How to finance your degree (as a CS student)



What should you take from today?

As a CS student...







What is a working student job and how do I get one?

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- Studying Computer Science at UHH
- Self funded most of my degree through part time work
- 3+ years experience as a working student at several companies
- Including 1.5 years at Deloitte, the largest consulting company in the world

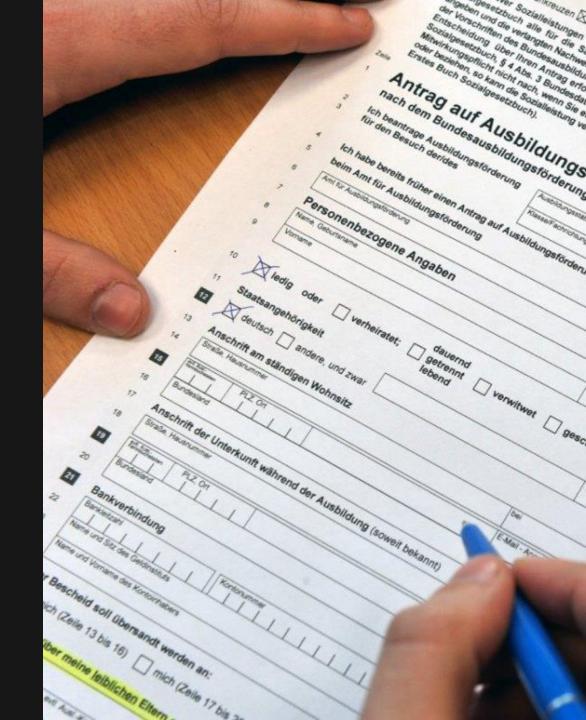




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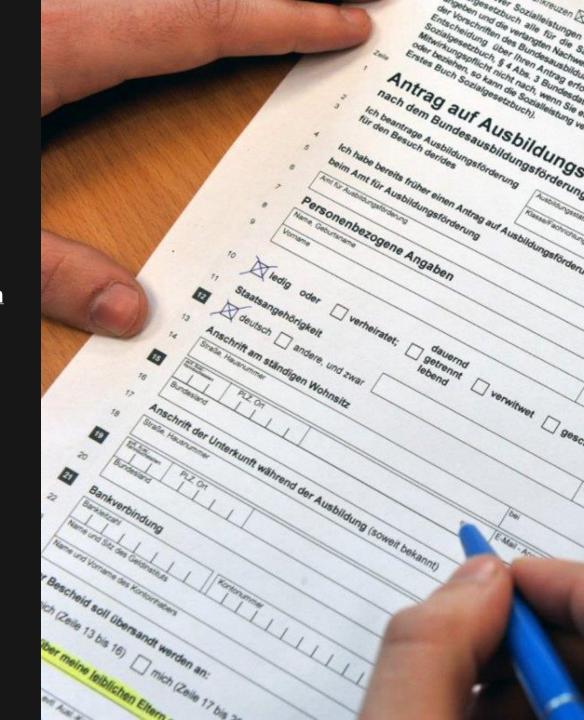
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- Meant for situations where parents are unable to pay the alimony (Unterhalt) required by law
- Loan from the German State to finance a degree
- Average of 640€ per month while studying (up to 996€)
- Have to fulfill some academic conditions. For example, a minimum amount of CP each semester.
- Only have to pay back half of the loan and at most 10.000€



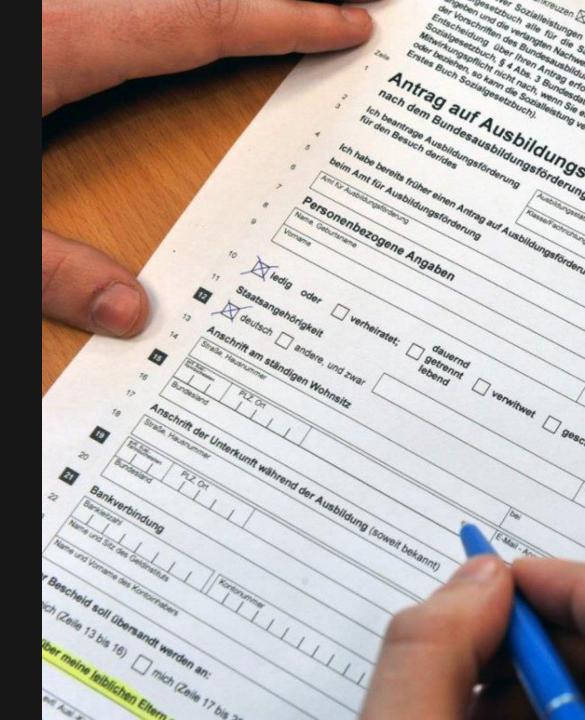
Who's eligible?

