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PREFACE

IPCD has been committed to helping each and every student who hopes to study abroad. We have worked hard over the years to maintain good relations with foreign institutions to serve the need for internationalisation which is of paramount importance in today's global economy.

Going abroad to study is a big commitment towards one's career. There is a lot of information out there pertaining to different colleges and programmes, but sifting through all that information to find what is relevant can be a daunting task. This is the reason why team IPCD decided to compile information about different countries: Universities, Programmes, Funding Options, Scholarships, and much more. Students will get all the important information in one place and they can keep these newsletters for future reference.

This document is our first newsletter, on Germany, with more on the way.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The DAAD database for scholarships for International students is an excellent starting point to search for more specific scholarships and for your field of study.

Some renowned scholarship programs are given below:

1.DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) Scholarships -This organization is responsible for promoting international academic relations mainly through student exchange programs. DAAD offers numerous scholarships to study and do research projects in Germany. It offers a monthly stipend to students who are winners of this award to cover their expenses during their studies. The requirements for the DAAD scholarship are as follows:

Scholarship Amount of the DAAD scholarship is: 850€ monthly for postgraduate students and 1,200€ monthly for doctoral students.

Eligibility: Students of all nationalities are eligible for these scholarships and are selected based on their academic proficiency.

- The DAAD scholarships are awarded to students who want to complete a full-time course of study with mandatory attendance in Germany.
- The applicant should have completed their Bachelor's degree, not more than in the last 6 years.
- The applicant should have at least two years of proven work experience.
- Depending on your degree course, there will be English or German Language requirements.
- If you want to come to Germany for a period of time up to 6 months, you must have lived in your country of residence for at least one year at the time of application.
- If you want to come to Germany for a period of time longer than six months, you must have obtained your last degree in your country of residence.

2. Heinrich Böll Scholarships for International Students

Every year the Heinrich Böll Foundation announces around 1,200 scholarships for Bachelors, Masters, and Ph.D. programs in Germany. These scholarships are given to international students as per the guidelines issued by Germany's Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt).

Scholarship Duration and Amount: Non-EU students in their Masters studies will receive 850€ per month, in addition to individual allowances (tuition fees might be possible). Ph.D. students coming from countries outside of the EU, on the other hand, will receive 1,200€ per month, in addition to a 100€ mobility allowance per month and other individual allowances (excluding tuition fees).

Eligibility: Both German and international students planning to study Bachelors, Masters, or Ph.D. programs in Germany are eligible for Heinrich Böll Scholarships. International applicants have to prove their proficiency in German. Good or very good knowledge of the German language is required (at least B2 Level or DSH2).

The applications for this scholarship are opened twice a year (March and September). To know more [click here](#).

3. Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Scholarships for International Students

Students with above-average academic achievements with a keen interest in politics are eligible to apply for the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Scholarship.

KAS scholarships are awarded to international scholars aspiring to study postgraduate and Ph.D. programs. The scholarships are available in all disciplines. Awardees can pursue their courses at universities of applied science and technical colleges.

Priority will be given to students of Ph.D. candidates from developing countries or countries going through a political transformation. Through these scholarships, intercultural dialogues and international networks get promoted in order to develop the relations between the home countries and the Federal Republic of Germany. To know more [click here](#).

Scholarship Duration and Amount:

- Masters and postgraduate students will receive an amount of 850€ monthly for two years.
- Doctoral candidates and those who come to Germany for research purposes will receive a monthly amount of 1,100€ for three years. Tuition fees can be reimbursed up to 500€ per semester (only courses related to the study/doctoral project).
- **Eligibility:** Students of all nationalities having excellent academic achievement are eligible for these scholarships. The upper age limit for applicants is 30 years.

4. Bayer Foundation Scholarships

Bayer Foundation supports students aspiring to study in Germany with five fellowship programs in biology, medical science, agricultural science, non-academic professions, and chemistry.

Scholarship Duration and Amount: Approximately € 6400 per year up to 2 years after graduation.

