



Special scholarships for students with a refugee background

For many scholarships, **similar requirements apply as for BAföG funding**. For example, if a bachelor's degree that is recognized in Germany has already been obtained abroad, a second bachelor's degree is generally not financed. The age limits and funding amounts (currently max. 934€/month) are also generally based on the criteria for BAföG funding (for details, see the information sheet "BAföG for Refugees"). Despite this general orientation, numerous scholarship providers deviate from these criteria, so an application can be worthwhile even if you do not meet all the criteria.

As a general rule, **you can apply for some scholarships even if you are not yet enrolled at a university**. In the case of a confirmed place at university, the scholarship will only be paid out once you can prove that you have started your studies. **The application process can take up to 6 months, so it is advisable to find out about application deadlines and modalities early on**. You should write your application letter independently - even if your German is not yet "perfect". Small mistakes are not a problem, but in the further application process it is important that the scholarship provider gets to know your motivations and personal values.

Please note that this overview only lists **scholarships with an explicit focus on students with a refugee background**. There are other scholarships (e.g. for international students) for which you may also apply and for which some of the requirements are eased or changed for refugees. You can find these in the brochure "Scholarships for International Students" at: <https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/132445420.pdf>. In addition, the overview does not include scholarships for doctoral students. Please also note that most of the scholarship programs for students with a refugee background are quite new and may therefore **change at any time with regard to the application procedure** (deadlines, documents to be submitted, etc.) **and the funding conditions**. The field of scholarships for students with a refugee background is overall subject to great dynamics. Therefore, this overview does not claim to be complete or up-to-date.

Numerous party-affiliated foundations (e.g. Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, etc.) have not designed specific scholarship programs for students with a refugee background, but explicitly encourage this target group to apply for the foundation's regular scholarships. In many cases, facilitated eligibility conditions adapted to the situation of refugees are granted. In case you want to apply for a scholarship of a political foundation, you should be familiar with the party represented by this foundation and be clear about whether its values correspond with your own. In addition to educational and academic achievements, social/socio-political commitment is usually an important selection criterion. For more detailed information on the application requirements and funding offers of the party-affiliated foundations, please visit the relevant websites of the scholarship providers (see list).

