

PROMOS scholarships at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences

PROMOS is a scholarship programme for bachelor's and master's degree students who undertake a study abroad semester or an internship abroad (especially outside of Europe). It is offered by the DAAD and financed by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The purpose of this programme is to increase the international mobility of students at German universities.

It is possible to apply online for a stay abroad for the respective year. The next application deadlines for are 15th of January and 15th of June. The Centre for Internationalisation and Languages will inform you about the outcome of your application by email, usually within eight weeks after the application deadline.

Application requirements:

- Enrolment as a regular student at Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences (bachelor's or master's degree). Unfortunately, incoming exchange students are not eligible.
- You must already know the name of the host institution and the exact dates of your intended stay abroad.
- Internships abroad outside Europe: at a partner university or as a "Free Mover" possible.
- Internships abroad in Europe: only possible as a "Free-Mover", that means there is no collaboration agreement with the exchange university.
- For Internships abroad there is a minimum duration of four weeks.
- Your stay abroad can only be sponsored if it begins after the date of the application deadline or if it will continue for at least one month (in case of a study abroad semester) or at least six weeks (in case of an internship) after the application deadline.
- You may apply only once per stay abroad.
- The applicant's nationality is not relevant.

Academic stays that cannot be sponsored:

- PROMOS and Erasmus+ scholarships cannot be granted concurrently (see "PROMOS and Erasmus+"). It is not possible to receive a PROMOS scholarship for an academic stay at a university that maintains an Erasmus+ partnership with Rhine-Waal University of Applied Sciences.
- Internships in Europe cannot be funded by PROMOS. It is possible to apply for an [Erasmus+ scholarship](#).
- An academic stay or internship in Germany cannot be sponsored.
- An academic stay or internship in your home country cannot be sponsored.
- The following internships cannot be sponsored, as the DAAD offers other scholarships for these purposes: internships at international organisations (e.g. UN), EU institutions and organisations administering EU programmes, internships at German embassies, German Institutes of the Arts and Humanities, Goethe Institutes, the German Archaeological Institute and at the German Schools Abroad (DAS). You can find more information about the respective DAAD scholarships via the following online link:

Amount of the scholarship:

The monthly scholarship rate depends on the host country and is predetermined by the DAAD. Generally the rate amounts to 350 Euros per month; for academic stays in the USA the rate is 450 Euros, however. In order to distribute available funds to the benefit of as many students as possible, as a rule, only two months of your stay abroad are sponsored.

How to apply?

The Centre for Internationalisation and Languages advertises the available scholarships in an email sent to all students. This email contains the link to the online application portal.

Required documents that need to be uploaded:

- letter of motivation (in English or German)
- current transcript of records
- (if available) language certificates.

Selection criteria:

Unfortunately, as a large number of students are applying for a limited number of available scholarships, not every applicant will be awarded one. Decisive selection criteria are:

- Academic performance (current GPA and number of credit points obtained)
- A letter of motivation which shows the meaningfulness of the planned stay in relation to the study programme
- Documented language skills (relevant for the intended stay abroad)

When will I be informed about the outcome of my application?

The Centre for Internationalisation and Languages will inform you about the outcome of your application by email, usually within eight weeks after the application deadline.

Which documents must be submitted in case of an approved application?

If your application has been approved, the Centre for Internationalisation and Languages will send you the Letter of Acceptance form for you to sign and return to the Centre for Internationalisation and Languages by email. You must also submit a copy of the admission letter from the host university or your internship contract with this form.

When will scholarships be paid out?

Scholarships will be transferred to the bank account indicated on the Letter of Acceptance usually within six weeks after the beginning of the scholarship period (as defined in the letter of approval), provided that the requested documents have been submitted in full to the Centre for Internationalisation and Languages.

Is it possible to obtain a PROMOS scholarship concurrently with other scholarships?

PROMOS and Erasmus+

It is not possible to receive a PROMOS grant if you already receive an Erasmus+ grant for your stay abroad and/or if you study at university that has an Erasmus+ agreement with our university. A semester abroad in Europe can only be sponsored by PROMOS in the following cases:

1. Free Mover (Study Abroad Semester in Europe without exchange agreement between the universities)
2. Internships: Can only be sponsored by PROMOS if funding by Erasmus+ is not available (a letter of refusal by the International Office is required).

PROMOS and “BAföG”

If you are receiving or applying for “Auslands-BAföG” and obtain a PROMOS scholarship at the same time, you are required to notify the responsible “Auslands-BAföG” office. Normally, scholarships of up to 350 Euros a month are considered exempt from BAföG” amount calculations.

Note that if you receive regular “BAföG”, you must also notify the respective BAföG office that you were awarded a PROMOS scholarship.

PROMOS and “Deutschlandstipendium”

You can receive a Deutschlandstipendium and a PROMOS scholarship concurrently without restriction.

PROMOS and “DAAD Individual Scholarships”

You cannot concurrently receive a “DAAD Individual Scholarship” and a PROMOS scholarship.

PROMOS and other scholarships

A combination of PROMOS and any private scholarship is possible without restriction.

If you are already receiving a scholarship from another German public fund for the same purpose of sponsorship (i.e. the same stay abroad), then it is not possible to receive a PROMOS scholarship at the same time. In any case, you must inform any other (potential) sponsors of your PROMOS scholarship.

PROMOS and PROMOS

It is possible to obtain several PROMOS scholarships for different stays abroad throughout your studies. However, within one academic cycle (e.g. bachelor's or master's studies), no more than 6 months abroad may be sponsored by PROMOS.

Paid activities and PROMOS

Revenue or payments that you earn during your stay abroad have no influence on your PROMOS grant. The purpose of the sponsored stay abroad, however, must not be jeopardized by your undertaking of these paid activities.

Travel warnings and travel insurance:

- Funding through PROMOS can only be granted if no travel warning has been issued for the respective country or territory of destination by the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please refer to the following link for current travel warnings:
http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Laenderinformationen/01-Reisewarnungen-Liste_node.html
- If you spend your semester or internship abroad in a country where there are important security rules to be followed, it might be necessary to sign a security notification. In that case the Centre for Internationalisation and Languages will provide you with the respective document.
- Recipients of a PROMOS scholarship can receive travel insurance (combined health, accident and liability insurance) via the DAAD. Rates can be found online under:
<https://www.daad.de/versicherung/de/>. DAAD insurance agents can answer any questions concerning travel insurance. Contact: Versicherungsstelle@daad.de

Further information about PROMOS:

For any questions regarding the PROMOS programme please feel free to contact Mr Jochen van Bentum (Jochen.vanBentum@hochschule-rhein-waal.de, Tel. 02821-80673-157).

Consultation hours: Online appointment on request via Webex