

Tendering for Scholarships 2025/2026

We would like to invite students from your church from the **1st of September 2025 to the 31st of July 2026** for a scholarship. The applicants should be progressed into the second half of their theological studies and will do one academic year (winter session 2025/2026 and summer session 2026) in Leipzig.

If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places, we reserve the right to make a choice. This concerns to the place of study as well.

Application forms are available at the administration of the churches, at the theological seminaries and on the web <https://www.gustav-adolf-werk.de/stipendien.html>

IMPORTANT: The application for a GAW scholarship and the subsequent application for a place at university are two separate processes!

Scholarship advisor Johanna Scheithauer offers ZOOM information events in advance of the application for a place at the university.

Please submit your application in German (or English alternatively).

The application needs to be send **through the direction of the particular partner** church of the Gustav-Adolf-Werk e.V. and has to include:

1. Written application (application form)
2. Curriculum vitae with photo
3. Reference of the direction of the church
4. Two academic references (only for students)
5. Description of the academic carrier
6. Study proofs and certificates such as credit points or others
IMPORTANT: We absolutely need these as a certified translation (by a sworn interpreter) in German or English. The certified copies have to present here in the original.
7. Report about diaconal, pedagogic and ecclesiastical experiences
8. Reasons for the choice of the study in general and for the application on the
9. German certificate, **at least B1 (better B2)**
The authenticated certificate must issue by a recognised institution (e.g. Goethe Institute) or by the respective language school and must include the number of lessons completed, the content of the lessons and the degree/level achieved.
We expressly point out that the language level must be B1 at the time of arrival. Without this enrolment at the university will NOT take place!

The complete application needs to be send through the administration of the church until the **31st of January 2025** to the following address by E-Mail: klimasch@gustav-adolf-werk.de

Then it will not get lost in the post, is here timely and we see whether the documents are complete.

Applications, which are late or incomplete, cannot be consider. We will inform you by email letter if the admission committee has accepted your application and will consider it. The board makes the decision in his meeting in June 2025.

Grants:

1. A grant of 655 € per month (after rent deduction 460 € are at private disposal)
2. Health insurance if necessary
3. Liability insurance
4. Grant for books (up to 100 € for each scholar for the whole academic year)
5. Refund of the travel expenses concerning arrival and return journey (We refund expenses for public transport only.)
6. Admission fee
7. Student ticket

In **September 2025** an immersion course in German takes place to prepare the scholars for their studies. The course is adapted to theological purposes. **Participation is obligatory.**

In Leipzig, our scholarship holders live in the student rooms in our house. They attend lectures and seminars at the Faculty of Theology and take part in GAW courses. Furthermore, they are integrate into a church community in Leipzig during their stay and a four-week church internship in our regional groups is obligatory during the semester holidays. The students will be accompanies by the scholarship supervisor of our organisation, Ms Johanna Scheithauer.

Please note!

During their academic stay in Germany our scholars should not have any commitments or obligations concerning their study in their home countries. The scholars are obliged to spend their semester break (February/March 2026) in Germany.

Do you need further information or do you have any questions please contact:

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