Eligibility: Students of all nationalities having outstanding academic achievements are eligible for these scholarships.

The International Fellowship Program with its six scholarship schemes supports students and young professionals in scientific and medical disciplines. The most important criterion for funding is that applicants work on an innovative and internationally oriented project. Scholarships are awarded to students and young professionals in the following disciplines:

- Life sciences (Otto Bayer Scholarship)
- Medicine (Carl Duisberg Scholarship)
- Agro Sciences (Jeff Schell Scholarship)
- Teachers in stem education (Kurt Hansen Scholarship)

To know more [click here](#)

5. DeutschlandStipendium National Scholarship Programme

The Deutschlandstipendium offers financial support to ambitious and academically outstanding students from all corners of the world. It supports students at all participating universities in Germany without taking into consideration someone's nationality, personal or parent income.

Scholarship Duration and Amount: 300€ per month. The scholarship is awarded for two semesters but may be extended by the University upon reviewing the student and whether he/she still meets the scholarship criteria, in order for private funding to proceed.

Eligibility- This scholarship is awarded by the universities, meaning applicants are required to meet the requirements of individual institutions. In addition to academic achievement, the criteria for selecting scholarship recipients include social commitment and personal achievements, such as a student overcoming challenges or obstacles in his or her social or family background.

To find out which institutions of higher education in Germany offer the Deutschlandstipendium, go to our interactive map of Germany.

Mentoring programmes, networking events, as well as internships will also be available through this scholarship. To know more [click here](#)

6. Erasmus Scholarship Programs in Germany

An Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree (EMJMD), is a prestigious, integrated, international study programme, jointly delivered by an international consortium of higher education institutions.

Eligibility-

- Students at the Master's level worldwide can apply.
- You must have obtained a first higher education degree or demonstrate a recognized equivalent level of learning, according to national legislation and practices, in the degree awarding countries.
- You cannot benefit from another EU-funded scholarship scheme while you are receiving an EMJMD scholarship. Consult the online EMJMD Catalogue for your favored program and contact the consortium offering the Master Course for more information on courses and application procedures

Benefits-

The EMJMD scholarship covers your participation costs (including the tuition fees, library and laboratory costs, full insurance coverage, and any other mandatory costs related to your participation in the Masters); it represents a contribution to your travel and installation costs and includes a monthly subsistence allowance for the entire duration of the study program.

Scholarship Duration and Amount -The total amount of the scholarship varies according to the duration of your course. It lasts from a minimum of 12 months to a maximum of 24 months.

Most of the major universities in the EU participate in the Erasmus scheme, with German universities participating in numerous study programmes funded by Erasmus Mundus and Erasmus+ scholarships. Most consortia require applications to be submitted between October and January, for courses starting the following academic year.

BITS Pilani has not signed the charter, and hence BITS students cannot avail this for exchange/research programs, this is only applicable for masters programs.

To know more [click here](#).

7. Friedrich Ebert Foundation Scholarship :

offered to 40 students from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe. The scholarship program is applicable to those who wish to pursue their UG and PG studies in Germany. The Friedrich Ebert Foundation Scholarships are awarded to students who show excellent academic performance and have a certain level of social and political involvement.

Scholarship Duration and Amount:

- 650 € per month (basic scholarship programme) / 1000 € per month (graduate scholarship programme).
- 276 € of family allowance, if applicable.
- Refund of health care costs.
- Any income exceeding 400 € per month will be credited against the scholarship.
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- The scholarship holders are expected to be involved in:
- Extra-curricular activities and seminars of FES campus groups.
- Students should continue and intensify their socio-political commitment.

Eligibility- To qualify for the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Scholarship, applicants must fulfill the eligibility criteria mentioned below:

- Must be from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Eastern Europe.
- Exceptional academic records.
- Must have social and political involvement.
- Pursuing a UG and PG program in a German university.
- FES supports almost all academic subjects allowing students from public/ state-approved universities and polytechnic or applied science colleges in Germany.
- Note- The scholarship is NOT available for Second-degree courses, study visits outside Germany, and the final phase of studies and PG in medicine.
- Application Procedure-
- Confirmation of admission to a German university is mandatory.
- Up to 40 scholarships are granted to the UG and PG students enrolled in universities in Germany.

