



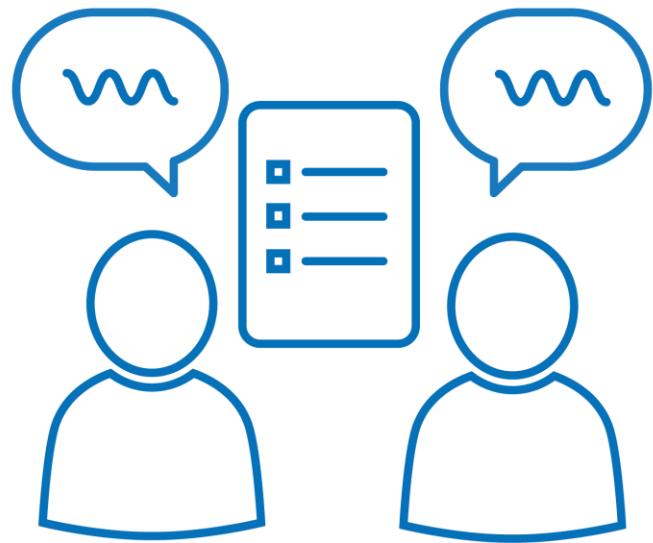
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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Financial Advising



Bachelor/Master/Staatsexamen Students:

- [Counselling Centre for study financing – BeSt at Studierendenwerk Hamburg](#)



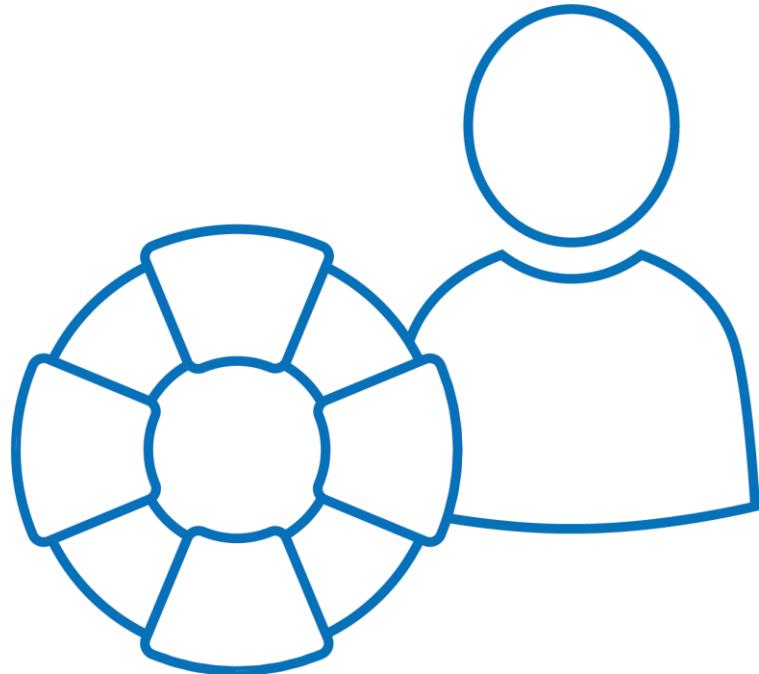
PhD Students:

- [Hamburg Research Academy](#)



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Financial Emergencies



Emergency Fund of Diakonie Hamburg

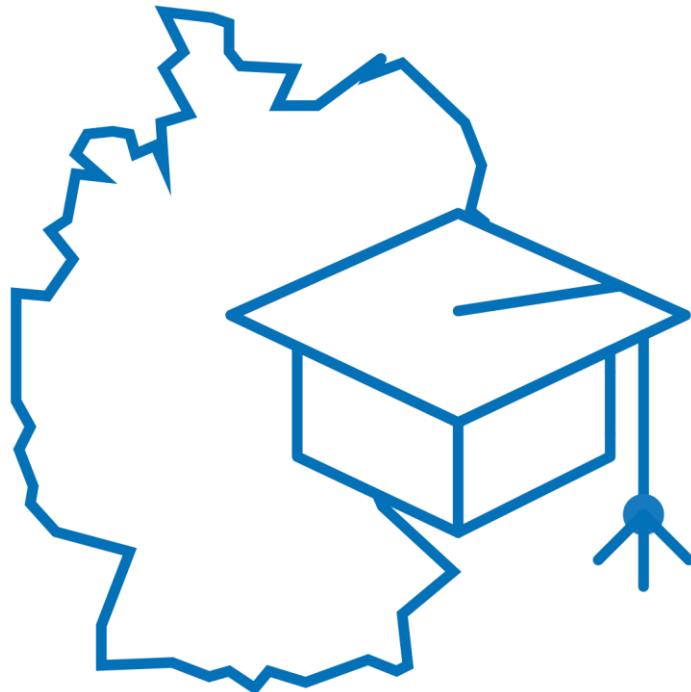
- Emergency Fund of Diakonie Hamburg: <https://www.diakonie-hamburg.de/de/adressen/stube/a/Notfonds-fuer-internationale-Studierende/>
- Only for students from [OECD-DAC countries](#)
- Not eligible: PhD students or students of tuition-based degree programs

