

# Studienstiftung des Abgeordnetenhauses von Berlin

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Ladies and gentlemen,

The Studienstiftung des Abgeordnetenhauses von Berlin (Study Foundation of the Berlin Parliament) sponsors a scholarship program that aims at supporting young scholars of all fields, especially the humanities and social sciences. The program is directed to applicants from the United States of America, Great Britain, France and the countries succeeding from the former Soviet Union. The applicants should be working on projects concerned with Berlin, German or German-international questions or should want to use research facilities in Berlin. The scholarship cannot be extended and should be used to advance academic education at a Berlin institution of higher education.

The scholarship recipients oblige themselves to present a letter of reference of their Berlin academic supervisor to the board of the Studienstiftung after the first six months of their stay in Berlin as well as a final report about the results of their research work in the end of their stay in Berlin. Moreover, a seminar will be held in the end of each academic term. During these seminars the scholarship recipients have to present the results of their research work to the board of the Studienstiftung that will assess the performance of each fellow and decide on the continuation of the scholarship after the winter semester.

Undergraduate and graduate students receive EUR 770 per month; scholars who have already obtained a doctoral degree receive EUR 1,300 per month. In addition, the scholarship covers the lowest possible travel costs to and from Berlin for recipients not already situated in Berlin. Free lodging in the Internationales Studienzentrum Berlin (ISB) is another component of the scholarship program. This modern hostel offers not only an international atmosphere and help in all aspects of living in Berlin, but also a cultural and political program with lectures and excursions.

The selection of scholarship recipients is undertaken by a committee whose members come from the three largest Berlin universities – the Free University, the Humboldt University and the Technical University.

A prerequisite for applying is that the candidate must have outstanding academic qualifications. As a rule, the maximum age is 35 years for postdocs and 25 years for students who have not yet obtained a first academic degree (Bachelor).

The following documents must be submitted:

- application form (in German)
- Curriculum vitae (in German)
- detailed plan of the study or research project (in German)
- letter of a professor of a Berlin institution of higher education or a Berlin research institution stating that he/she is willing to supervise the applicant during the stay in Berlin (copy of the correspondence)
- two letters of recommendation that inform about the applicant's academic qualifications
- transcripts and diplomas of the institution of secondary education/school leaving certificate (copies)
- all university transcripts and grades (copies)
- diploma or university graduation transcript with the final grade (copy)
- proof of German language knowledge.

The application deadline is **December 15, 2010**.

The scholarship will begin on October 1, 2011 and end on September 30, 2012.