A separate online Friedrich Ebert scholarship application must be submitted.

Recipients of UG and PG programs will be awarded 650 € per month and 1000 € per month respectively.

While completing the form, they must provide proof of German proficiency like C 1, TestDAF.

Selections are based on two interview sessions conducted by the Foundation. Application deadline for UG students varies; however, PG students can only apply before October 31.

To know more, [click here](#).

STUDY TIMELINES FOR GERMANY

German Universities have two different timelines for intake. Winter Intake Timeline is more suitable for Indian Students but both are listed below for reference.

Winter Intake - International students interested in admission for the winter should adhere to the following timeline.

- **April - June:** The students should consider taking tests like GMAT/GRE or the language proficiency tests like English (TOEFL, IELTS), German (TestDAF, TELC), etc. at least two to three months prior to the deadline so that there is a scope for a retest in case of inadequate marks.
- **May - June:** During this time period, students should start drafting their SOP and request for the LORs. They should invest about a month to complete these as they are the most important documents in the admission procedures. SOP for Germany should be written with full research and should be completely personal for applying to German universities.
- **July - August:** Application deadlines for most universities lie within these two months. Students should get ready for personal interviews or video interviews, depending upon the program.
- **August - September:** Apply for the German student visa as soon as the acceptance letter reaches. This process takes approximately three months. Keep into consideration the enrolment deadlines and apply for the student loans or scholarships available in Germany for international students if needed. Also book airline tickets and check out accommodation.
- **September:** Arrive in Germany a month before the semester starts and get comfortable in a new place.

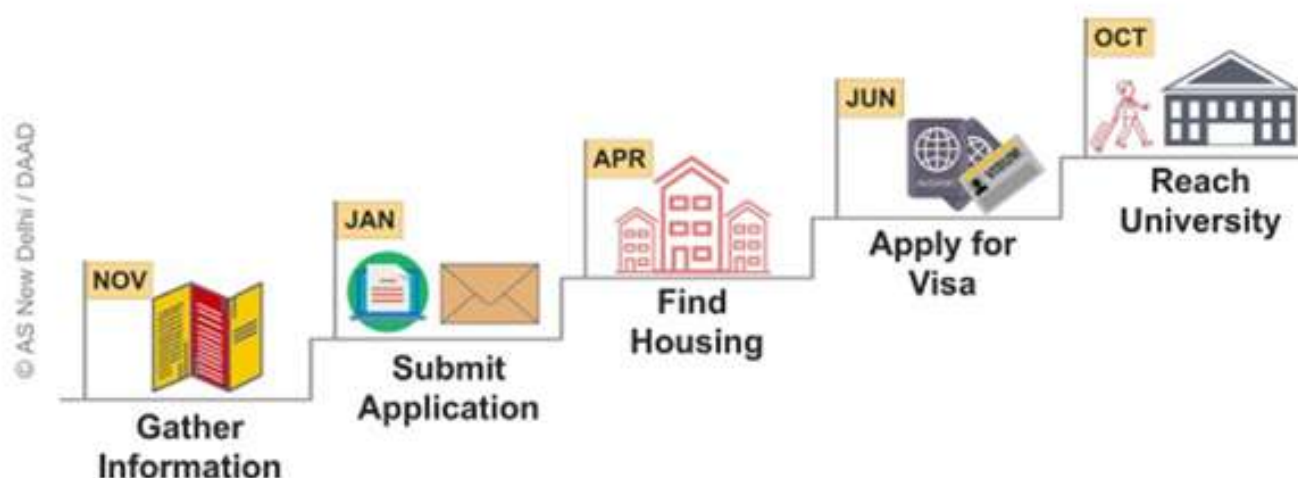


Fig 1 - Typical Timeline to plan your studies in Germany

Summer Intake - The timeline for getting admission to summer intakes in Germany is as follows:

