

One-year scholarship program sponsored by the Free State of Bavaria for graduates of Central, Eastern and Southeastern European states



- Guidelines for the letter of endorsement (for first time applications) -

The letter of endorsement is an essential part of the application for the annual scholarship program of the Free State of Bavaria for students from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe. Basically, the letter of endorsement states that an applicant has been in contact with the university of his/her choice in Bavaria and receives academic support in case he/she will be admitted to the respective study program.

The annual scholarship program is meant to support academic exchange and scientific cooperation. In order to decide on awarding a scholarship, it will be taken into consideration whether the scholarship is beneficial for the guest institution in Bavaria. Please refer in your letter of endorsement to this aspect and let us know if the scholarship is a desirable contribution to the research activities at your chair or if it supports the maintenance and development of a partnership with a university in Central, Eastern or Southeastern Europe.

Furthermore we would appreciate it if you could give us additional information on the applicant's qualification (e.g. on the basis of presented documents). Criteria might be:

- How do you assess the applicant's academic ability to write a thesis?
- What other aspects of the applicant's qualification would you like to emphasize?
- In respect to PhD dissertations: How do you rate the presented dissertation project, esp. regarding
 - its relevance to research
 - its theoretical or methodological approach
 - its academic level
 - the stage of prior work
 - its work- and time schedule

The letter of endorsement can be written either by a course coordinator (master courses) or a professor (PhD projects). The letter of endorsement needs to be written on the department's official letter paper and contain the signature of the supervisor. Sending the signed letter directly to BAYHOST via mail or as a scanned attachment by email is possible.

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