- German citizens
- Foreign nationals with a long-term perspective to stay in Germany and who are socially integrated
- Income must be under 556€ per month, every euro above that will be deducted
- Parents gross income must be below 40.000€ per year



Good to know

- Under certain conditions you can apply for BAföG without any restrictions on your parents' income
 - If you are older than 30 when starting your degree
 - If you have worked more than 5 years already
 - Other
- If your parents fail to pay the required alimony or provide the financial documents for BAföG, you can apply for an advance (Vorausleistung)
- Apply for BAföG online <u>here</u>



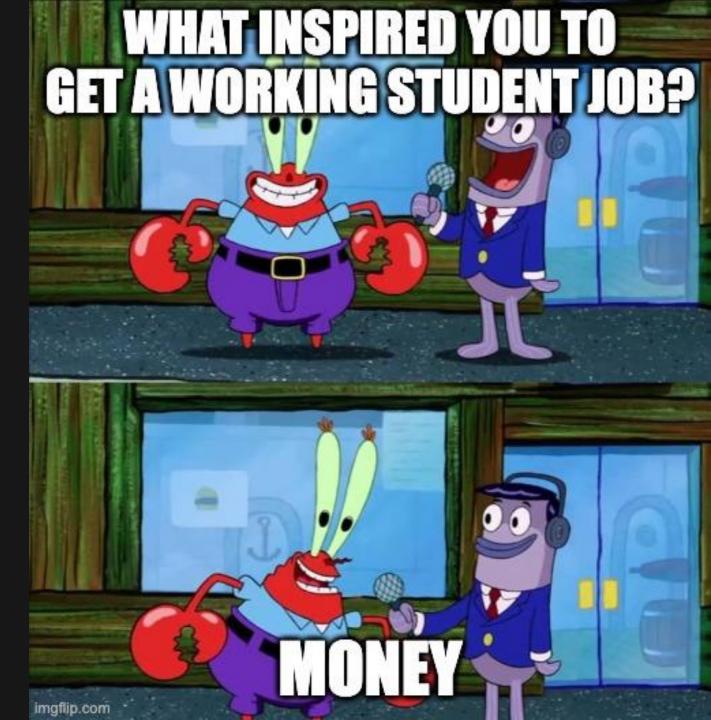
- Jobs for students with special financial advantages compared to a regular job under german law
- Maximum 20h per week during the lecture time (Vorlesungszeit)
- Up to 40h per week during lecture free time
- Exempt from mandatory insurance types like unemployment insurance
- Way cheaper health insurance than a regular employee



Why you should get one

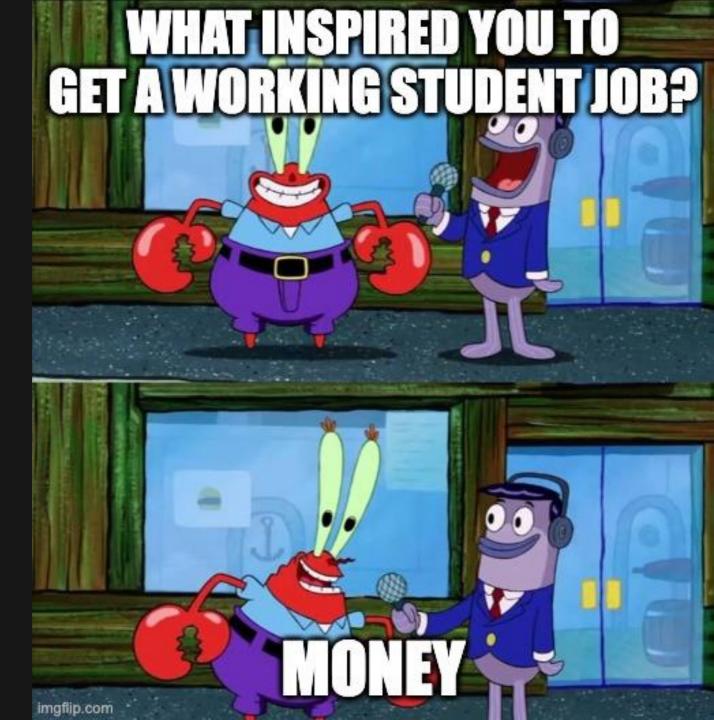
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- You can earn money on the side
- Work experience
- You get to learn how "corporate life" works
- You get paid for coding



