

## Call for Applications for the Deutschlandstipendium

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The University of Freiburg is offering Germany Scholarships for the 2025 summer semester. These scholarships support particularly talented and high-achieving students.

It is expected that 180 scholarships can be awarded in the summer semester 2025. Depending on the applications received, the scholarships will be awarded proportionally to students on undergraduate degree courses (Bachelor's and state examination) and students on Master's degree courses at the University of Freiburg.

- 104 Scholarships will be not subject-specific,
- 24 Scholarships will be awarded to students of the Faculty of Engineering,
- 26 Scholarships will be awarded to students of the Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources,
- 10 Scholarships will be awarded to students of the Faculty of Theology,
- 6 Scholarships will be awarded to students of the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy,
- 4 Scholarships will be awarded to students of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics,
- 4 Scholarships will be awarded to students of economics,
- 1 Scholarship will be awarded to a student in the hydrology degree program,
- 1 Scholarship will be awarded to a student of the Frankreich-Zentrum.

### Eligibility

The following can apply:

- Students in undergraduate degree programs and Master's students who are enrolled at the University of Freiburg at the beginning of the grant period.
- Applicants who will begin their studies at the University of Freiburg in the summer semester 2025 and are aiming for a university degree at the University of Freiburg.

The following students cannot be funded or their application cannot be considered:

- Students who are only studying a Master of Education Erweiterungsfach at the University of Freiburg, but are enrolled at another university for the main subjects in the Master of Education programme.
- Applications only with the Master of Education Erweiterungsfach.
- Short-term students or students on an exchange programme who are not seeking a degree at the University of Freiburg.

- Doctoral students (exception: doctoral students in medicine and dentistry who are doing their doctorate parallel to their regular studies in medicine or dentistry)

Scholarships are awarded regardless of age, nationality, number of semesters and whether it is a first or second degree programme. Scholarships are awarded irrespective of income and can be combined with BAföG funding.

Applications are possible for the degree programme in which enrolment has taken place/applied for. Funding is available for students on undergraduate and Master's degree programmes who are already enrolled or will be enrolled at the University of Freiburg at the start of the funding period.

The Deutschlandstipendium of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg are awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Scholarship Programme Act, the Scholarship Programme Ordinance and the relevant statutes of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg. A selection committee decides on the awarding of scholarships. Applicants will receive written notification of the decision on their application.

## Scope of Funding

The scholarship amounts to **300 euros per month** and is paid out monthly as a non-repayable grant. The scholarships are granted **for one year at a time**. The funding period begins on **1 April** of each year.

Applications can be submitted online using the link at the end of this document.

## Requirements

**The following requirements apply for an application:**

### 1. Grade Average

For first-year students on undergraduate degree programmes (start of studies in summer semester 2025), the grade of the higher education entrance qualification is required.

For students in the first semester of a Master's degree programme (start of the Master's degree programme in summer semester 2025), the final grade of the previous degree programme is required.

For students who are already studying at the University of Freiburg, the unweighted average grade of all graded achievements from the overall transcript of records (all subjects in the degree programme) is required. Calculation of the average grade of the transcript of records: The unweighted average grade of all individual grades contained in the transcript of records at the time of application (for human medicine and dentistry, see below) applies. In the case of multiple degree programmes and in the Polyvalent Bachelor, the transcript of records for all subjects is required.

Faculty	Required grade average
Faculty of Engineering	1.5 or better
Faculty of Environment and Natural Resources	1.5 or better
Faculty of Theology	1.5 or better
Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy	Belonging to the top 10% of the year. The Examination Office will determine this and send it to us directly. For

	applications with a university entrance qualification/graduation grade from previous studies with an average grade of at least 1.3.
Frankreich-Zentrum	Belonging to the top 10% of the year. The Examination Office will determine this and send it to us directly. For applications with a university entrance qualification/graduation grade from previous studies with an average grade of at least 1.3.
Faculty of Law	Law degree program: 9 points or better for students already enrolled. For applications with a university entrance qualification/graduation grade from previous studies with an average grade of at least 1.3.
Faculty of Medicine	If you are in the following semester in summer semester 2025: - first pre-clinical semester: application with university entrance qualification (average grade 1.3 or better). - 2nd - 4th preclinical semester: transcript of records of the preclinical study section and university entrance qualification (overall grade point average of the elective/prephysics course and the UEQ 1.3 or better). - 1st clinical semester: Physikum (M1 exam) grade (average grade 1.3 or better). - higher clinical semesters: transcript of records in the clinical study section (average grade 1.3 or better)
All other faculties	1,3 or better

The assignment of your application to a faculty depends on whether you are studying a major subject at this faculty. If you are studying two main subjects at two different faculties (Bachelor of Arts, Polyvalent Bachelor and Master of Education), you can choose which faculty you apply for. Please note that the required grade point average differs from faculty to faculty.

