

Call for applications in the scholarship program "Students at Risk - Hilde Domin Program" of the German Academic Exchange Service for international students and doctoral candidates

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) administers the scholarship programme "Hilde Domin Programme" with funds from the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The programme serves to support students and doctoral candidates from across the globe, who are at risk of being formally or *de facto* denied educational or other rights in their country of origin, and to provide these students and doctoral candidates with an opportunity to begin or complete a study or research degree at a higher education institution in Germany. Students and doctoral candidates funded under the programme will receive a scholarship for a degree course of personal choice and according to individual qualifications. The scholarship is sufficient to cover the necessary costs incurred in the course of their study resp. research stay.

Target group:

Students, aiming for a **master's degree**, and **doctoral candidates** worldwide* who are at risk of being formally or *de facto* denied educational rights in their country of origin, due to their ethnic, sexual, gender or religious identity and/or their political or civic engagement. In the sense of the scholarship programme political, civic and similar engagement encompasses either the participation in groups or individual actions based on liberal and democratic principles aspiring to contribute to a positive social change in communities.

* Except for the following countries: EU/[EEA](#)/[EFTA](#) countries as well as Andorra, Monaco, San Marino and the United Kingdom.

Nomination requirements:

Potential candidates

- must prove or credibly demonstrate a threat to personal well-being or safety (e.g. physical violence, arrest, denial of civil and educational rights, etc.) to TU Chemnitz
- must be in possession of educational certificates that allow access to a higher education institution and guarantee the completion of an intended course of study or research project according to the www.anabin.de database
- may not be already residing in German or the European Union at the time of nomination
- whose last matriculation at the foreign higher education institution and acquisition of the last university degree for an intended master's degree programme or an intended doctorate was generally no longer than six years ago at the point of application

Funding period:

The duration of funding for a

- Master's degree usually is: up to 24 months
- Doctoral degree usually is: up to 48 months

Important note: Please note that funding for a double degree (i.e. a second Master's or doctoral degree) is not provided.

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Scholarship award:

Funding of a scholarship includes

- a monthly scholarship payment of 992 EUR for students resp. 1,400 EUR for doctoral candidates
- a health, accident and personal liability insurance cover
- a travel allowance based on your country of origin resp. present residence
- if applicable, participation in a preparatory German language course (of two, four or six months) according to the previously acquired and required language skills for the intended course of study or doctoral project
- additional financial benefits

Application documents:

- Fully completed and personally signed application for nomination.
- Letter of motivation (1 to 3 pages long) outlining the personal risk situation as well as the professional and personal motives for completion of a study course at Chemnitz University of Technology
- Complete CV
- Evidence that describes and confirms threats to personal safety and well-being, or that demonstrates that a forced withdrawal from the program or doctoral program was due to individual actions (e.g., official documentation, social media posts, letters documenting incidents in detail, etc.)
- Proof of current status of studies/graduation
- Language certificates or proof of their English or German language proficiency (equivalent to level B2 of the [CEFR](#)), not older than 2 years at the point of application
- If available, proof of admission to studies at Chemnitz University of Technology
- **For doctoral candidates only:** a written confirmation of supervision by the doctoral supervisor from Chemnitz University of Technology

The complete documents are to be uploaded by the applicant to the [TUCcloud](#) as one PDF document (Name_FirstName) until 24 February 2026: mytuc.org/dkkm

You cannot edit the documents again after uploading. Therefore, please merge the documents into one PDF beforehand.

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Notice:

For all applications, please note that the submitted documents must be signed by hand. Only applications that are received by the International Office on time and accompanied by complete documentation can be considered. There is no legal claim to the granting of a DAAD scholarship.

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