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# FUNDING, SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS AND PART-TIME JOBS

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## **Scholarships, a rare species in Germany**

Education was, and still is in most parts of Germany, free, and therefore a scholarship system like in many other countries does not exist.

However, a few scholarships are available...



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## Scholarships of external donors

Scholarship database of the DAAD, includes scholarships by other donors as well (private, political or religious foundations, scholarships by companies...)

In most cases knowledge of the German language and good grades, often also social engagement, are required.

### **Reality check:**

I only heard of a few students who received the KAAD scholarship for the second year of their studies. I never heard of anyone receiving any of the other scholarships listed there.

Application for a scholarship at KAAD is only possible through the university chaplaincy. For further information contact Sr. Marie-Pasquale at the ÖHG.



## Scholarships specifically for Hohenheim students in the second year of studies

- [STIBET Scholarship](#) for international students, who are already working on their thesis (€ 1.000). Usually application deadlines on 15 March and 15 September.
- [Deutschland Stipendium](#)  
Application usually in June/July – € 300 /per month for the period of one year
- **Gert-Volker-Dill Foundation** (no website)  
Application open once per year (usually June/July), will be announced through coordinators – € 300 /per month for the period of one year



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## Scholarships specifically for Crop Sciences and AgEcon students:

Ferdinand-von-Lochow-Scholarship by KWS

- [KWS Ferdinand-von-Lochow Scholarship](#)  
€ 500 per month over 12 months, including approx. 2.5 months internship preferably abroad at one of the KWS grain locations.



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## Funding for thesis projects



Funding for final theses of the [Landwirtschaftlicher Rentenverein e.V.](#)  
(€ 500)

For any thesis in the area of agricultural sciences, motivation letter and proposal have to be submitted in German language, but the thesis can be written in English.



## Funding for thesis projects abroad

- [Fiat Panis-Foundation](#)

For Master's theses in **developing and emerging countries** of the South in order to contribute to the fight against poverty and/or hunger or its impact.

- [Helmut Aurenz scholarship](#)

For a research stay in another **European** country,  
application deadline 31 March every year

- [Herzog-Carl-scholarship](#)

For a research stay abroad, application deadline 31 March every year



## Funding for internships and / or thesis projects abroad

- [STUBE BPSA](#) - Scholarship for career-oriented placements and study periods in the home country of the applicant.  
It is required to have participated in two STUBE seminars and the BPSA preparatory seminar to be eligible for this scholarship.
- For Crop Sciences students:  
[Jeff Schell Fellowship](#) for Agricultural Science  
Funding for international placements or research activities, up to € 10.000





# Funding for internships and / or thesis projects abroad

- **PROMOS Scholarship**

For stays abroad (internships and/or data collection for the thesis) in Non-EU countries of at least 4 weeks. Application deadline 31 May.

- **Erasmus+ scholarship for internships**

For stays abroad (internships that may include data collection for the thesis) in EU countries.



## Funding for internships and / or thesis projects abroad



- [ATSAF Junior Scientists Program](#)

ATSAF (Council for Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural Research) offers funding for or 6 months internship including the thesis project at one of the CGIAR centers worldwide.

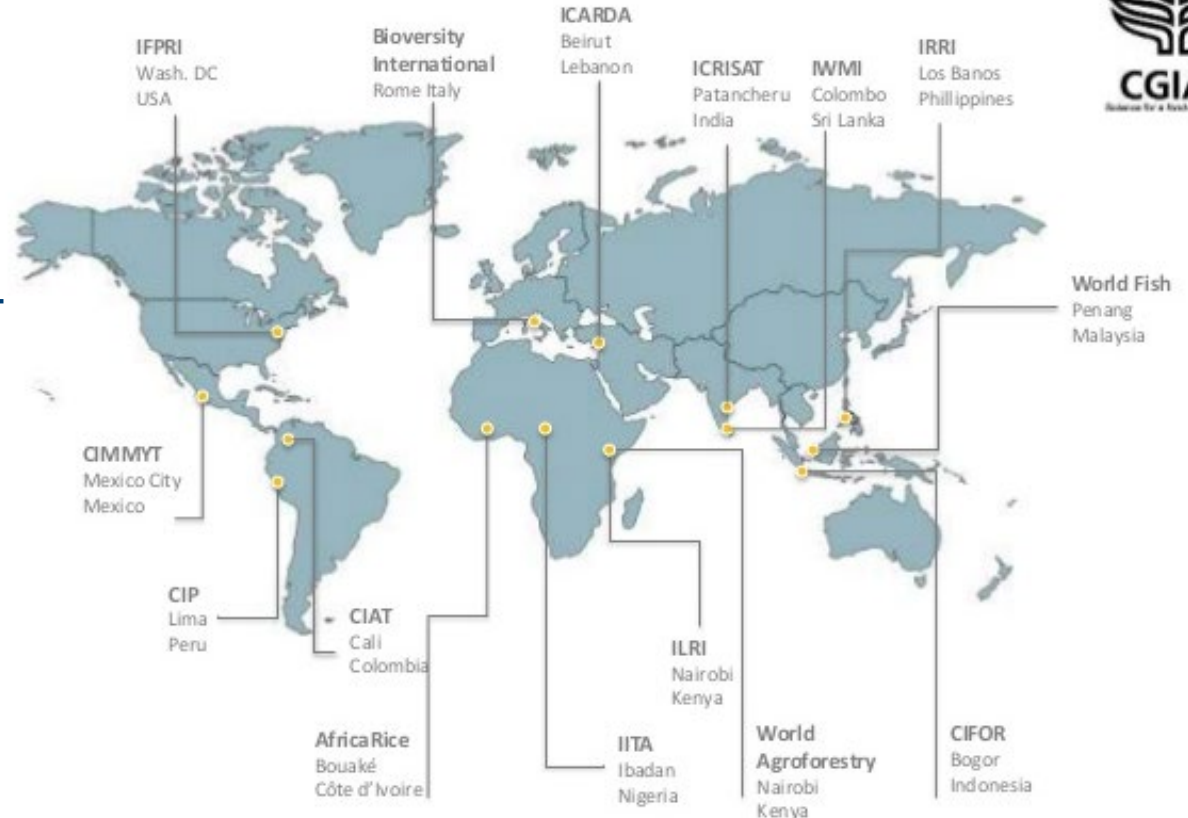
Students have to establish the contact with a [CGIAR](#) center (CIP, CIMMYT, IFPRI, ILRI, IITA, ICRISAT, etc.) and need to be accepted for the internship before they can apply. However, Hohenheim professors can help with this.



