



Prorector of Study and Teaching
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**Call for applications for Deutschlandstipendium scholarships
Winter semester 2026/2027
Application period from 27 April 2026 to 01 June 2026**

The Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg (hereafter MLU) is awarding Deutschlandstipendien (Germany Scholarships) for the winter semester 2026/2027 starting 1 October 2026. These scholarships support talented students who are expected to achieve or who have already achieved excellent academic merits. The monthly scholarship is **300 euros**, of which half is funded by the federal government and the other half by private sponsors. The scholarship is usually awarded for two semesters and may be extended upon a renewal application.

All information about the current application phase is published on our [website](#).

Applications are possible for **all** courses of study and are expressly encouraged.

NEW: For students who are already receiving a Germany Scholarship for the current 2025/26 academic year and wish to apply for continued funding, a simplified renewal application process will be in effect starting this year. Current scholarship recipients will be notified directly.

1. Application period

The coming application period for the all applicants

begins on 27 April 2026 (8 a.m.) and ends on 01 June 2026 (2 p.m.).

2. Requirements and criteria for the application

Applications are open to:

- **Students of all subjects and all nations at the MLU** who have not yet exceeded the standard period of study in their programme as well as
- **University applicants** who have met all the admission requirements and will begin studying at MLU in winter semester 2026/2027. An application is also eligible at the time there is not yet an admission for the studies at MLU.

Achievements and abilities must be verified in the following way:

- **for first-year students** and students already enrolled up to and including their 3rd semester, based on the average grade on their high school diploma;
- for **enrolled students, starting from the 4th semester**, based on their study credits to date, particularly the number of ECTS points achieved and the current grade point average,
- for **state examination** programs, until proof of having passed the first stage of the state examination or the intermediate examination is provided, based on the average mark from the university entrance qualification; thereafter, based on the results of an intermediate examination

- for **master students**: through the final grade of their previous course of studies (e.g. bachelor certificate) and the exam results at the time of application

Applicants with a GPA lower than 3.0 are **not** eligible for a Deutschlandstipendium scholarship.

When looking at the overall potential of the applicant, the following shall also be considered:

1. Special achievements, distinctions and awards, e.g. sport, dance and music contests or specialist competitions at state and/or federal level within the last 3 years,
2. Completed prior vocational education,
3. Extra-curricular activities or activities not related to the course of studies such as voluntary work (e.g. voluntary social year [FSJ], voluntary ecological year [FÖJ], activity as a trainer) that lasted at least 6 months and that do not date back more than 3 years prior to the time of application,
4. social engagement (e.g. active participation in unions or associations, churches or other religious societies) that lasted at least 6 months and that do not date back more than 3 years prior to the time of application,
5. college political or political commitment (e.g. committee work at the MLU or engagement in a party, trade union or similar politically active organisations) that lasted at least 6 months and that do not date back more than 3 years prior to the time of application,
6. Special personal or social circumstances like chronic illnesses and/or disabilities, caring for your own children in your own household, especially as a single-parent,
7. caring for close relatives within the last 3 years and a duration of at least 6 months,
8. cooperation/work in a family business and/or employment while studying (e.g. working as an assistant at the MLU) that lasted of at least 6 months and that do not date back more than 3 years prior to the time of application,
9. family origins (neither parent has a university degree, so the applicant is the first graduate in the family, migration background including refugee background, foreign students only for the purpose of studying at the MLU).

3. Form of application and application documents:

You may only apply for one degree programme. You must either be enrolled in this programme or have applied for enrollment. For your application please use the online application portal, provided by the University by [this external link](#):

The application process includes the following steps:

- Enter and save all the required information in the online application portal. Required fields marked with an asterisk * must be filled in.
- Upload the required documents listed below (as PDF files only). Please avoid taking pictures from documents with your phone or from your computer screen. Badly legible or illegible documents cannot be considered in the application process.

Required application documents:

Please attach the following documents as PDF files:

- An updated Curriculum Vitae,
- certificate of higher education entrance qualification; **for foreign certificates**: an officially authenticated transferable translation into German or English and a conversion into the German grading system (e.g. a verification by uni-assist e.V.),
- if already present, certificates/ confirmations of examinations and assessments as well as achieved credit points (ECTS) (e.g. a current overview of your subjects and grades from the online Löwenportal, a current performance record from your faculty or from your examination office),
- for master students or university applicants for a master programme: certificates of the first university degree (e.g. bachelor certificate) and, if already present, a current overview of your subjects and grades

- the current certificate of enrollment, if already present. Applicants to the university: please submit the certificate of enrollment or the letter of admission as soon as available.

For incoming students who are about to begin their studies at MLU:

- Proof of the half-year report card, if the higher education entrance qualification is not yet available at the time of application,
- Admission letter for studies at MLU, if it is available at the time of application,
- The enrollment certificate must be submitted without further request, after the application deadline this can also be done by e-mail

If stated in the online application:

- certificates of prior vocational education, evidences of employment while studying and/or work in a family business (e.g. attestation from your employer, copy of employment contract), certificates of achievements and awards, evidences of extra-curricular voluntary engagement;
- evidences of special personal and social circumstances (proof of migration/refugee background and first academic in family (only regarding the parents) is not required, but must be described in detail in the application).

Commendation letters and letters of reference will not be considered in the application process.

If the application documents are not in German or English, please attach an officially certified (“amtlich beglaubigt”) translation.

Important information:

- The application is **only valid** when the required documents are complete and submitted to the Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg in the online application portal by the end of deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Access to the [online application process](#) begins on **27 of April 2026 at 8 a.m. and ends on 01 of June 2026 at 2 p.m.**
- The scholarship will only be paid to students enrolled at MLU.
- There is no legal entitlement to the scholarship.
- The scholarship will **not** be deducted from financial support as per the German Federal Education Assistance Act (BAföG).
- The Deutschlandstipendium will not be granted to anyone already receiving financial support of more than 30 euros from a scholarship organisation, DAAD or similar organisation. For more information on the admissibility of receiving other scholarships simultaneously to the Deutschlandstipendium, please follow [this link](#).

- **Contact:**

For further questions about the application and selection process please contact

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On [our website](#) we provide a detailed FAQ page with all important information about the application process.

If you can't find an answer to your question on our website, please take advantage of our consultation hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10–12 a.m. and additionally Tuesday and Thursday 1–2 p.m., in person or via video call, by prior arrangement.

You can find our office at Barfüßerstraße 17, 2nd floor, room 8, 06108 Halle (Saale).

- **The selection procedure:**

A selection committee appointed by the Rectorate decides on the award of scholarships according to the selection criteria specified in the Scholarship Program Act of July 21, 2010, as amended on March 29, 2017, and in the Scholarship Ordinance of October 20, 2010, as amended on November 29, 2011. In all other respects, the MLU Statutes for the Awarding of Deutschlandstipendien dated April 15, 2026 apply to the procedure.

The selection committee is expected to decide on the awarding of the Deutschlandstipendien for the winter semester 2026/2027 in September 2026. Selected students will receive the award notification by email approximately at the end of September/beginning of November; unsuccessful applicants will be informed via email with a rejection notification approximately 6 weeks after the decision of the selection committee. Please check your e-mail inbox regularly and also your spam folder if necessary.

For more information about the Deutschlandstipendium, please see the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space [website](#).

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