Students on degree programmes outside the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy and the Frankreich-Zentrum who have not yet completed any examinations or have not yet recorded any grades on their transcript of records must apply with the average grade/final grade of their last completed examination. The following are recognised as examination results: Grade of the university entrance qualification, Physikum/intermediate examination, final grade of the last degree (e.g. Bachelor). The transcript of records for the current degree programme must still be uploaded in order to prove that an average grade cannot be calculated or that no grades have been entered.

## 2. Further Criteria

When awarding scholarships, the university emphasises the promotion of students who demonstrate social, political and/or personal commitment. Special personal, social and family circumstances are also included in the assessment. Work and internship experience also play a role in the selection process. Criteria from the areas of commitment, overcoming biographical obstacles and work experience are taken into account in the selection process:

- Honours and prizes from official institutions at international, national and supra-regional level. The selection committee decides on the recognition of awards and prizes from the University

of Freiburg. No recognition for: Language certificates, stays abroad, participation in seminars and conferences, prizes at school and association level. Proof: copy of the certificate.

- Previous paid employment (at least 1 year) or training (at least 1 year) with a professional objective. Part-time jobs to finance living expenses are not recognised. Proof: copy of employment reference/training certificate.
- Internships (total duration of all internships of at least 6 months). No recognition of internships that are a compulsory part of the degree programme. No recognition of laboratory internships, study internships, orientation internships, practical semesters. Proof: copy of internship certificates
- Voluntary work (active participation in organisations or associations, in religious communities, political commitment, social commitment). For this criterion to be recognised, confirmation of active involvement (mere membership is not recognised) with a duration of at least 6 months is required. No recognition for paid activities or activities for private individuals. Proof: certificate from the respective organisation.
- Federal Voluntary service (Freiwilligendienst), Voluntary Social or Ecological Year, service abroad, military service, European Voluntary Service) for at least 6 months. Proof: confirmation from the respective organisation.
- Commitment at the University of Freiburg (for at least one semester). Recognition is given for university political, cultural or social commitment at the University of Freiburg (committee work, active participation in the student council, mentoring activities in a mentoring programme) Proof: certificate of the type of commitment and duration.
- Disability/chronic illness: Proof: copy of severely disabled person's pass or certificate from the pension office.
- Caring for own children as a single parent. Proof: birth certificate(s) and explanation of care.
- Caring for close relatives in need of care. Proof: certificate from the care insurance fund or the Medical Service Authorities of the Health Insurance Fund and a personal explanation of the care required.
- Work in family business (at least 6 months, at least 5 hours per week or 20 hours per month). Proof: current justification and confirmation from the company management stating the duration of employment.
- Current employment (existing at the time of application) during the course of studies (at least 5 hours per week or 20 hours per month). At least 3 months of employment must be available by 31 March or by the start of funding (the period of the entire last academic year is taken into account) Proof: current job reference, current confirmation of employment and/or employment contract. For contracts concluded before 2025, a current confirmation from the place of employment that the contract still exists must be submitted. In the case of self-employment or freelance work, please submit proof of your income from this.
- First generation academic: this is given, when your parents have a non-academic education. Proof: copy of the last highest educational qualifications of both parents (school-leaving qualifications or training).
- Orphan/half-orphan. Proof: copy of death certificate.
- Migration background. Proof of a migration background within the meaning of § 6 sentence 2 MighEV (Migrationshintergrund-Erhebungsverordnung - MighEV) in the form of a confirmation by ticking the box in the online application (correctness of the information is confirmed by the student when submitting the application).

## Application Documents

All application documents and supporting documents must be submitted in English or German. For documents in other languages, a copy of the original and a certified translation in English or German must be submitted. All other documents do not need to be notarised. Transcripts of records (download from HISInOne) do not have to be notarised by the Examinations Office. Applicants from the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy and the French Centre can be considered if they are among the top 10% of their year. Proof of this will be sent directly to the selection committee by the Examinations Office (see point 1).

Applications must be submitted online via the application database provided by the University of Freiburg.