Scholarship provider	Requirements	Funding	Deadlines	Further information
Before studying/ study preparation				awp@uni-frankfurt.de
Garantiefonds Hochschule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application before reaching the age of 30 and no later than two years after entering Germany - Admission to the program is only possible in connection with counseling and educational planning - Persons with a residence permit or toleration (Duldung) are not eligible for support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accommodation costs of up to 250€/ month - Subsidy for living expenses - Contributions to health and nursing care insurance up to the minimum rates of statutory health insurance funds - Subsidy for tuition and travel costs, e.g. for intensive German language courses (C1 GER, TestDaF or DSH) and English courses - costs of translation, certification and recognition of prior education certificates - Seminars preparing for studies, application or examination deadlines - Special courses to obtain the university entrance qualification - Preparatory courses for studies and specific subjects - Private tutoring of up to 150€/ month 	- Online application is possible at any time (no application deadlines)	<p>https://www.bildungsberatung-gfh.de/wen/foerderung/Foerderung-nach-den-Richtlinien-GF-H.php</p> <p>Contact person: Dr. Heinz Müglich E-Mail: Heinz.Mueglich@frankfurt-evangelisch.de Phone: 069 921056946</p> <p>Frau Nina Thamm E-Mail: nina.thamm@frankfurt-evangelisch.de Phone: 069 921056947</p>
During studies				studium-flucht@uni-frankfurt.de
„Böckler-Aktion Bildung“ of the Hans Böckler Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugees with BAföG entitlement - Refugees with prospects of remaining in Germany, recognized asylum seekers, 	<p>Material support is based on the BAföG guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic scholarship of up to 812 €/ month - 300€ study cost allowance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application possible for winter semester and summer semester: - 15.11. - 01.02. (for the next WiSe) 	<p>https://www.boeckler.de/en/index.htm</p> <p>E-Mail: bewerbung@boeckler.de</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> or with a residence permit for temporary protection. - Start of studies before 45 years of age - completed first degree or less than 2 BAföG-eligible courses of study - studied less than four semesters in another course of study - Language level C1 at the time of application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if applicable, a subsidy for health and nursing care insurance - Financial support for stays abroad and study-related language courses - Ideational support program with seminars and workshops etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 15.05. - 01.08. (for the next SoSe) - Application already possible before start of studies 	
Deutschlandstipendium of Goethe University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enrolled students of Goethe University (with confirmed study place) in standard period of study - Good academic performance - Social and community engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 300 €/month study cost allowance - Ideational support program at GU (mentoring and project groups) - Second or master studies are also supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application only possible for the winter semester via the GU homepage - Application possible with confirmation of a study place - The application is carried out with the HRZ account of the GU; if no HRZ account is available yet, the application form can be requested by mail 	<p>https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/99244696/Das_Deutschlandstipendium_der_Goethe_Universit%C3%A4t</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Sybille Blöcker Email: deutschlandstipendium@uni-frankfurt.de Tel.: 069 7983838 (Mo-Fr 9-12 Uhr, Mo-Do 13-16 Uhr)</p>
Scholarship for refugee women Brot für die Welt/ Bread for the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refugee women or asylum seekers, not older than 35 years - Applicants are nominated by a Evangelische Studierendengemeinde (Protestant student congregation). - The applicant must be in need (no income of his/her own, no other financial support, not entitled to BAföG) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial basic scholarship - Personal counseling and support - Participation in seminars on development policy - Pre-professional internship and study stay (BPSA) in a developing country - Preferential consideration for access to the Bread for the World reintegration program. - In consultation, a marriage or child allowance is possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application possible at any time (no application deadlines). - Proposals are made by the Evangelischen Studierendengemeinden (ESG). In exceptional cases, diaconal organizations, mission organizations, integration services, study support programs (STUBEn), church communities or university teachers can also submit an application 	<p>https://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/en/bread-for-the-world/cooperation/scholarships/refugee-scholarship-programme/</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Andrea Schirmer-Müller Email: stipendien@brot-fuer-die-welt.de Tel.: 030 652111274</p>

Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Basic & Promotional Funding)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Independent of refugee status - Confirmation of a study place must already be available - Proof of at least B2 German language skills - above-average grades - social and socio-political commitment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic funding: 861 €/ month (Students); 1.200 €/ month (PhD students) plus health insurance costs - Comprehensive seminar program to strengthen social and professional skills; mentoring - Family supplement of 276€, child supplement of 192 €/month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the winter semester: no later than 31.10. - For the summer semester: no later than 30.04. - In the case of Bachelor's degree programs, generally up to 3 semesters before graduation after the standard period of study; in the case of Master's degree programs, at the latest at the beginning of the 1st semester. - Mention of the refugee background in the information field of the online application 	<p>https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/foerderung-von-gefuechteten/-scholarship-for-refugees</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Pia Bungarten stipendien@fes.de</p> <p>Further contact persons and responsibilities under this link: https://www.fes.de/studienfoerderung/ansprechpersonen-in-der-abteilung-studienfoerderung#c41823</p>
HessenFonds for Refugees – highly qualified students and researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Person entitled to asylum or recognized refugee - Registered in Germany for no longer than four years at the time of application - enrolled at Hessian State University - Outstanding academic performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 300 €/month study cost allowance - 1.150 €/month for doctoral students - 2.300 €/month for scientists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications are usually possible for the winter semester (in July) and summer semester (in January) - Deadlines are set by the respective universities themselves - Applications are submitted via the respective university and are available from the coordinators for refugees or the International Offices. - At Goethe University, applications are submitted to the Service Agency for Studies and Refugees; applicants are nominated by the university. - Internal application deadline at Goethe University: 07 February or 07 August of the current year. 	<p>https://wissenschaft.hessen.de/Studieren/Internationales/Studium-Incoming/HessenFonds-fuer-Fluechtlinge/HessenFonds-for-Refugees</p> <p>Contact person at Goethe University: Service Point for Refugee Students Email: studium-flucht@uni-frankfurt.de</p>

