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Information on the Deutschlandstipendium



Strong together in support of young talent

Many people start achieving great things at a young age. The Deutschlandstipendium is designed to encourage them and support them in their decision to pursue an ambitious course of study. Thousands of university students all over Germany benefit from such support each year. The scholarship provides room for civic engagement and personal development during their academic studies.

This is made possible by thousands of private sponsors, including foundations, societies, private individuals and companies. They deliberately assume social responsibility for talented students of all subjects and thus invest in the training of tomorrow's leaders.

The Deutschlandstipendium stands for a new scholarship culture: It is the largest public-private partnership in Germany's educational sector. The resulting network of universities, sponsors and scholarship holders benefits all the stakeholders.

Sponsor and scholarship holder on the cover

Jens Reineke-Lautenbacher is head of innovation at a craft brewery in Stralsund which sponsors the food technology student **Michael Liedek** under the Deutschlandstipendium scheme. Both are part of a lively network in which the Federal Government, universities and private sponsors provide backing for young talent, thus making a contribution to Germany's future.

This is how the Deutschlandstipendium works:

- The Deutschlandstipendium programme supports **talented and high-achieving students** at public and state-recognised universities in Germany.
- In addition to excellent academic results, the criteria for receiving a scholarship include **civic engagement** and special **personal achievements**. The candidates' **social and family background** is also taken into account.
- Each successful candidate receives **€300 per month**. €150 are supplied by private sponsors and €150 by the Federal Government.
- The Deutschlandstipendium is awarded **irrespective of income**, even on top of a BAföG grant.
- First and higher semester students **of all nationalities** can apply directly to their university.
- The **universities organise the selection process**, select the successful candidates and approach potential sponsors with financial assistance from the Federal Government.
- The Deutschlandstipendium is provided for **at least two semesters**. The university determines eligibility for the subsequent academic year in a review of whether the student still meets the scholarship award criteria and whether private funding will continue to be available.



STUDENTS

apply

select

€300

UNIVERSITIES

organise the selection and support of the scholarship holders

recruit sponsors

offer funding

PRIVATE SPONSORS

pledge the first half of funding

€150

€150

FEDERAL GOVT

finances the other half

Successful and dependable networks

The Deutschlandstipendium represents a scholarship culture supported by the Federal Government, universities and private sponsors. The Federal Government adds one euro to every euro donated by a private sponsor. This solidarity between state and society, between students and alumni, and between universities and industry is strengthening our country and its skills base.

This scholarship programme has been successfully encouraging universities to become more involved in regional and social networking since its introduction in 2011. It is the only national scholarship programme which enables universities to choose their scholarship holders themselves. The universities use the scope offered by the programme to strengthen their own profile.

Promoting achievement and exchange

For the thousands of students who are awarded a Deutschlandstipendium every year, it means more than mere financial support. It acknowledges their achievements and encourages them to engage in community work, contribute innovative ideas and spur economic and technological change in Germany.

The exchange with sponsors is an opportunity for students to develop their personal and professional skills. They use this dialogue to make new contacts, gain insights into the practical side and to initiate their own projects.



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