

SBW Berlin Scholarship

Overview

Programme Description

The SBW Berlin scholarship programme supports social commitment through the development of social projects during the scholarship recipients' studies and includes various types of scholarships. The scholarships are only granted for a limited period, usually for the upcoming semester.*

Social Project

Scholarship recipients get involved socially with the start of their studies.

- For the SBW Berlin scholarship for foreign students: Ideally, these projects are part of the non-profit work of organisations located in the home countries of the foreign scholarship recipients and/or contribute to improving living conditions there.
- For the SBW Berlin scholarship for refugees: Ideally, these projects are part of the non-profit work of organisations that help other refugees from their home countries. The social project can also be part of SBW Berlin's work.
- For the SBW Berlin scholarship for courses in the social field: The projects can either be part of the non-profit work of other organisations or are located at SBW Berlin as their own project. In general, however, they are intended to contribute to improving living conditions around the world.

** Further information can be found in the relevant guidelines of the scholarships and on the SBW Berlin website.*

Target Group

Depending on the type of scholarship*

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Academic Requirements

Depending on the type of scholarship; if the recipient plans to study in Germany, a higher education entrance qualification is required.

Number of Scholarships

The SBW Berlin has a total of 20 scholarship places. However, it should be noted that each semester only as many scholarships can be awarded as there are open places.

Duration

Depending on the scholarship type

Scholarship Value

During the funding period, SBW Berlin provides all scholarship recipients with a furnished room in one of its shared student apartments. Tuition fees or monthly support are provided depending on the type of scholarship. Further information can be found in the relevant guidelines of the scholarships.

Termination of the scholarship and repayment obligation

SBW Berlin can terminate the scholarship in the event of

- Two failed compulsory exams or two postponed examinations
- Failure to meet the target agreements set for the social/non-profit project
- Not using any provided funds as intended
- Remaining in Germany (refers to scholarship for foreign students)

In these cases, a previously established repayment agreement and the resulting repayment plan will become effective. Consequently, the scholarships or any monetary benefits previously provided by SBW Berlin must then be repaid in 12 monthly instalments* without interest, 3 months after the end of the funding or the standard period of study.

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Application Papers

Only through the online SBW Berlin application portal. It should be noted that a letter of recommendation or a motivational statement is required first. Only after carefully reviewing this letter, outstanding applicants will be granted access to the application form. SBW Berlin does not charge any application or processing fees in connection with the application.

Application Deadline

All year round

Application requirements

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General Prerequisites

- Between 18 and 30 years old
- Higher education entrance qualifications (in case of studying)
- Good grade point average*
- Able to prove relatively low household net-income*
- Letter of recommendation from a social/non-profit organisation, if applicable*
- Motivational statement, if applicable*
- Intention to work in the country of origin for at least 18 months after completing your studies or to engage in non-profit work in Germany until the repayment plan is fulfilled*

The requirements and required application documents depend on the type of scholarship. It is recommended that you read the relevant guidelines and criteria carefully before applying for the SBW Berlin scholarship programme. Interested applicants can find these on the SBW Berlin website.

Interested applicants from abroad should note that an application for a place at a higher education institution in Berlin or Potsdam is required. This is done separately from the scholarship application, e.g., the applicants are responsible for this themselves.

Expectations towards interested applicants

- Interested in getting socially involved and developing social projects
- Transparency and clear communication regarding professional goals etc.
- Collaboration (current and future) with non-profit/social institutions in the home country*
- Further education plan*
- No financial support of family members or third parties is possible through the scholarship programme, etc.*

Expectation towards incoming scholarship recipients

- Proactive development of social projects during the study (2 to 8 hours of work per week are planned for the social project)
- Good academic performance in each sponsored semester*
- Active participation in regular project meetings and workshops at SBW Berlin
- Writing project reports
- Preparing and implementing talks and presentations on the projects
- Transparency and clear communication regarding professional goals

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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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