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# Information on the Deutschlandstipendium



# Supporting 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 young talent, thus making a contribution to Germany's future.

The Deutschlandstipendium supports their efforts: 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

Celebrating the anniversary of his offices, the architect **Norbert Hippler** asked for donations for the Deutschlandstipendium. He is now the sponsor of **Wladimir Sawin**, student at HTWK Leipzig. Both are part of a growing network which was established in a joint effort between the Federal Government, universities and private sponsors.

# 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 will receive **€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



## UNIVERSITIES

organise the selection and support of the scholarship holders

recruit sponsors



## PRIVATE SPONSORS

pledge the first half of funding

€150

€150

## FEDERAL GOVT

finances the other half

# The Deutschlandstipendium is setting the right course

**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.

## Students: The movers and shakers of tomorrow

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 to develop their personal and professional skills.

A survey has revealed that the Deutschlandstipendium reaches out to talented students from a balanced mix of social and educational backgrounds. The percentage of students with a migration background actually exceeds the average for the overall student body.

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