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# Baden- Württemberg Scholarship Programme for Refugees from Syria enters the second round

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Prospective students are once again invited to apply  
for the Baden-Württemberg Scholarship Programme  
for Refugees from Syria until 31 March 2016. With this  
programme, the federal state aims to support  
particularly talented young people in their studies at  
a university in Baden-Württemberg.

“Integration also means enabling participation in education  
and the labour market, and opening up perspectives in this  
way,” says Science Minister Bauer. In the light of the latest  
developments in the Syrian conflict, it unfortunately appears  
unlikely that the refugees will be able to return home soon.

“The success of the scholarship programme launched in spring  
2015 confirms that it is not only an act of pragmatic humanism  
but also in our own obvious interest to make use of the existing  
qualifications of refugees of the Syrian civil war.”

Dr. Stefan Wolf, President of the Employers’ Association  
Südwestmetall: “The local economy is helping refugees to  
quickly become qualified professionals. Südwestmetall is also  
assuming responsibility by funding five scholarships and  
making intensive publicity among companies to encourage

further involvement.” A total of 55 scholarships will be offered.

further involvement. A total of 55 scholarships will be offered in the second application round. Minister Bauer: "I thank Südwestmetall for this exemplary commitment."

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) developed the Baden-Württemberg programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts of the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, and takes care of both the call for applications and the selection of scholarship holders by independent expert commissions. "Education is the key to integration. We are therefore delighted about the initiative in Baden-Württemberg," says DAAD President Prof. Margret Wintermantel.

The programme is aimed at particularly talented refugees of the Syrian civil war, who have proven their personal and academic aptitude in a written and oral selection procedure. The Baden-Württemberg "Programme II" includes a monthly merit-based study support amounting to €300. Prospective students are additionally provided with necessary counselling and orientation services and the costs of a preparatory language course are also covered if required. This year, the programme is once again under the patronage of the Syrian philosopher Sadiq al-Azm.

Applications can be submitted via the online application portal of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) until 31 March 2016.