<p>hochform – Scholarship program of the „Deutsche Universitätsstiftung“ in cooperation with the Walter Blüchert Foundation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - study place in a Master's program in the MINT* field (mathematics, computer science, natural science and technology) in the 1st semester - BAFÖG or adequate funding - German language skills at C1 level - Maximum age 44 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of an annual call budget per scholarship holder for study-related costs - Mentoring by a university teacher who is close to the student's field of study and location - Seminars for the development of key qualifications - Offer of coaching, participation in scientific events and integration in relevant networks - A digital package for the acquisition of digital technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application for SoSe usually by 01.04. - Application for the winter semester usually by 15.09. 	<p>https://www.deutsche-universitaetsstiftung.de/stipendien/programme/hochform/</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Carina Heuser Email: heuser@deutsche-universitaetsstiftung.de Tel.: 0228 90266-54</p>
<p>Kölner Gymnasial- und Stiftungsfonds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average grade of the Abitur/the assessment test: at least 2.0 - Funding from the 3rd university semester at the earliest in undergraduate studies (Bachelor's degree/ state examination); in the Master's degree from the 1st semester onwards. - Average grade of academic performance at least 2.5 - Completion of studies within the standard period of study - Completion of studies by the time the student reaches the age of 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - financial scholarship (analog to BAföG, depending on the income of the parents) - extensive educational and seminar program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application possible for winter and summer semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 01.02 - 01.03 (for the SoSe) - 01.08. - 01.09 (for WiSe) 	<p>https://www.stiftungsfonds.org/stipendien/fuer-studenten/</p> <p>Contact person: Mr. Andreas Buschmann Email: andreas.buschmann@stiftungsfonds.org Tel.: 0221 406331-5</p> <p>Sandra Grzesiek (Assistentin) Email: sandra.grzesiek@stiftungsfonds.org Tel.: 0221 406331-63</p>
<p>Special program „Medienvielfalt, anders: Junge Migrant*innen in den Journalismus“ of the Heinrich Böll Foundation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - migration history/background, binational or bicultural background - first journalistic experience - Very good grades at school or university - Social commitment and political interest - Creativity, intercultural competence, critical thinking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial scholarship (analog to BAföG, dependent on parents' income) - Qualification program accompanying studies (journalistic skills, thematic workshops, seminars on media policy and press ethics) - Placement of interns/volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application possible for winter and summer semester from 6 weeks before the following deadlines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 01.09 (for the SoSe) - 01.03 (for WiSe) 	<p>https://www.boell.de/de/junge-migrantinnen-und-migranten-den-journalismus?dimension1=sw</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Dr. Judith Lehmann Email: judith.lehmann@boell.de Tel.: 030 285 34 406</p>

	- Support for the goals of the Heinrich Böll Foundation	- Consulting and networking		
Students at Risk – Hilde Domin Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students and doctoral candidates with refugee/asylum status who are/would be individually threatened/ endangered in their home country (with the exception of the fields of fine/performing arts, design, visual communication, music, film, architecture as well as human medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine) - as a rule, the last school/ university diploma must not be more than 2 years old - Proof of a university entrance qualification - No residence in Germany or other EU countries at the time of nomination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial support of 934€/month for students and 1.200€/month for PhD students - Health, nursing, accident and personal liability insurance - Possible subsidy for travel expenses - Possible participation in prior German language course - The duration of the grant is 36 months for a bachelor's degree and 24 months for a master's degree 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application only possible via nomination of the university => inform yourself at the Service Point for Refugee Students about current deadlines & procedures - Basically 2 selection rounds per year for a funding start in the following year. - The complete application must be received by the Service Agency Study & Flight at least two weeks before the DAAD nomination deadline. - The application deadline for applicants at Goethe University is therefore 01 September or 01 March of the current year. - Application is already possible before the start of studies 	<p>https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/hilde-domin-programm/</p> <p>Contact person: Stefanie Kottowski / Arua Husaini-Siam Email: info.hildedomin@daad.de</p> <p>Contact person at Goethe University: Service Point for Refugee Students Email: studium-flucht@uni-frankfurt.de</p>
Welcome – Scholarship of the „Deutsche Universitätsstiftung“	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place in a bachelor's degree program (MINT subjects, humanities, economics) incl. certificate of enrollment in the 1st or 2nd semester - BAFÖG or adequate funding - German language skills at C1 level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of an annual call budget per year for study-related costs - Mentoring by a university teacher who is close to the student's field of study and location - Seminars for the development of key qualifications - Offer of coaching, participation in scientific events and integration in relevant networks - A digital package for the acquisition of digital technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application possible for winter and summer semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 01.09. (deadline for WiSe) - 01.04. (deadline for SoSe) 	<p>https://www.deutsche-universitaetsstiftung.de/stipendien/programme/welcome/</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Simone Geerdsen Email: geerdsen@deutsche-universitaetsstiftung.de Tel.: 0228 902 66-57</p>

