

Finding an internship in Germany

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Internships: General Issues

- There are only very few exchange programmes for organised internships. Browse funding-guide.de – maybe there are specific programmes applicable to you

BUT: There ARE many ways of reaching your aim! - Go through one of the well-know organisations (AIESEC, IAESTE, ELSA)

- Erasmus+ is also applicable to internships or work experiences – contact your university's ERASMUS+ office!
- Browse offers by the State Labour Agency (Arbeitsagentur)
- Most universities have services for finding jobs and internships



Finding Scholarships

Welcome to our scholarship database!


Here you will find information about our DAAD scholarship programmes for international students and researchers as well as offers from [other selected funding organisations](#).


Please also take note of our [important scholarship information](#).


Praktikum
Internship
Trainee


Refine your selection

Keyword or programme title


Programmes for 

-- No restriction -- 


Country of Origin 

-- No restriction -- 

Subject



-- No restriction -- 

Intention



-- No restriction -- 

179 Scholarship options for your selection

Study Scholarships - Master Studies for All Academic Disciplines • DAAD

Status:	Graduates	DAAD scholarships for graduates with a first academic degree wishing to continue their academic training in Germany with a postgraduate course of study...	
Country of Origin:	Only specified 		
Subject:	See list 		

Research Grants – Short-Term Grants • DAAD

Status:	Graduates, Doctoral candidates/PhD students, Postdoctoral researchers	DAAD grants for doctoral candidates and young scientists and academics wishing to carry out research and continue their education in Germany for up to 6 months...	
Country of Origin:	Only specified 		



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Useful websites

- [Arbeitsagentur.de](https://arbeitsagentur.de) – Website of the Federal Employment agency
- aiesec.org – AIESEC website
- elsa-germany.org
- iaeste.de
- meinpraktikum.de
- <https://www.absolventa.de/>



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Legal requirements

- If you are a citizen of an EU / EEA country:
 - - You have the same rights to jobs, internships etc. as German citizens
 - - If you are a student, you should respect certain time limits –
 - you won't have time to work too much during your studies
 - take into consideration tax rules – students pay much less taxes, but only up to a maximum number of working hours per week (usually 20 hours)! If you work more than 20 hours a week you will have to pay insurance contributions. You can earn 520 euros a month without paying taxes.

If you are NOT an EU citizen:

- - If you are enrolled as a student in Germany, you have rights to work within certain limits (usually 120 days per year)
- - If your study programme requires a compulsory internship, you are allowed to fulfil these requirements
- - In any case – if a company is interested in you and can prove that there are no German applicants for the position with a similar qualification, you can usually get a work permit



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Dual Programmes – studying with an internship

- Studying + (intensified) practical experience in a company
- For practically oriented students
- Integrated studying + apprenticeship vs. studying for fully employed persons vs. full-time studies with integrated internships
- Alternating months or days
- Application either through a university or via a company
- Often in fields which were traditionally NOT considered to be part of universities or other fields of academic education e.g. social care.
- Programmes offered usually through Universities of Applied Science
- Enables a smooth career start, often accompanied by a company salary
- Continuing theoretical studies at a later stage is more difficult
- Information at Higher Education Compass -
<https://www.hochschulkompass.de/en/study-in-germany.html>



Application tips

- Contact companies which you are interested in - explain your interest and apply (just like German students would)
- Be open-minded, active and alert! Sign up to email alerts.
- Solid knowledge of German improves your chances considerably.
- BE CAREFUL with private agencies – some of them are serious and reliable, others are not. In any case – they will charge you A LOT OF MONEY!
- State services (such as by DAAD) are free of charge!



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