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Scholarships Exemptions and waiver options for international students

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This is a short and inexhaustive overview.

This information is not legally binding.





Scholarships, exemptions and fee waiver opportunities for international students

- 1. Information on semester fees and tuition fees
- 2. Overview of funding opportunities
 - a. Scholarships
 - b. Fee exemptions
 - c. Fee waivers
 - d. Waiver scholarships



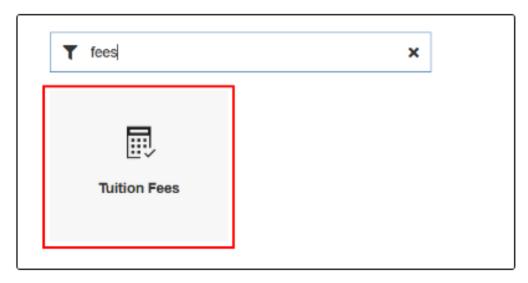
- All student must pay semester fees (currently EUR 85) for Munich
- For many programs tuition fees are charged for international students from Non-EU countries,
- The fee pass on the TUM website <u>Tuition fees for students from non-EU countries TUM</u> can be used to view the fees for the desired degree program
- Deadline:
 - for first-time enrollment for the summer semester is March 15, for the winter semester September 15.
 - for re-enrollment for the summer semester is February 15, for the winter semester August 15.



1. Log in to TUMonline

Please log in to TUMonline.

Click on the "Tuition Fees" application.

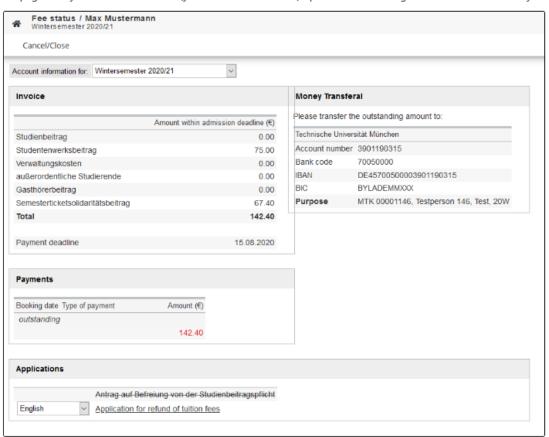


Screenshot: Application "Tuition Fees"



2. View your tuition fee status

The page with your tuition fee details (your tuition fee account) opens. You can change the semester for which you want to view the tuition fee status.





- TUM offers a few scholarships as subsidy for your studies

While the application deadlines for the WiSe 2025/2026 have passed, there are more opportunities to apply for scholarships, exemptions and fee waivers for future semesters. We will introduce the options



2. Overview of funding opportunities

- a. Scholarships
- b. Fee exemptions
- c. Fee waivers
- d. Waiver scholarships





2.a. Scholarships at TUM

- Scholarship for International Students at TUM
- Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Books & Learning Materials
- Deutschlandstipendium National Scholarship Program
- Other Scholarships



2.a Scholarship for International Students at TUM

- Who can apply?
- International students (EU and Non-EU)
 Students from developing countries are given special consideration
- Bachelor students after the completion of 2 semesters at TUM
- Master students after the completion of 1 semester at TUM
- Master students, who completed the bachelor degree at TUM can apply in the 1st semester of their master's studies



2.a Scholarship for International Students at TUM

- Amount of Funding
- One-time financial aid between € 500 to € 1,800 per semester
- A Re-Application every semester is allowed
- Requirements
- Good academic record
- Proven need (income of parents and student) according to the BaföG
- Next application period
 October 1 to 15, 2025 for winter semester
 April 2026 for summer semester





2.a Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Books & Learning Materials

- What will be funded?
- Acquisition of books & learning materials that are essential for your study program
- Every qualified applicant is supported once during her/his studies.
- Amount of Funding
 One-time payment up to

One-time payment up to € 500



2.a Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Books & Learning Materials

- Who can apply?
- All Students who have completed at least two semesters at TUM
- Requirements
- Good academic performance
- Proven need (income of parents and student) according to BaföG
- The professor has to sign that the purchase is necessary
- Next application period

October 1 to 15, 2025 for winter semester 25 April 2026 for summer semester 26



2.a. Deutschlandstipendium National Scholarship Program

- Who can apply?
- All Students

Amount of Funding

€ 300 per month (supported by the government with 150€ and a sponsor with € 150) The duration of a full scholarship is 12 months (October – September).

- Relevant criteria
- Good academic record
- Outstanding voluntary commitment in Society or University
- Overcoming difficult life circumstances

Next application period

Summer Semester 2026



2.a Deutschlandstipendium National Scholarship Program

Building up a network for the future

- Sponsors can support specific fields of study 2/3 of the scholarships are designated for a School or institution.
- Scholarship recipients have the chance for exclusive contacts with supporting companies.
- The scholarship holders also built a network among themselves in the past.

