

Guidelines of the Deggendorf Institute of Technology for Awarding Germany Scholarships according to the Scholarship Program Act (StipG)

As of 01 November 2024

Preamble

With the Germany Scholarship, the federal government aims to support talented and capable students, reward exceptional achievements, and promote a new scholarship culture in Germany.

These guidelines serve to specify the application and selection process at the Deggendorf Institute of Technology.

§ 1 Eligibility for Funding

Funding is available to students already enrolled at Deggendorf Institute of Technology, as well as applicants who meet the admission requirements for their studies and are about to begin their studies at the institute.

Doctoral studies are not eligible for funding.

Double funding is excluded if the student is receiving other financial support not dependent on talent and performance, as specified in § 1 (3) of the StipG, or from any other national or international organisation. This does not apply if this support averages less than €30 per month for the semester for which the scholarship has been awarded.

§ 2 Announcement

The Career Service at Deggendorf Institute of Technology announces the scholarships available once annually at the end of the year on the university's website. This includes:

1. The anticipated number of scholarships available
2. How to apply and the location for submission
3. The documents applicants must submit
4. The application procedure
5. The application period, expected to be between 01 November and 15 December

§ 3 Application Procedure and Selection Committee

1. Interested students apply through the Career Service using the application form on the university's student portal, a CV, current grade sheet, and a letter of motivation.
2. The Career Service collects the applications, compiles a ranking list, and forwards it to the Selection Committee. Sponsors may be invited to the committee meetings in an advisory role.
3. The Selection Committee, consisting of the President, the Chancellor, the Head of the Study Department, and the Head of Career Service, decides on the scholarship awards. A quorum requires a majority of the committee members. All members have equal voting rights, and decisions are made by a simple majority. Prior to each decision, each committee member must provide a declaration of impartiality to the Career Service. The decisions leading to the scholarship awards must be documented.
4. Successful applicants receive a written notification at the start of the funding period.

§ 4 Selection Criteria

1. Scholarships are awarded to applicants whose previous achievements suggest exceptional academic and professional performance. Selection criteria include:
2. For first-year bachelor's students:
 - a. A high school average grade of 1.5 or better
 - b. Special qualifications that entitle them to study at Deggendorf Institute of Technology
3. For first-year master's students:
 - a. A first professional degree from a recognised national or international university with a grade of 2.5 or better
4. For enrolled students:
 - a. Current GPA of at least 2.7
 - b. ECTS points (minimum 20 ECTS per semester)
5. Achievements such as awards and prizes, work experience, internships
6. Extra-curricular or non-academic involvement, such as volunteer work, social or community engagement, university politics, or political involvement, as well as participation in religious groups, associations, and clubs
7. Personal or family circumstances, such as illness or disability, care responsibilities, participation in a family business, employment during studies, background, or migrant status
8. The weighting of selection criteria is as follows:
 - Criteria 1, 2, and 3: 45%
 - Criteria 4: 15%
 - Criteria 5: 35%
 - Criteria 6: 5%
9. Points are awarded for each criterion in proportion to the percentages listed above. Only applicants with the highest scores are included in the ranking list, ensuring balanced representation across faculties.

§ 5 Start, Type, Extent, and Termination of Funding

1. The Deggendorf Institute of Technology awards scholarships each summer semester.
2. The scholarship amount is €300 per month, granted independently of income. BAföG claims remain unaffected.
3. Scholarships are granted for one year. After this period, students may reapply.
4. The maximum duration of funding aligns with the standard period of study for the respective degree programme. In exceptional cases (e.g., illness or pregnancy), funding may be extended.
5. The scholarship ends at the end of the month in which the recipient:
 - Successfully completes their studies
 - Drops out of their programme
 - Changes their field of study
 - Is deregisteredIn case of a transfer to another institution during the funding period, § 8 sentence 2 StipG applies.

§ 6 Revocation of Funding

The scholarship grant may be revoked with six weeks' notice to the end of the calendar month if the student fails to promptly notify the university of significant changes affecting their eligibility, or if double funding is identified. Revocation due to double funding applies retroactively.

§ 7 Obligations of Scholarship Recipients

Upon accepting the scholarship, recipients must:

- Promptly report any changes affecting their eligibility, e.g., change of field, degree programme, institution, inability to complete studies within the standard period, or interruptions or terminations of studies.
- Participate in evaluations of their performance and the scholarship programme.

Additionally, recipients agree to:

- Participate in programme-related events
- Consent to data being stored for statistical purposes and shared with the relevant ministry, as needed

§ 8 Effective Date

These guidelines take effect on 01 November 2024, replacing the previous guidelines from 01 February 2011.