- **August - September:** The students should take up Tests and Exams like (GRE/ GMAT) or English proficiency tests (TOEFL, IELTS) or German proficiency tests (TestDAF, TELC), and other competitive tests required to study in Germany during this period.
- **October - December:** Start drafting your SOP and request for the LOR for Germany. Students should contact their professors or supervisors to get a good recommendation letter.
- **December - January:** Apply to the German University of your choice and wait for the admission decision. If accepted, confirm your admission with the payment of the enrolment deposits and other fees.
- **January - February:** Apply for the German Student Visa and also request for the student's loan or other scholarships. Follow the guidelines religiously and make sure to avoid all possible reasons for visa rejection in Germany. Check the deadlines for the scholarships and apply on time.
- **March - April:** Students should travel to Germany one month prior to the intake process and should look for the accommodation and other utilities.

HIGHER STUDIES PREREQUISITES

Some prerequisites common for both Master's and PhD programs in Germany:

1.VISA

- For studies that last up to 3 months, you need a Schengen visa.
- For studies that last more than 3 months, you need a German national visa
- You should apply for this via the local German embassy or consulate in your home country. The typical fee for a visa is €60 (~US\$70).

The documents you typically need are:

- Completed application form
- Valid passport
- Two photographs
- Letter showing you've been accepted by a German university
- Transcript of academic record
- Certificate of German language proficiency or proof that you intend on attending a language course in Germany (if studying in German)
- Proof that you have sufficient funds to support yourself while living in Germany (€8,700 per year)
- Certificate showing you've purchased health insurance which costs 80-160€ per month
- Declaration of authenticity of documents submitted

2.Language requirements

Language requirements are also among the university admission criteria. If your degree program is entirely in German, then you will be required to provide proof of German language proficiency such as Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (DSH) or TestDAF. Alternatively, if your course is taught in English and you are not a native English speaker, you will be required to provide IELTS or TOEFL scores.

3.Financial Means

You will be required to provide proof of financial means when you apply for your visa. As of 2020, an international student needs €853 per month or €10,236 per year to cover their expenses during their time in Germany.

Tuition fees for Public/Govt. is free except Federal State of Baden-Württemberg, which, at the end of 2017, reintroduced tuition fees of 3,000 EUR/year for non-EU/EEA students while for Private, you will only have to pay an administration fee, which usually costs between 100 - 350 EUR/semester. This fee covers the student organization services and your enrolment. In Private universities, tuition fees are approximately 40,000 EUR/year for a Master's Programs in Engineering and Business & Management are the most expensive. [More info here.](#)

The majority of international students in Germany work part-time to cover their living expenses. Under current legal regulations, international students in Germany are allowed to work up to 120 days of the year.

If you aim to work longer than that, you need to take specific permission. Two organizations that issue these permissions are the local employment agency

4.Course Selection

Choose Courses of your interest and level of study from the DAAD website.

Universities (including Universities of Technology, abbr. TU) are research-oriented and offer various subjects. These can award doctorate degrees.

Universities of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschulen, abbr. FH), on the other hand, are practice-oriented and offer courses mainly in engineering, business administration, social sciences and design.

Extra Prerequisites for Masters Degree

If you haven't attended any year of master studies in India you will only be allowed to study in certain subjects as they expect you to complete a preparatory course.

Indian students who want to study in Germany for a Master degree must submit the following documents:

- Recognized Bachelor Degree
- Transcript of Grades
- Motivation Letter
- Important References
- Work Experiences (Optional)
- German Language Proficiency: DSH Level II or I, Goethe: C1 or C2 level, TestDAF: Level 2-4. The score required will vary.
- English Language Proficiency: IELTS: 6.5, TOEFL: 90. These are the average score and may vary from University to University.
- GRE or GMAT score: May be required

To know more [click here](#).

Extra Prerequisites for PhD

To pursue doctoral studies in Germany, there are several pre-conditions you are required to meet for becoming an eligible doctoral applicant.