The following application documents must be uploaded as a PDF:

1. University entrance qualification (from all applicants).
  - In the first degree programme - the certificate of general higher education entrance qualification
  - In the Master's programme - the certificate of the first university degree (e.g. Bachelor's degree). If you have several previous university degrees, please upload the degree certificate that is relevant to the subject for which you have applied for a Deutschlandstipendium. For applicants in their first semester: if the Bachelor's degree certificate has not yet been issued at the time of application, a confirmation from the examination office must be submitted stating that the degree programme was successfully completed and indicating the final grade.
  - For second degree programmes - the certificate of the last university degree obtained (Bachelor's, Master's or state examination)
2. Tabular curriculum vitae (mandatory for all applicants)
3. Current transcript of records from enrolled students outside the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy and the France Centre (download from HisInOne)
4. Students enrolled in degree programmes at the Faculty of Chemistry and Pharmacy and the Frankreich Zentrum are not required to provide separate proof of being among the top 10% of their year. The list of the best students of the year will be sent to us directly by the respective examination office.
5. If applicable, evidence of social, political and/or personal commitment.
6. If applicable, evidence of special personal, social or family circumstances.
7. If applicable, evidence of previous professional training or work experience.
8. If the standard period of study is exceeded at the beginning of the funding period, confirmation from the Dean of Studies or the academic counselling service that the standard period of study has been extended for specific reason.

For students who were enrolled in the summer semester 2020, winter semester 2020/2021, summer semester 2021 and winter semester 2021/2022, an individual standard period of study that deviates from the standard period of study and is extended by one semester for each of these semesters applies. Confirmation of this extension of the standard period of study is not necessary and is automatically taken into account by the selection committee.

Scholarship holders who wish to reapply for funding **must submit a complete application** as for the initial application.

## **Selection Procedure**

For the selection process, the grade point average is taken into account first, followed by the social criteria. It is not possible to balance out the two selection factors, i.e. many proofs of social criteria cannot compensate for a low average grade. It is not necessary to submit letters of motivation, as these are not taken into account for the selection process.

## **Authorisation Period and Funding Duration**

The scholarships are initially awarded for an approval period of one year. Scholarships can be extended after one year. Due to legal requirements, scholarship holders must submit a complete application as for the initial application.

The maximum funding period corresponds to the standard period of study (Regelstudienzeit) for the respective degree programme. If the duration of studies is extended for serious reasons, such as a disability, pregnancy, caring for and raising a child or a stay abroad related to the subject area, the maximum funding period can be extended. A corresponding certificate from the Dean of Studies or academic supervisor must be submitted within the application.

Due to the pandemic, the individual standard period of study for students who were enrolled in the summer semester 2020, winter semester 2020/2021, summer semester 2021 and winter semester 2021/2022 was extended by one semester for each of these semesters (§29 para. 3a LHG and §1 Ordinance of the Ministry of Science on the Extension of the Individual Standard Period of Study of 11 August 2021). No separate justification is required on your part for this extension of the standard period of study; the additional semesters are automatically taken into account.

Please do not submit an application if you will be outside the standard period of study in the summer semester 2025 and cannot submit proof that you have exceeded the standard period of study for special reasons. The application will be excluded immediately.

## **Exclusion of Double Funding**

A Deutschlandstipendium will not be awarded if the student receives material support based on talent and performance from one of the measures or institutions listed in Section 1 (3) of the Scholarship Act or from another domestic or foreign institution. This does not apply if the sum of this funding per semester for which the funding was approved is less than a monthly average of 30 euros.

A detailed tabular overview of the admissibility of receiving other scholarships at the same time as the Deutschlandstipendium can be found [here](#).

## End of Funding

The scholarship ends at the end of the month in which the scholarship holder has completed their last examination, has dropped out of their studies, has changed their field of study or is exmatriculated. If the scholarship holder changes universities during the approval period, the scholarship ends at the end of the semester for which the scholarship continues to be paid.

## Duty to Cooperation

According to §10 Stipendiengesetz, scholarship holders are obliged to notify us immediately of any changes in their circumstances that are relevant to the approval of the scholarship.

You can find the link to the online application at

<http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/de/beratung/stipendien/deutschlandstipendium>

### **Application deadline for the summer semester 2025:**

**01 March 2025 – 31 March 2025**

**The application deadline is a cut-off deadline. Applications that are not submitted on time and in the correct form will not be considered in the selection process. It is not possible to submit documents after the application deadline.**

Further information on the Deutschlandstipendium can be found

- on the website of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at [www.deutschlandstipendium.de](http://www.deutschlandstipendium.de)
- on the website of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg:  
<http://www.studium.uni-freiburg.de/de/beratung/stipendien/deutschlandstipendium>

If you have any questions, please contact [deutschlandstipendium@zv.uni-freiburg.de](mailto:deutschlandstipendium@zv.uni-freiburg.de).

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