

## Deutschlandstipendium - Call for applications for the wintersemester 2026/27

Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences will be awarding Deutschlandstipendium scholarships for the winter semester 2026/27. These scholarships are intended to support particularly talented and capable students.

It is expected that 39 scholarships can be awarded in the winter semester 2026. Depending on the applications received, the scholarships will be awarded to students on Bachelor's and Master's degree courses or to applicants. It should be noted that existing scholarship holders will continue to receive funding ex officio if the requirements are met.

### Eligibility

The following are eligible to apply:

- Students in Bachelor's and Master's degree programs who are enrolled at Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences at the start of the grant period.
- Applicants who will begin their studies at Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences in the winter semester 2026.

Scholarships are awarded regardless of age, nationality, number of semesters and whether it is a first or second degree course. Scholarships are awarded irrespective of income and can be combined with BAföG funding.

Applications are possible for the course of study in which enrolment has taken place/applied for. Students in Bachelor's and Master's degree programs who are or will be enrolled at Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences at the beginning of the grant period are eligible for funding.

The Deutschlandstipendium scholarships of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences are awarded in accordance with the provisions of the Scholarship Program Act, the Scholarship Program Ordinance and the guidelines for the application and selection procedure within the framework of the national scholarship program of Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences. A selection committee decides on the awarding of scholarships. Applicants will receive written notification of the decision on their application.

The amount of the scholarship is 300 euros per month and is paid out monthly as a non-repayable grant. The scholarships are granted for one year at a time. The funding period begins on October 1 of each year.

### Application

Students and prospective students interested in a Deutschlandstipendium can submit their applications from **1 April to 15 May 2026 (cut-off deadline)** by e-mail to the following address:

[deutschlandstipendium@hs-schmalkalden.de](mailto:deutschlandstipendium@hs-schmalkalden.de)

Any applications that are not submitted in time and in due form cannot be considered. Applicants have no legal claim on a scholarship.

The following supporting documents must be enclosed in one PDF document:

- letter of application
- curriculum vitae in tabular form
- certificate of student status or admission letter (if the applicant is yet to be enrolled)
- university entrance qualification (e.g. copy of a secondary school leaving certificate or equivalent); if the qualification was obtained outside of Germany: a German translation of the certificate and conversion of the grades into the German grading system
- if applicable, certificates of previously obtained higher education degrees
- if applicable, proof of completed academic work
- if applicable, work or internship certificates and proof of additional skills and competencies and/or other voluntary work or commitment

### **Selection committee**

The selection decisions to be made by the Executive Committee are prepared by a selection committee. The members of this committee with voting rights are

1. the members of the Central Study Commission,
2. the Equal Opportunities Officer of the university.

The selection committee may consult with other expert members of the university. It may also decide to allow representatives of private sponsors to participate in an advisory capacity.

### **Approval period and funding duration**

Scholarships are initially awarded for an approval period of two semesters. An extension is granted if the requirements are met.

The maximum funding period corresponds to the standard period of study for the respective subject. If the duration of studies is extended for serious reasons, such as a disability, pregnancy, the care and upbringing of a child or a study-related stay abroad, the maximum funding period can be extended.

### **Exclusion of double funding**

A Deutschlandstipendium will not be awarded if the student receives material support based on talent and performance from one of the measures or institutions listed in

§ 1 (3) of the Scholarship Act or by another domestic or foreign institution. This does not apply if the sum of this support per semester for which the support was granted is less than a monthly average of 30 euros.

### **Termination of the scholarship**

The scholarship ends at the end of the month in which the scholarship holder has completed the last examination, has discontinued their studies, has changed their field of study or is exmatriculated.

If the scholarship holder changes universities during the approval period, the scholarship ends at the end of the semester for which the scholarship continues to be paid.

**Duty to cooperate**

In accordance with §10 StipG, scholarship holders are obliged to immediately report any changes in their circumstances that are relevant to the approval of the scholarship.