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# CGIAR

Consultative Group  
on International  
Agricultural Research





# Awards for excellent theses or outstanding performance

- [Bioeconomy Award](#)  
For an innovative concept for a research project in a subject area of the bioeconomy. Self nomination is possible.
- [DAAD Prize for the best foreign student](#)  
Nomination through a professor.
- And many others... check [here](#)



## How to find a student job?

**First prerequisite:** Have a **valid visa/ residence permit!** A work contract can only be issued as long as your visa / residence permit is valid!

## How to find a “Hiwi” (assistant researcher) job?

- Job offers on the University's [website](#) (are mostly in German)
- Announcement by email through the coordinators
- Talk to professors or post-docs
- Send an application to the department you want to work at



## How to apply for a “Hiwi” job?

If you are applying without a specific job opening...

- Send your CV and your current transcript of records, as well as your Bachelor's grades
- Explain why you want to work with this specific team
- Point out why you are qualified to work with them, if applicable, send additional proofs / certificates of your qualification and experiences
- Don't send generic application emails!



## How to find a job outside university?

Ask your seniors!

There are a lot of jobs in restaurants, delivery services, Breuninger, Primark, Messe...

- Zeitarbeit (temping agencies)
- Arbeitsagentur (job agency) has a [database for Mini Jobs](#)

Non-EU students: Keep in mind that you are only allowed to work 120 full days or 240 part-time days per year!



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## What to do in case of a financial crisis?

If a financial crisis occurs due to unforeseen circumstances (illness, loss of a parent, etc.) and you don't know anymore how to handle the situation you can contact the ecumenical church community [ÖHG](#) and apply for financial support.

The circumstances have to be proven.





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## Internships

- Additional qualification
- Practical experience
- Door opener for a “real” job

### **But**

- Often German knowledge is required!
- Requires your initiative



## Internships – how to get them?

- Check databases on the website of the [Career Center Hoheneim](#) (JobTeaser has offers specifically directed at Hohenheim students)
- Join the job fairs of the Career Center (in May/June “[Life Science Fair](#)”) Check the companies and organizations who present themselves and send an unsolicited application)
- Benefit from the services of the [Career Center](#) (workshops on CV and cover letters for applications, preparations for job interviews,...)
- Join the 3-day workshop on how to enter the job market in September organized by myself (for second year students, invitation by email)



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# Internships – how to get them?

## Networking is key!

- Ask your professors
- Check our alumni websites and contact alumni to ask for internship opportunities (e.g. [AgEcon alumni](#))
- Join our LinkedIn group [AgriAlumniNet](#) and have a professional LinkedIn profile
- Join our alumni talks for inspiration



## Internships – Success Stories



**Dr. Baba Adam**  
**Ghana**

Graduate of 2015  
Employer: Fairtrade  
International  
Position: Impact Portfolio  
Manager  
Contact: baba.adam3(at)  
gmail.com



**Sharon Mayienga**  
**Kenya**

Graduate of 2019  
Employer: UN FAO  
Position: Economist /  
Statistician - Food Losses  
Contact: masakhwe2012  
(at)gmail.com



**Kayode Anidi**  
**Nigeria**

Graduate of 2019  
Employer: FAO Rome  
Position: Statistician  
Contact: kyd.caleb(at)  
gmail.com



**Modupe Oluokun**  
**Nigeria**

Graduate of 2021  
Employer: GIZ Bonn  
Position: Junior Advisor,  
Digital Global  
Transformation  
Contact: checkmodupe  
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## Any questions?

Thank you for your attention and good luck for your studies!

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