Current figures

Around 800-900 recipients at TUM

www.tum.de/deutschlandstipendium



2.a Other Scholarships

Occasionally, additional scholarships may be available, that are administered by TUM CST Fees and Scholarships.
Please visit our website.

https://www.tum.de/en/studies/fees-and-financial-aid/scholarships/tum-scholarships



2.a Other Scholarships

Numerous other institutions award scholarships and prizes or hold competitions for students. The following online services Provide a overview of funding opportunities.

www.tum.de/en/studies/fees-and-financial-aid/scholarships/other-scholarships

www.stipendiumplus.de

www.mystipendium.de

https://www.studierendenwerk-muenchen-oberbayern.de/en/financing/





2.b Tuition Fee Exemptions

- Exemption due to established domestic connection
 for students that are entitled to educational support according to BAföG §8
- Exemption due to a disability that severely affects your studies
- Exemption for asylum seekers who are nationals of a country with a special protection quota

The exemptions must be applied for using an online form

More information on the fee exemptions and application deadlines can be found on the TUM website at Scholarships and waivers for international students - TUM



2.c Tuition Fee Waivers

Care-provision waiver

- Personal care for own children or relatives
- If the care jeopardizes the completion of studies

Financial-hardship waiver:

 Unforeseen financial difficulties through no fault of own after the start of studies that result in inability to pay the tuition fees for international students

Waiver due to other personal or social reasons:

- Legitimate resicence in Germany as a war refugee
- Other cases of hardship

The waivers must be applied for using an online form.

The application deadlines for waivers for summer semester is November 15 to November 30.

More information on the fee waivers and application deadlines can be found on the TUM website at Scholarships and waivers for international students - TUM



2.d Waiver Scholarships

Merit based waiver scholarship

- Type and scope of funding
- Application procedure
- Required documents
- Award decision



Need based waiver scholarship



2.d Merit-based waiver scholarship-Type and scope of funding

Type of funding:

- Waiver of tuition fees for international students
- The semester fee for student union is not waived

Scope of funding:

- The duration of approval is two semesters
- Reapplication is possible



2.d Required documents

Merit-based waiver scholarships from the 1st semester:

Your current ranking from your home university

The ranking must not be older than 6 months and must contain the following information:

- o Name of the university of origin
- o Address of the university of origin
- o Contact details of the confirming body
- o Name of the responsible person at the university of origin
- o Name and birth date of the person ranked
- o Your Ranking position as a percentage of performance within your cohort
- o Definition of the cohort (which degree program/field of study was ranked)
- o Date of issue
- o Verification:

A qualified electronic signature and a qualified electronic seal

OR

Ink stamp of the university of origin AND Wet signature of the responsible person at the university of origin, in this case the original ranking document and the translation must be sent in physical form.

In addition, a corresponding transcript of records must be uploaded.



2.d Required documents

Merit-based waiver scholarships from the 3rd semester:

- TUM Transcript of records
- If applicable, details regarding the founding of a start-up with supporting letter of the supervisor and UnternehmerTUM



2.d Application procedure

- The relevant data must be entered onto the online application form
- Documents must be uploaded with certified translations by a sworn translator (in German or English) in the correct fields
- Documents must show inabiguosly the relevant information and must be issued by the corresponding institution
- Self-made documents will not suffice



2.d Application procedure

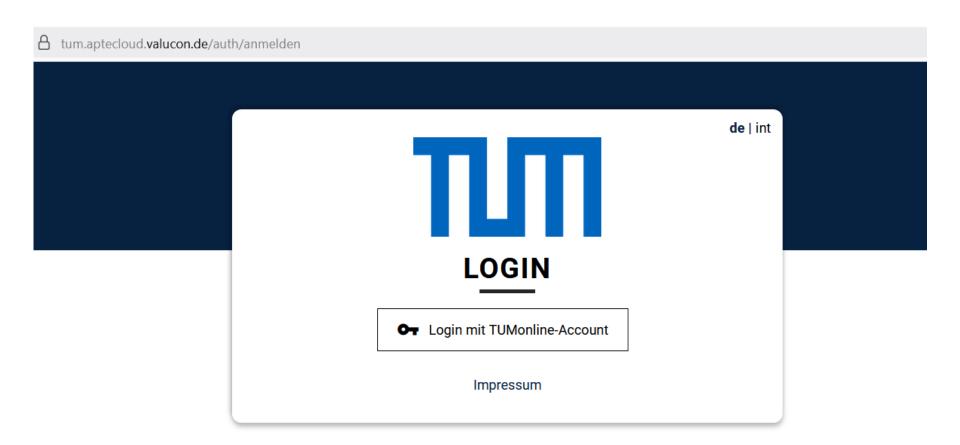
Application deadlines

Merit-based waiver scholarships for newly enrolled students between November 1, 2025 and January 15, 2026 for summer semester 2026

Merit-based waiver scholarships from the 3rd semester between November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025 for summer semester 2026



2.d Application procedure





2.d Award decision

Master's students (1st semester) who are among the top 5% in the ranking of their home university

People in the top ranks are offered a waiver scholarship

Re-application from the 3rd semester

- Performance calculation based on the grades and credits achieved to date in conjunction with the semester of study
- The founding of start-ups is taken into account
- Those with the highest performance will be offered a waiver scholarship



2.d Award decision

- •The award decision is made available via the online portal where you apply for the waiver scholarship.
- •The approval for the waiver scholarship **must be accepted** by the student **within two weeks** in the online form.





Further Questions

If you have any questions now, please ask us in the chat section.

You can also contact:

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