

Support of Refugees

For many decades, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) has actively supported the integration of immigrants and refugees.

We therefore welcome applications from refugees to our scholarship programs ([Bachelor/Master](#) and [PhD](#)).

Please be advised that we can only support university studies of qualified applicants, but cannot provide financial support for individual research projects, language courses, help with procuring visas, or support for publications.

If you are yourself a refugee or support refugees, here is some basic information on the application:

Fundamental values underlying FES Scholarships

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation is committed to the basic values of social democracy: freedom, justice and solidarity. Our programs are designed for students and doctoral candidates with high academic potential from Germany and abroad. We pay particular attention to the professional qualification, civic engagement, and social background of our applicants.

What we offer

We support our scholarship recipients financially. We provide individual counseling and a seminar program that brings students together and allows them to address current economic, political and social developments. We support their programs of study and civic engagement on a wide range of social and political issues. Scholarship recipients and former scholarship holders also form and interact with networks based on their field of study – often established at the local university.

Basic conditions for funding:

- We can support all refugees, regardless of their current residence status
- Refugees must have a confirmation of admission or a certificate of matriculation at a state or state-recognized German university.
- German language proficiency must be at least at the B1/B2 level.

Our criteria

- We expect above-average academic performance ([FAQs](#)) at school and in the course of studies.
- We are interested in your personality and look for applicants who show political interest, curiosity, tolerance and openness, team orientation, critical thinking, and self-reflection.
- Evidence of commitment to and active involvement in social and political issues is a plus.

For an overview of additional requirements, please look [HERE](#) (in German).

If you have a residence permit for studies in accordance with § 16 Residence Act, please click here ([Bachelor/Master](#)) or here link ([PhD](#)) for more in-formation.

If you do not meet one of these criteria, you cannot submit an application at this time. Many other public and privately funded scholarships may, however, still be applicable to you.

More Tips for applying

For help with your application, we recommend you get in touch with current or past scholarship holders. We encourage you to contact the Friedrich Ebert Foundation's "[Ambassadors](#)" that are current scholarship recipients willing to answer questions and provide guidance. You can also reach out to FES University Groups. They may be found at almost all higher education institutions and are happy to talk about the work and scholarship programs of FES.

About the Application

If you opt to apply with us, [HERE](#) you will find all further information about the application process (in German).

Unfortunately, due to the high number of applications, we have to refuse many qualified applicants but in general, re-application is possible. In the meantime you should proof by achieving excellent grades and by committing to social/political engagements that you are eligible for our scholarship program.

Alternative and additional offers

- Contact directly the universities. By now, most of them have their own contact persons for refugees.
- DAADs page [study-in](#) provides a good overview of all questions concerning studying for refugees.
- The "Bildungsberatung Garantiefonds Hochschule" helps with [individual offers](#) and an Overview of other programs.
- Stiftung.org offers an Online [Foundation Search](#) of 10,000 foundations.
- If you are looking for refugee volunteering opportunities in your area, the site [Deutschland-Kann-Das](#) (Germany can do it) provides an overview of more than 700 offers.

Additional information about "Emigration, migration, integration" can be found in our FES [topics portal](#)

Contact

- For further questions regarding your application, please contact our responsible department ([link](#))
- Facebook page for educational grants ([link](#))

Please understand that due to many inquiries answers may be delayed.