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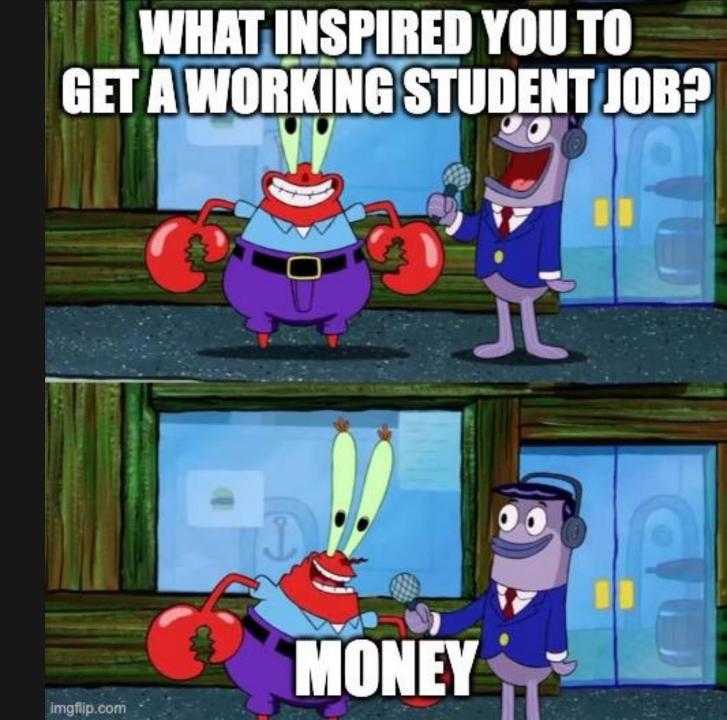
- Everyone who is currently enrolled in a university degree, including foreign, even noneu nationals
- No additional working permit required



How much does it pay?

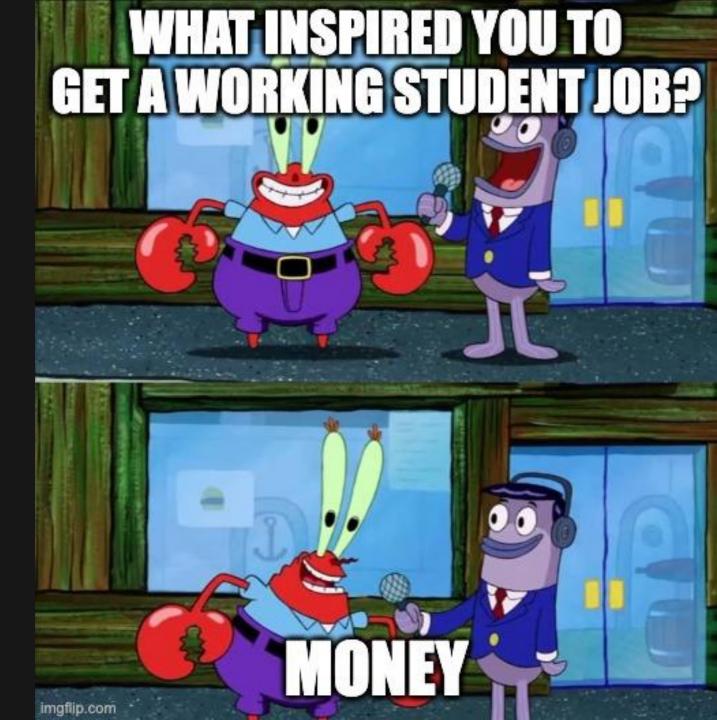
- Range is very wide
- Small companies:

 Anything from minimum wage to 20€+/h is possible
- Large companies:
 Often have set in stone wages for working students
- It depends a lot on how much you already know and how good you can sell yourself



Good to know

- If a national or state holiday falls on a day where you usually work, you are entitled to the pay for that day
- Same applies to if you are sick



- Add (personal) projects with GitHub links
- Don't add soft skills (teamwork, communication, ...)
- Personal experience: "fancy" CV templates
 with a portrait work better for small
 companies, while boring black and white CVs
 are preferable for large companies



Interviews

- Be interested and ask questions you are just as much interviewing them as they are you!
- Question I like to ask if I don't have any:
 What are you looking for in an ideal candidate?



Thanks for listening

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