First_Name) so that all documents can be clearly attributed to you.

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[1] Neither parent has a higher qualification than a secondary school leaving certificate

[2] Students who are the first in their family to go to university. However, only the parents' qualifications are taken into account.

All applications must include the following supporting documents:

1. Informal cover letter
2. Certificate of enrolment for the winter semester 2026/2027
3. Proof of having earned at least 50 per cent of the required credit points (CP) in the completed academic semesters preceding the application, in the form of a Transcript of Records from Leuphana University Lüneburg
4. or, in the first Master's semester: a copy of the degree certificate from your first degree, showing the final mark (for international students: GPA), which qualified you for admission to the consecutive Master's programme.

Depending on the reason for your application for the state scholarship, the following documents must be submitted as evidence:

5. Proof that you are the first person in your family to study (e.g. a written statement confirming that your parents have not successfully completed a degree)
6. Proof that neither parent holds a qualification higher than a secondary school leaving certificate (written declaration, see above).
7. Evidence of difficult initial and general circumstances due to refugee status (e.g. asylum application or similar)
8. Evidence of special social circumstances (e.g. a written statement).
9. Proof of voluntary activities: involvement in student or academic self-governance and voluntary work carried out no more than 12 months previously (confirmation from the relevant organisation or institution regarding election to a body of the university's self-governing body)

Important notes

- Only applications that are complete and uploaded by the deadline will be considered. Please do not submit any additional documents after the application deadline has passed, as we will not be able to take them into account.
- All documents MUST be attached in PDF format; other formats cannot be taken into account during the assessment. All supporting documents must be submitted in electronic form and only via the online form. Paper documents will not be accepted.
- Please do not request reference letters from professors for your application; such letters will not be taken into account in the selection process.
- If the state scholarship is awarded, we will check whether you are currently receiving another scholarship. As a rule, it is not possible to receive funding from two scholarships simultaneously.
- Please familiarise yourself with the FAQs on the state scholarship before applying and follow the instructions in the online application form.
- Please refrain from enquiring about the status of your application. Once the selection process is complete, all applicants will be notified in writing.

The application period begins on 10 September 2026 and ends on 1 October 2025

You can find the latest information on the application process at the following link:
www.leuphana.de/landesstipendium

We would like to thank you for your interest in the Leuphana University of Lüneburg State Scholarship and wish you every success with your application.