

# Copernicus Berlin: International Excellence Scholarship Programme

## Overview

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### Programme Description

The International Excellence Scholarship Programme (IES) is a scholarship programme that enables motivated students of all fields of study from Eastern and Southeastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia with above-average grades to spend a semester abroad in Berlin. This programme gives students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge at the best German universities (HU Berlin, FU Berlin, HWR Berlin, University of Potsdam). During the 6-month stay, the scholarship holders will actively participate in the life of the association. They will also experience German culture first-hand through the cultural events and social meetings. In addition, the scholarship holders take part in the programme's accompanying and developing activities, which they help to shape intensively.

The scholarship holders receive a place at the Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin School of Economics and Law (HWR Berlin), or University of Potsdam. The study programme is limited to only 1 semester. An internship is an important part of the IES programme and is designed to provide international work experience and to develop personal and professional skills. As part of the IES programme, a minimum of 8 weeks of full-time internship should be completed.

### Target Group

students of all subjects (Bachelor's, Master's, PhD) from the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

### Academic Requirements

Enrolment in a Bachelor's, Master's or PhD programme at a higher education institution

### Number of Scholarships

approx. 12 scholarships per year

### Duration

approx. 6 months

### Scholarship Value

Under the IES programme, Copernicus Berlin offers 3 types of scholarships.

1) The full scholarship will cover the following costs of the programme participants:

- They will receive monthly pocket money.
- Health insurance costs will be reimbursed.
- The costs for accommodation, enrolment, liability insurance, educational trips, social events, administrative aspects, welcome package, cultural events, international seminars, counselling and mentoring and workshops will be paid by Copernicus Berlin.
- Travel costs will be paid by the participants themselves.

2) With the partial scholarship PLUS Copernicus Berlin covers the following costs of the programme participants:

- They will receive monthly pocket money.
- The costs for accommodation, enrolment, liability insurance, educational trips, social events, administrative aspects, welcome package, cultural events, international seminars, counselling and mentoring and workshops will be paid by Copernicus Berlin.

- Travel costs and health insurance will be paid by the participants themselves.

3) With the partial scholarship Copernicus Berlin covers the following costs of the programme participants:

- They will receive monthly pocket money.
- The costs for enrolment, liability insurance, educational trips, social events, administrative aspects, welcome package, cultural events, international seminars, counselling and mentoring and workshops will be paid by Copernicus Berlin.
- Travel costs and health insurance will be paid by the participants themselves.
- Accommodation costs for 2 months (1,650 EUR) need to be paid for by the participants; Copernicus Berlin will cover the remaining costs.

#### Accommodation

During the International Excellence Scholarship Programme, the scholarship holders will stay in a Copernicus Berlin apartment in the heart of Berlin. A single or double room with desk, wardrobe and internet connection will be provided.

#### Application Papers

You can find information on the required application documents [here \[https://en.copernicusberlin.de/ies\]](https://en.copernicusberlin.de/ies).

#### Application Deadline

Application window:

- 1 October - 30 December (for the following winter semester)
- 1 April - 30 June (for the following summer semester)

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- At the time of application, the candidates need to be enrolled in a Bachelor's, Master's or PhD programme at a university. There are no subject restrictions.
- At the time of the start of the scholarship not older than 28 years
- German language skills of at least B1 or English language skills of at least B1

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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