Evangelisches Studienwerk Villigst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Residence status eligible for funding according to §8 BAföG - University entrance qualification obtained abroad or via a German preparatory course (so-called Bildungsausländer) - Bachelor's degree in full-time studies (funding for a Master's degree excluded) - Have not yet completed a degree that is recognized in Germany - German language skills at C1 level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial funding of up to 943€/month - 300 €/ month Study cost allowance - Personal support/ mentoring - Interdisciplinary educational program - Support for stays abroad possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - online-Application possible for summer and winter semester: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 01.04. to 15.07. (to the next WiSe) - 01.10. to 15.01. (to the next WiSe) - Application is already possible before the beginning of the study 	<p>https://www.evstudienwerk.de/bewerbung/gefluechtete/unsere-stipendium.html</p> <p>Contact person: Ms. Lenzen / Ms. Preuß Email: bewerbung.gefluechtete@villigst.de Tel.: 02304 755 364 02304 755 363 (Mo-Do 8-12 Uhr)</p>
Goethe University Graduation Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International students of all subjects with good academic results - In final phase of studies at Goethe University - Registration for final examinations and/or final thesis (confirmation of the examination office required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly funding of 250€ (partial scholarship) or 500€ (full scholarship) - max. 5 months duration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Online applications can be submitted annually until January 31 and June 30 	<p>https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/138058414.pdf</p> <p>Email: stipendien@uni-frankfurt.de</p>
Scholarship for volunteer work with an international context at Goethe University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International students of Goethe University with special voluntary engagement - Active participation and commitment in the international context of Goethe University (e.g. activity in a student initiative or student council, committee work) - Good academic performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding amount is 900€ - is paid in the form of a monthly staggered payment (3x300€) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application deadline is June 30 of any given year 	<p>https://www.uni-frankfurt.de/137899030/Engagement-Stipendium-f%C3%BCr-internationale-Studierende?</p> <p>Email: engagement@uni-frankfurt.de</p>

Peter Fuld Stiftung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support is given to young people who are struggling with difficult starting conditions or who would have to interrupt or drop out of their education without financial help - You should not be older than 30 at the time of your application 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examination scholarships for state examinations, Bachelor's and Master's degrees: funding for a maximum of four examination semesters - Scholarships for gifted students/doctoral students: funding for a maximum of 6 semesters (50% of the funds are granted as a non-interest-bearing loan) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can view the current application deadline at: https://www.peter-fuld-stiftung.de/stipendium/ 	<p>https://www.peter-fuld-stiftung.de/stipendium/</p> <p>Email: info@peter-fuld-stiftung.de</p>
Dr. Arthur Pfungst-Stiftung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insufficient financial means to successfully complete the degree programme (BAföG eligibility or proof of income from parents) - Very good to good academic performance - Studies at a state university in Germany within the standard period of study (Bachelor's, Master's, state examination) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial support according to need - Funding initially for one year, possibility of extension until the end of the programme - Participation in personal development seminars, job application training, etc. Mentoring programme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You can view the current application deadline at: https://pfungst-stiftung.de/stipendium/ 	<p>https://pfungst-stiftung.de/stipendium/</p> <p>Email: bewerbung@pfungst-stiftung.de</p>
Anna Ruths Stiftung	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students in financial difficulties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partial scholarships between €200 and €300 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applications possible at any time 	<p>Contact person: Dr. Gregor Seikel Osannstraße 43 64285 Darmstadt</p> <p>Tel.: +49 (0)69 7100030</p> <p>Email: mail@anna-ruths-stiftung.de</p>

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