

HessenFonds for Refugees and Researchers at Risk

Overview

Programme Description

As part of the HessenFonds, the Hessian Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and the Arts (HMWK) provides scholarships for exceptionally talented and high achieving students and researchers with refugee status at public higher education institutions in Hessen. The funding shall enable them to continue their studies or their scientific career at a public higher education institution in Hessen. As of 2022, HessenFonds funding is also available to highly qualified researchers (including PhD students) who are threatened by persecution in their home countries (researchers at risk).

Target Group

Funding line for students, PhD students and post-doctoral researchers with a refugee status and funding line for persecuted and endangered PhD students and post-doctoral researchers

Number of Scholarships

60

Duration

12 months

Scholarship Value

The HessenFonds scholarship grants the following amounts for the duration of 12 months:

- Students (Bachelor/Master or equivalent): 300 EUR/month
- PhD students: 1,200 EUR/month
- Researchers: 2,300 EUR/month

Application Papers

Applications have to be submitted to the respective public higher education institution in Hessen. Please inquire at an early stage when the application documents have to be submitted to the responsible office. If you are interested in a HessenFonds scholarship, please contact the refugee coordinators or international offices at your higher education institution. They are also your contact persons during the application procedure.

Application Deadline

The next deadline for nominations of the candidates at the HMWK can be found [here](https://wissenschaft.hessen.de/Studieren/Internationales/Studium-Incoming/HessenFonds-fuer-Fluechtlinge) [<https://wissenschaft.hessen.de/Studieren/Internationales/Studium-Incoming/HessenFonds-fuer-Fluechtlinge>]. Please note that the application deadline at the higher education institution that is relevant for applicants is some time before the deadline for the nomination at the HMWK. Further information can be obtained directly at the respective higher education institution.

Application requirements

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General requirements for refugees: entitled to asylum or recognised refugee for no longer than four years by the start of funding. The maximum duration of constant residence in Germany must not be longer than five years by the start of funding. Follow-up applications need a separate explanatory statement.

Students (Bachelor/Master or equivalent):

- enrolled at a public higher education institution in the State of Hessen

high academic achievements

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PhD students:

- accepted as a PhD student and supervised at a public higher education institution in Hessen
- high academic achievements

- Researchers:

- guarantee of a research or teaching placement at a public higher education institution in Hessen
- a supporting statement from the same public higher education institution in Hessen
- exceptional achievements in research and/or teaching

Researchers at Risk: As of 2022, HessenFonds funding is also available to highly qualified researchers (including PhD students) who are threatened by persecution in their home countries. Researchers at risk need to be nominated by a university or university of applied sciences in the state of Hessen.

Please also take note of our [important scholarship information \[https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/\]](https://www.daad.de/en/study-and-research-in-germany/scholarships/important-information-for-scholarship-applicants/).

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