

Call for applications

Frankfurt School was one of the very first German universities to engage with the Deutschlandstipendium federal scholarship programme, right at the start. Now a new batch of scholarships is due to be awarded for the **2026/2027 academic year**. The number of scholarships per university is subject to an annual quota. This is set by the government based on the number of students enrolled at each university.

In award year 2026/27, Frankfurt School expects to be able to award **45 new scholarships to students on all academic programmes (except for the doctoral programme)**. Frankfurt School has always made strenuous efforts to encourage diversity. In view of this high priority, the business school encourages **women and students from immigrant backgrounds* in particular** to apply for Deutschlandstipendium scholarships.

Applications are open to anyone who fulfils the admission requirements for a Bachelor's or Master's degree course at Frankfurt School and is due to embark on such a course at Frankfurt School in the 2026/27 winter semester (i.e. has already returned the countersigned study contract to Frankfurt School) or is already enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's programme at Frankfurt School.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of a selection procedure conducted by Frankfurt School. The selection procedure is based on the selection criteria laid down in Deutschlandstipendium Programme Act and the associated Scholarship Programme Regulation. Both law and regulation can be consulted at www.deutschlandstipendium.de.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of talent and performance. In addition to academic achievements and personal development to date, a student's social commitment, willingness to assume responsibility, or particular social, family or personal circumstances – associated, for example, with family origins or an immigrant background – are also taken into account.

The scholarship is paid out in an amount of **300 euros per month** and is awarded as a (non-repayable) grant. Payment is conditional upon the scholarship holder being enrolled at Frankfurt School.

Timeframe for submitting applications: May 4 to June 11, 2026 (02:00 p.m. CEST)

Applications that are not submitted by the deadline or in the correct form will not be taken into consideration.

Scholarship holders will be **selected by July 31, 2026 at the latest** by a Frankfurt School commission comprised of the Educational Advisor, the Undergraduate Studies Programme Director, a representative of the faculty, a representative of the business school's alumni, and a representative of the student body.

For the awarding of the **Deutschlandstipendium**, the following evaluation system is applied:

* Persons from immigrant backgrounds are defined as all those who immigrated to the present-day territory of the Federal Republic of Germany after 1949, all foreigners born in Germany, and all those German nationals born in Germany with at least one parent who immigrated after 1949 or was born in Germany as a foreigner.

1) Academic Performance Criterion:

For first-year students: average grades from either school achievements or a first degree and assessment center (AC) results; for continuing students: academic performance during studies (ToR at Frankfurt School)

The maximum score is **10 points**.

2) Subject-Specific Excellence:

Particular indicators of excellence in the CV are evaluated, such as any special achievements, awards or prizes, previous professional activity, time spent abroad, language certificates, interesting internships, etc.

The maximum score is **5 points**.

3) Additional Criteria (according to the wording of the Scholarship Act):

Extracurricular and non-academic engagement; voluntary work; social, societal, university-political or political engagement; participation in religious communities, associations or clubs; special personal or family circumstances such as illness or disability, caring for one's own children—particularly as a single parent—or caring for close relatives in need of care; involvement in a family business; family background; or a migration background.

The maximum score is **5 points**.

4) Written Task (Essay):

The maximum score is **5 points**.

TOPIC: Integrity in practice: How my background reflects the values of the Frankfurt School

The maximum achievable score is 25 points.

If applicants achieve the same score, the commission determines the exact ranking based on the available diversity criteria (1), the evaluation of academic performance (2) and the essay (3).

The application process for both prospective and current students is carried out via an online platform, which is available in either German or English. Relevant links to the online platform can be found on both the German and English versions of the scholarship page on the Frankfurt School website.

As part of your application on the online platform, you are also required to upload two PDF files:

1) A file containing your essay on the specified topic, named as follows:

[Last Name First Name]_FS-DStip_Essay 2026.pdf

for example: **Smith Emily_FS-DStip_Essay 2026.pdf**

2) A file (max. 10 MB and 15 pages) containing additional documents (CV, transcripts, certificates, etc.), named as follows:

[Last Name First Name]_FS-DStip_Documents 2026.pdf

for example: **Smith Emily_FS-DStip_Documents 2026.pdf**

Please follow the specified file naming formats exactly: when naming your application files, do not use square brackets. Make sure to list your last name before your first name and use underscores correctly. This is essential to ensure that your application files can be properly sorted alphabetically.

The scholarship will not be set off against any BAföG grant payments you may be receiving.

Deutschlandstipendium scholarships will **not** be awarded to students who are already in receipt of performance-related funding from another institution or institutions (e.g. scholarships from organisations for supporting talented students such as Studienstiftung, Stiftung der deutschen Wirtschaft etc.), or in receipt of a scholarship from one of the Frankfurt School scholarship programmes that waive 50% or more of the student's tuition fees (including the Klaus-Peter Müller Scholarship and the ARDIAN Scholarship).

The scholarship is awarded for two semesters (12-month award period). The scholarship amount is generally transferred monthly around the middle of the month, starting on September 15. A bank account in Germany or another EU country is required for payment.

The funding period extends **from September 2026 to August 2027**.

The scholarship is initially awarded for two semesters (funding period), but may be extended if the student demonstrates good academic performance.

Students have no legal or statutory claim or entitlement to a Deutschlandstipendium scholarship.