Scholarships of the Free State of Bavaria
for German summer courses at Bavarian HEI 2024

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1. Who can apply?

Students of legal age and young academics with the nationality of the following countries: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.

Applicants must be enrolled or employed at an institute of higher education of these nine countries at the time of application. In addition, applicants are required to have at least completed two entire semesters at an institute of higher education and provide corresponding grades.

Knowledge of German (at least B1 level) is required.

2. Can I apply, if I study in one of the 9 countries, but I have another citizenship?

No. You must possess the citizenship of one of the 9 countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine).

3. Can I apply, if I have the citizenship of one of the 9 countries, but I don't study in this country?

No. You must be enrolled or employed at an institute of higher education of one of the nine countries at the time of application. Exceptions are possible for applicants with the Ukrainian citizenship who are studying or working at an institute of higher education in other countries.

4. Can I apply, if I have already participated in a funded language course and/or study visit in a German-speaking area?

If you have already participated in a funded German language course (e.g. via the DAAD) in a German-speaking country and/or studied in a German-speaking country for a longer period (e.g. one semester) you can apply for a BAYHOST-scholarship, but we will treat your application with lower priority. The primary aim of the scholarship program is to support applicants who haven't had the chance to take part in a funded course or study sojourn so far.

Applicants who have already received funding in this program are excluded from being funded again (this does not apply to scholarship holders from online courses).

5. Do I really have to provide evidence of the completed B1-level?

Yes, this is the minimum application requirement. The B1-level must be completed by the time of application. Please submit a proof of your language skills.

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6. Which grading system should I indicate in the online-application form?

You don't have to convert your grades into the German system. Just insert your grades according to the system of your home country.

7. What do I do if I want to change my data in the online form?

After submitting the form, it's no longer possible to make any changes to the submitted application. However, you are welcome to contact the responsible contact person at BAYHOST if there are any additions to your application. You also have the option to delete your application completely. Please log in to StipSys with your access data and click on "Withdraw application". This withdrawn application will then no longer be considered in the scholarship selection.

8. Is it necessary to translate or certify my documents legally?

No. Normal copies are sufficient. In case you already have translations of your documents, you are welcome to submit them additionally.

9. What kinds of proof of my German language skills are accepted?

Any certificate or official letter confirming that you learn or speak German is accepted, e.g. TestDaF, OnDaF, proof from the Goethe-Institute or other language schools and universities. Thereby, it is important that the proof shows your achieved level of German language skills (i.e. B1, B2, C1, C2).

10. What language should I write the letter of motivation in?

In German or in English. If you are already advanced, try to write the letter of motivation in German as much as you can. It's always good to show you tried.

We won't be strict about grammatical or spelling mistakes. It would, on the other hand, seem strange, if you were a beginner of German language and wrote your motivation in perfect German.

More important is that your letter is comprehensible and convincing. The letter of motivation is an essential part of the application, so of course you need to have a good argumentation. Whether you write it in German or in English is your choice according to your knowledge of German.

11. What should be considered in my CV?

The CV should be tabular and start with the most recent event (chronologically backwards). Blocks: Personal data, education, work experience, language skills, other commitment (voluntary work, leisure activities, etc), additional to your subject related activities / qualifications (seminars, conferences etc.). This structure can vary. Complete every block by adding short explanations e.g. about the key aspects of your studies.

Further advice and a possible model format can be found at [Europass](#). You don't have to use the Europass-Templates for your CV and are welcome to create your own design. This is just an example.

12. For which courses I can apply for?

An overview of the Bavarian summer courses is available on our [website](#). The courses in Munich and Eichstätt are suitable for all levels of German proficiency.

13. Can I apply for several courses?

We recommend, stating a second summer courses preference in your application form that you will be able to attend as far as dates are concerned. We will try to adhere to your preference but cannot give any guarantee. Please note that the courses have restricted numbers of participants.

14. Do I have to register for the language course at the same time?

No, only if you would also want to participate in the course without a scholarship. In the case that you are awarded a scholarship from BAYHOST, there will be a place reserved for you in one of the language courses mentioned on our scholarship webpage. BAYHOST is going to register all scholarship holders for the relevant courses after the selection process.