The 1st step is proving you have found a German professor (supervisor, mentor) who is ready to supervise your research and thesis work during studies. Only after this can you apply to the University.

A few more requirements are stated below.

- **GRE or GMAT**

Some universities might also require from the doctoral applicants to prove passing the GRE or Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) with specific scores.

- **Motivation Letter**

Motivation letter or SOP(Statement of Purpose) is a personal document of yours, stating which are your main accomplishments and future objectives, career plans and motives as to why you want to apply for the specific doctoral programme, and how your further studies can relate to your past education. Motivation letters must not exceed 500 characters.

- **Recommendation Letter (LOR)**

Professors or faculty of your earlier education must provide you with at least two letters of recommendation, as a proof of your potential to enroll in specific doctoral studies.

- **Curriculum Vitae**

Curriculum Vitae is a document presenting in short – one or two pages, all your educational and work history. This document must be concise, précised with dates, names of the institutions, titles awarded with, and other specific details on your past educational activity and work experience (if any), supported with proofing certificates and other documents. EuroPass is the most common form of CV accepted by universities.

- **Doctoral thesis outline**

Your doctoral dissertation is amongst the most significant documents of your university application and your studies. When applying to the University, you need to properly present the outline of what your dissertation or doctoral thesis will cover. The University will require you to submit an outline of such a thesis, briefly explaining your research work.

To know more [click here](#).

CURRENT MOUS- TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF BRAUNSCHWEIG

TU Braunschweig was founded in 1745, the oldest technical University in Germany. This University is a part of TU9, which is a society that includes the most renowned technical universities in Germany. It ranks around 551-600 in the QS World University Ranking. The Braunschweig University of Technology concentrates majorly on research. Its researches are carried out primarily in 4 areas- Metrology, Infections and Therapeutics, Future City, and Mobility.

Key Features:

- 20,000 students in 84 study programs
- excellent research and research-oriented teaching
- personal atmosphere and individual support
- international profile and open-minded community

Faculties you can apply to in TU-Braunschweig

- Carl Friedrich Gauß Faculty
- Faculty of Life Sciences,
- Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering, and Environmental Sciences,
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering,
- Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Information Technology, Physics,
- Faculty of Humanities and Education

As an international student, you will receive advice and support, such as application and admission, visa issues, or financing your studies.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Research internships offer students the excellent opportunity to work with professors and researchers, thus being a part of the ongoing research at German universities and research organizations. For this, you would need to find out what kind of research is going on in your field at various German universities and research organizations.

To pursue a research internship in Germany, some organizations help students get a research internship in the country.

- DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) is one such organization that offers a helping hand to find a research internship in Germany. These programs include DAAD Research Ambassador Program and DAAD Young Ambassador Program.
- Another program is WISE (Working Internship in Science and Engineering Program). It is also managed by DAAD and caters to Indian students who can assist German professors, faculty, and scientists in their ongoing research projects. Many programs offered by DAAD provide students an opportunity to do a research internship in the field of science and engineering in Germany.
- Another organization that helps to find a research internship in Germany is the AIESEC. It is an international non-governmental, not-for-profit organization that offers global internship opportunities and youth leadership activities.

Ask Your University Directly

After you figure out your research area, sort out the German institutes and universities based on their ranking.

Choose an institute based on the ranking, visit its official website and check out the Department of your interest. Check whether it offers the field of research you want to work on. If it does, directly mail the professor of the respective institute or University. Attach your CV along with the topic of your area of research and why you're interested in this particular field. Plus, you can attach your past experiences, if you possess any.

The CV should highlight your educational and professional background and skillsets relevant to the particular field of research.

If you receive a positive reply from the professor, you are accepted for a research internship in that University. After you're accepted, you can apply for scholarships.

SEMESTER ABROAD

BITS Pilani gives you an opportunity to pursue semester abroad programs either with Universities with QS World Rankings <400 or those with which we have MOUs.

