

Scholarship information

Requirements for international applicants

- academic qualification: at least first exam in theology/Bachelor or equivalent
- German knowledge of at least B1-level when applying, and at least B2-level when commencing studies
- church and academic recommendations
- applicants must not have lived in Germany for more than 15 months at the time of the application
- following the completion of the scholarship, applicants intend to return to their country of origin

In order to gain sufficient knowledge of German, those interested can apply with the scholarship department for a German language course at the Protestant-Theological Faculty in Sibiu (Hermannstadt/Romania).

Requirements for applicants from Germany

- academic qualification: at least intermediate exam in theology or Bachelor
- church and academic recommendations
- proven good knowledge of the language of the host country

Applicants may not be older than 35 years.

What do the scholarships offer

The scholarships are granted for one year with the option to extend it. No scholarships are awarded for basic studies or for a full degree in Protestant theology. International students receive a full scholarship; students from Germany can receive a partial scholarship for their time abroad.



The scholars come from more than 20 countries worldwide.

Dates

The application deadline is on **1st January** each year.

The courses begin in the winter semester. The scholarships are awarded by Bread for the World's Theological Scholarship Committee or the GNC/LWF Scholarship Committee.

Further information

Bread for the World scholarship programmes

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About us

Bread for the World – Protestant Development Service is the globally active relief and development agency of the Protestant regional and free churches and their Diakonie in Germany. It provides various means for building capacity and supporting churches, church-related and secular partner organisations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Therefore, we also grant theological and development-related scholarships for individuals or groups as well as scholarship funds worldwide.

The German National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation (GNC/LWF) is the joint representation of the eleven German member churches of the Lutheran World Federation. Its scholarship programme serves the Lutheran world community and its member churches.

The theological and church-related scholarship programmes of Bread for the World and the GNC/LWF are organised in the joint scholarship department of Bread for the World.

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Theological and church-related scholarships

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Shaping ecumenism. Strengthening churches. Promoting people.



Shaping ecumenism – strengthening churches

In the field of church-related and theological scholarships Bread for the World and the German National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation award some 120 scholarships every year. By supporting studies, relevant research as well as language training we:

- encourage further theological and intercultural exchange worldwide
- help forming ecumenical, church-related and academic networks
- qualify members of staff in the field.

The scholarship holders come from all over the world, mainly Eastern Europe. German theologians who wish to study abroad can also apply for funds.

Promoting people

The sponsorship schemes offer the chance to study, network and qualify in a culturally, confessionally and academically new environment. The programmes include:

- seminars with either a church-related and theological focus and/or an emphasis on development and developmental policies (included in the co-curricular programme for scholarship holders STIPE)
- admission to events and networks of the institutions participating in the programme
- close supervision provided by the theological and church-related scholarship team.

The scholarship programmes are financed by the German Federal Foreign Office, the German National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation, Churches helping Churches, Evangelical Mission in Solidarity as well as the Evangelical regional churches in Germany.



A total of 120 students receive a scholarship every year.

Programmes with a denominational aspect

Scholarship programme for member churches of the World Council of Churches (WCC)

The programme allows German and international theology students as well as graduates from reformed, united or free churches (members of the WCC) to pursue studies in Germany or abroad. It primarily focuses on exchanging Christians from different backgrounds and church traditions as well as on their academic qualification.

Scholarship programme of the German National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation (GNC/LWF)

The German National Committee of the Lutheran World Federation promotes the theological exchange between member churches of the Lutheran World Federation as well as the qualification of its employees, i.e. through study and research trips abroad. The programme supports German and international students as well as graduates in theology and other related fields of study who are affiliated with a church that is a member of the Lutheran World Federation.

Scholarship programme supporting Oriental-Orthodox and Orthodox theologians

It is the aim of the programme to enable international Orthodox theologians to gain an insight into Protestant theology, church life and the structures of the Protestant Church in Germany. Thus, ecumenical relationships and existing partnerships shall be strengthened, theological dialogue enhanced and networking with the Orthodox churches shall be encouraged.

Programmes with an inter-denominational aspect

Special programme (financed by the German Federal Foreign Office)

Special programme scholarships are awarded to international students engaged in studies that are especially relevant for their churches and civil society. It is the programme's aim to qualify employees of Protestant and Orthodox churches, church-related organisations and partner organisations of Bread for the World, mainly in Eastern Europe. It serves to develop and strengthen

structures of churches and civil society. The programme mainly promotes the field of Diakonie and social work, linguistics, pedagogy, church music, public relations and administrative sciences.

Funding line for theological doctorates

Since 2015 Bread for the World has been granting scholarships for doctoral candidates in theology who wish to study in Germany. With the aim to improve theological research and education, the programme is intended for international applicants from Protestant and Orthodox churches. The scholarships are provided on application of a partner church or partner organisation.

Short programme

With its short programme Bread for the World also supports study trips for international scientists and scholars researching in Germany. Their stays may last up to three months. Subsidies for carrying out ecumenical conferences can also be applied for.



During their scholarship the students regularly meet for seminars and workshops.