Please note that BAYHOST is only in charge of the scholarships. If you have questions regarding the courses, you have to direct these to the respective course organizers.

15. How many scholarships are available?

The Free State of Bavaria will sponsor 42 scholarships in the funding year 2024. Please note that we usually receive a high number of applications, and the competition is quite high. An application does not automatically mean that you also obtain a scholarship, but your application takes part in the selection process (please see question 20 regarding the selection criteria). We recommend preparing your documents very well (i.e. letter of motivation, CV etc.).

16. What costs are covered by the scholarship?

The scholarship for courses in Bavaria covers the costs of the course, accommodation and includes an allowance for food. In 2024 the food allowance is expected to be 16€ per day for all summer courses.

Travel costs, insurance and any visa costs will not be reimbursed! Costs for excursions will only be covered if they were already included in the course fee.

Information for Ukrainian applicants: If you are in Germany at the time of funding and receive benefits from the German state (e.g. social benefits, citizens' allowance or BAföG), the summer course scholarship only covers accommodation and course fees (without food allowance).

17. What are my obligations if I am awarded a scholarship?

If you receive a scholarship and accept this, you are obliged to participate in and be present at the entire language course from beginning to the end. You are as well obliged to take out a health insurance for your stay in Bavaria. Please note that BAYHOST does not assume liability for your stay in Germany.

Further, scholarship holders are obliged to send a report on their stay in Bavaria as a Word-Doc via email to BAYHOST by 1st October 2024.

18. Where can I find further information on the summer school scholarships?

Further information can be found on the website www.bayhost.de under the category "funding & scholarships". Here, you will also find an overview of all the universities offering summer schools that are supported by BAYHOST as well as the online application form. Our website also exists in a complete English version. To access the English version click on "English Version" and select the category "funding & scholarships" on our website.

You can find the reports on former scholarship holders' stay in Bavaria here under "Sprachkurse IN".

19. What are the selection criteria?

For the selection we take the following points into consideration:

- previous academic achievements (i.e. grades, scholarships or prizes, talks at conferences etc.)

- convincing letter of motivation: Why do you learn German and why is a German language course important for you? (i.e. academic or professional reasons)

- How long and how intensively have you been learning German; what proficiency level have you already reached?

- practical experiences (e.g. internships, part-time jobs)

- participation at additional conferences / non-curricular seminars / advanced training courses etc.

- voluntary work and commitments (e.g. student representation, theater group, sports associations, political clubs, NGO, church, social initiatives etc.)

- primary funding of applicants who haven't participated in a funded German language course and / or longer study sojourn in a German-speaking country so far

20. Can I apply, if I haven't done an internship or voluntary work yet?

Yes. The proof of internships and voluntary work is additional information – it is not obligatory. Not having done an internship or voluntary work does not mean that you won't have a chance to get the scholarship.

21. Who can I contact regarding questions or problems?

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship program, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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BAYHOST scholarship programs
Office hours: Monday to Friday a.m.
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doeppe@bayhost.de

22. What happens to my data after the scholarship selection?

In order to use your data for the scholarship selection, you will be asked for the following consent after filling in the BAYHOST-online-form:

I consent that my personal data may be saved for the purposes of the scholarship selection, granting and administration according to the legal data protection regulations. Your application data will be only transferred to all relevant bodies for the scholarship implementation and will be deleted 1,5 years after the selection process in case your application is not successful. The other documents will be saved for the purposes of the scholarship administration and only be used with your consent or according to the legal data protection regulations. Furthermore, the privacy declaration of the University of Regensburg applies.

If you would like to receive further information on BAYHOST activities, you can add an additional optional declaration of consent:

I consent that the collected data may be additionally used for the purposes of informing about further BAYHOST programs (via e-mail). The consent in the above mentioned use of data can entirely or partly be withdrawn to the BAYHOST at any time and effectively for the future. The revocation has to be addressed to: BAYHOST, University of Regensburg, 93053 Regensburg, Germany. The consent is optional. Through the refusal of the consent or the revocation do not arise any disadvantages for the scholarship selection.