

## International Office

### **Tender for scholarships *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM* 2025/26 for students of partner universities of the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg**

For the seventeenth time, the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg is issuing a tender for scholarships for students, which are awarded by the Baden-Württemberg Foundation in Stuttgart. Regular students of foreign partner universities of the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg who are planning a **theory semester** at the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg in **the winter semester 2025/26 or the summer semester 2026** are welcome to apply. Their university must already be part of an active exchange partnership, or have a corresponding valid agreement for the course of study in question.

Practical study semesters or practical internships cannot be funded; for combined studies, only the theoretical study areas apply. Students are not permitted to hold a *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM* and another grant (e.g., ERASMUS+) simultaneously. However, receipt of an ERASMUS+ label status as a “zero grant” (without financial support) is not a problem.

**Deadline for applications: 31 March 2025 (receipt by the University).** The Senate Committee on Internationalisation and International Relations at the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg agrees on a selection recommendation, which is forwarded to Stuttgart as a nomination list by the end of April 2025. The Scholarship Board of the Baden-Württemberg Foundation will probably reach a decision in June 2025.

### **Profile and goals of the *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM***

The goal is to promote international exchange of particularly well-qualified students through a flexible funding tool, via which the internationalisation strategies of the universities are supported in the competition for the world's best mobile students and graduates. At the same time, the aim is to promote ties between the universities in the federal state and their foreign partner universities, and to develop and reinforce them on the basis of reciprocity. Global mutual understanding, an interest in other cultures and the knowledge of foreign languages are prerequisites for future-oriented global interactions. As well as support for their studies, the personal development of grant holders should also be encouraged through intercultural experiences, and they should make an active contribution to promoting international understanding. **Selection criteria** are not only academic performance (only good or excellent students are generally given funding), but also linguistic, social and intercultural competence and the reasons given for the application.

For more information, see:

<https://www.bw-stipendium.de/en/scholarships/bws-for-university-students>

or <https://www.bwstiftung.de/de/ausschreibung/baden-wuerttemberg-stipendium>

## Application

- Step 1:** Send a request for the online link to the grant portal (email to: [breuer@eh-freiburg.de](mailto:breuer@eh-freiburg.de))
- Step 2:** Register on the online portal and upload all documents as **PDF** files to the corresponding slots in the portal.
- Step 3:** Send your request and all documents required by email attachment (in the form of just one, consolidated PDF) by **31 March 2025** at the latest to: [breuer@eh-freiburg.de](mailto:breuer@eh-freiburg.de)

Valid applications must be submitted in full **both** via step 2 **and** step 3 and comprise:

- A complete **application form** that has been filled out on your PC and manually signed
- A CV with passport photo
- A letter in English (approx. 2 pages; no form required) explaining your motivation
- An official language test certificate indicating your knowledge of English (e.g., according to the Common European Framework of Languages)
- A brief assessment from a tutor or lecturer at your home university (in German, English, French, Spanish or Portuguese; no form required)
- A current overview of your study subjects and grades (no form required)
- Finally, if appropriate, copies of any intermediate exams/former graduation certificate.

We recommend that you organise your tutor/lecturer assessment and language test early on!

The scholarship is awarded to selected students only; not all applicants will receive a positive response.

## Requirements for scholarship holders

In the grant award agreement, the scholarship holders undertake to participate in the regular programme of study, as specified in the relevant study plan or learning agreement, and

- to inform the host and home university immediately in writing if they have to interrupt or abandon their residency
- to refrain from receiving funds from another grant during the funding period
- to participate in events organised by the Baden-Württemberg Foundation scholarship programme
- to obtain information about the Baden-Württemberg scholarship programme in the host country in an appropriate manner.

A report (max. 5 x A4 pages) about your foreign residency must be produced and presented without prior request to the International Office of the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg no later than one month after expiry of the grant period. The form for this report can be downloaded from the online portal of the Baden-Württemberg Foundation. A copy of the report (PDF) must also be uploaded to this portal.

## Level and duration of scholarship

The precise scholarship level and duration is not determined until the selection procedure is underway, and depends on the funds allocated to the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg. The minimum funding period is 4 months. As a rough, non-binding orientation: In the last funding years, the funds for incoming scholarship holders totalled between €5,600 and €6,250.

The **number** of scholarship holders depends on the total amount of funding allocated to the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg, which has not yet been finally decided at the point of time of the tender. Funds will be awarded to both outgoing and incoming scholarships.

## Application form

This form is available for download from the Protestant University of Applied Sciences Freiburg website:

<https://www.eh-freiburg.de/theoriesemester-int/#bws-incomings>

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or <https://www.bwstiftung.de/de/ausschreibung/baden-wuerttemberg-stipendium>