

Organisations for the promotion of young talent

There are 13 Organisations for the Promotion of Young Talent (Begabtenförderungswerke) in Germany, which grant scholarships for doctoral candidates. They are financed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research. The different organisations are close to different German political parties, churches or social partners. They differ from each other in the way they select their grant holders, and in the ideals they promote and ways of promoting them. The amount of financial support is the same among all 13 organisations, but it varies according to the individual applicant's situation.

For an overview on the similarities and differences of the 13 major German Organisations for the Promotion of Young Talent see <http://www.stipendiumplus.de>. The internet portal informs about requirements and performances of the individual institutions, about procedures of the application as well as about specific offers for particular target groups.

Every Organisation for the Promotion of Young Talent has liaison professors at the different German universities. Here is a [list with the liaison professors](#) of the funding bodies at Friedrich Schiller University Jena.

Currently, there exist the following 13 organisations in Germany:

Independent organisation

- [Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes](#)
Applications are possible at any time on a proposal by a professor.

Politically associated organisations

- [Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung](#)
(certificate of German language proficiency required) Applications are possible at any time.
- [Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung](#)
Application deadline 30 Apr and 31 Oct
- [Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung](#)
(German Citizens and *Bildungsinländer** only) Application deadline 15 Jan and 15 July
- [Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung](#)
(certificate of German language proficiency required) Application deadline 1 March and 1 Sept
- [Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung](#)
(certificate of German language proficiency required) Application deadline 15 Jan and 15 July
- [Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung](#)
(certificate of German language proficiency required) Application deadline 15 Apr and 15 Oct

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Organisations supported by social partners

- [Hans-Böckler-Stiftung](#)
Applicant deadline 1 February, 1 June, 1 October
- [Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft](#)
Application deadline 8 January, 16 April, 27 August

Denomination-based organisations

- Avicenna-Studienwerk - Promotion of Muslim doctoral candidates with German citizenship
Application deadline: 1 Apr and 1 Oct (other deadlines are to be announced) (EU-citizens with German language skills (Level C1/DHS-3) and *Bildungsinländer** only)
- Cusanuswerk - Bischöfliche Studienförderung
Application deadline 3 January, 18 July (EU-citizens and *Bildungsinländer** only)
- Ernst Ludwig Ehrlich-Studienwerk - Promotion of Jewish doctoral candidates
Applications are possible at any time (EU-citizens and *Bildungsinländer** only)
- Evangelisches Studienwerk e.V. Villigst
Application deadline 1 June and 1 Dec

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