Emergency Fund of Studierendenwerk Hamburg

- Through Counselling Centre for Social & International Affairs (BeSI):
<https://www.stwhh.de/en/counselling/counselling-centre-for-social-international-affairs-besi>

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Scholarships

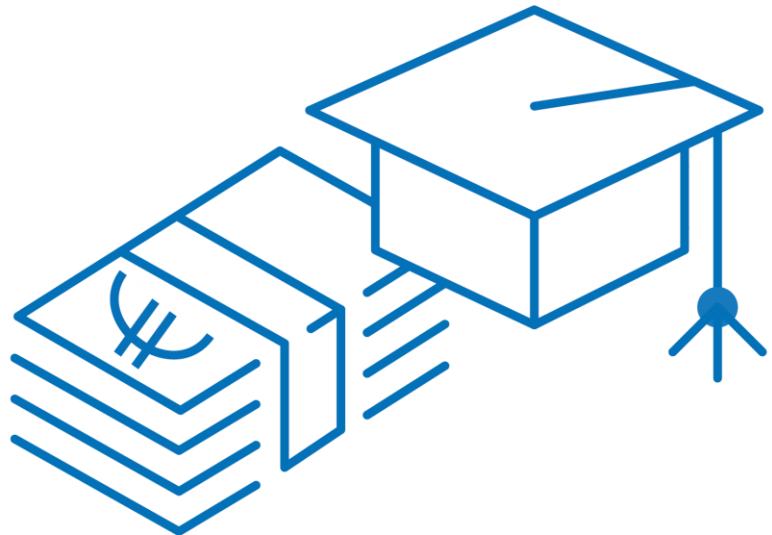


How to find a scholarship program

- Scholarships at UHH
 - uni-hamburg.de/en/forschung/stipendien/stipendien-liste.html
- Financing your studies
 - <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienorganisation/studienverlauf/finanzierung.html>
- Other databases

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Merit Scholarship



Merit Scholarship – Information

- Application deadline: 15 April (funding period: 1 October – 30 September of the following year)
- Awarded for 2 semesters (total of 12 months)
- Maximum monthly funding sum is €992
- Students can reapply after receiving a one-year scholarship
- Maximum funding period: two years

Merit Scholarship – Application Requirements

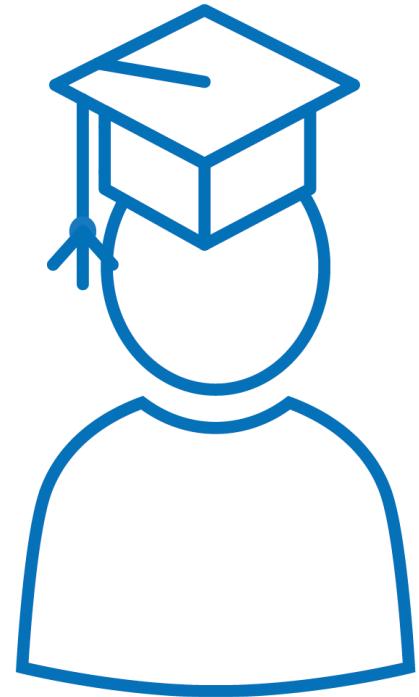
- BA/Stex.: finished second semester at Uni Hamburg
- MA: finished first semester at Uni Hamburg
- Not a PhD student
- No German citizenship
- Not eligible for the federal student loan scheme (BAföG)
- No parallel funding

Merit Scholarship – Selection Criteria

- Good to excellent academic performance
- Additional subject-related achievements and academic awards (e.g., publications, prizes)

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Degree Completion Grant



Degree Completion Grants - Information

- Applications deadlines
 - 1 June (for period of funding from 1 July–31 December)
 - 1 December (for period of funding from 1 January–30 June)
- Selection criteria: Selection is based upon financial need
- Amount dependent on financial need, monthly funding sum ranges from €200 to €855
- Awarded for duration of exam period (max. 6 months)
- Extension request possible (maximum funding period is 12 months)

Degree Completion Grant - Application Requirements

You meet the application requirements if you....

- are already enrolled at Universität Hamburg;
- are currently in or about to enter final examination phase of your studies;
- not a PhD student;
- are not a German citizen;
- are not eligible for the federal student loan scheme (BAföG);
- have no financial support during this phase (proof required).

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Scholarship Application Tips



Start your search
early

Check the
requirements

Pay close attention
to the application
deadlines and the
application process

Consider
multiple
financing
options

Request
Recommendation
Letter/Evaluation in
advance

Tailor your letter of
motivation to the
scholarship

Proofread your
application
documents!

Website & Contact

More information online:

- <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/meritscholarship>
- <https://www.uni-hamburg.de/degreecompletiongrant>

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