For Universities with MOUs –TU Braunschweig

As an exchange student, you can take part in their regular study programs, do research, or work on an individual study project. The credits you gain at TU Braunschweig will be transferred to your home university.

How to apply for exchange studies

1. First, apply at your home university (contact IPCD) or to a scholarship organization for example, the DAAD.
2. As soon as you have been nominated, select your courses at the TU Braunschweig and draw up a preliminary course list or learning agreement.
3. Fill in our online application form and submit it.
4. Send us your printed and signed application with all necessary documents as a PDF-file.

Application for the Winter semester begins in October and continues to June 01.

For Summer semester it begins in April up to December 01.

<https://www.tu-braunschweig.de/en/exchange-students/application>

The language of instruction at the TU Braunschweig is German. Some study courses offer classes in English. Study and research projects can also be written in English.

German language knowledge

As an exchange student, you must prove that you have adequate language knowledge to follow the lectures. To do so, you need a language certificate according to CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages). Which language certificate is required depends on your choice of courses: If you have mainly chosen English courses, you will need an English language certificate. For German courses, you will need a German language certificate.

The language certificate can be issued by your home institution.

For other Universities without MOUs but with QS world ranking under 400

To know more about the University Ranking and other information, please look at the following table. Once you have shortlisted the University in which you want to pursue Semester Abroad, contact the University. Once you get accepted, contact IPCD for financial assistance, Transfer of Grades/Credits, and more info.

S.No.	Name of Eligible Institutes	Scholarships and Financial Aid
1	Technical University of Munich	Fees and Financial Aid - TUM
2	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	Scholarships for international students - LMU München
3	Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg	Scholarships for Students – Heidelberg University (uni-heidelberg.de)
4	Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin	Costs and Scholarships – Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Fakultät (hu-berlin.de)
5	Freie Universitaet Berlin	Scholarships • FUBiS
6	KIT, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	KIT-INTL – Researchers
7	RWTH Aachen University	Scholarships and Funding Programs - RWTH AACHEN UNIVERSITY - English (rwth-aachen.de)
8	Technische Universität Berlin (TU Berlin)	Career Service: Scholarships (tu-berlin.de)
9	Technische Universität Dresden	Scholarships for applicants and students from abroad – Studies – TU Dresden (tu-dresden.de)
10	Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen	Costs and funding University of Tübingen (uni-tuebingen.de)
11	Albert-Ludwigs-Universitaet Freiburg	Scholarships – Student Service Center (uni-freiburg.de)
12	University of Göttingen	Scholarships and Funding for International Students - Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (uni-goettingen.de)
13	Universität Hamburg	Merit scholarships for international students enrolled at Universität Hamburg: International : Universität Hamburg (uni-hamburg.de)
14	Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn	Scholarships for Postgraduates – Universität Bonn (uni-bonn.de)
15	Technical University of Darmstadt	Förderung und Stipendien Startseite – Technical University of Darmstadt (tu-darmstadt.de)

16	<u>University of Cologne</u>	<u>Financing_(uni-koeln.de)</u>
17	<u>Universität Mannheim</u>	<u>Financing your Studies Universität Mannheim(uni-mannheim.de)</u>
18	<u>Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main</u>	<u>Goethe-Universität – Scholarships for international students (goethe-university-frankfurt.de)</u>
19	<u>Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg</u>	<u>Scholarship organisations > Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (fau.eu)</u>
20	<u>Universität Jena</u>	<u>Financing your studies (uni-jena.de)</u>
21	<u>Universität Stuttgart</u>	<u>Financial aid and scholarships University of Stuttgart (uni-stuttgart.de)</u>
22	<u>University Ulm</u>	<u>Scholarships - Ulm University (uni-ulm.de)</u>
23	<u>Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster</u>	<u>Student scholarships (uni-muenster.de)</u>

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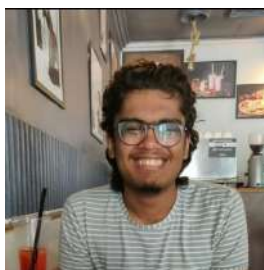


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