

Frequently Asked Questions – Graduation Grants

Am I considered an international student?

The graduation grants are addressed to foreign students who are considered so-called “Bildungsausländer” (international students who have received their entry qualification of access to higher education in a country other than Germany).

I am a doctoral candidate/PhD student. May I apply?

No. Our announcement is addressed to international degree seeking students exclusively. Doctoral candidates/PhD students may get more information regarding their financing at the [Research School](#).

I am an exchange student. May I apply?

No. Our announcement is addressed exclusively to international degree seeking students, who will spend their entire study programme at RUB and graduate here.

I am in my first semester. May I apply?

No. Our announcement is addressed exclusively to international degree seeking students, who will graduate until October (inclusive; application round summer) or April (inclusive; application round winter).

I will not remain at RUB during the scholarship period. May I still apply?

Yes, you can also apply if you are writing your thesis in an external company. However, if you are paid for your work, you cannot apply.

I will probably not finish my degree before October – meaning winter term. May I apply for grants for the summer term instead?

Yes. Degrees that are scheduled later than October are included in the next application round in winter. The applications may usually be submitted in September/October.

I will probably not finish my degree before April – meaning summer term. May I apply for grants for the winter term instead?

Yes. Degrees that are scheduled later than April are included in the next application round in summer. The applications may usually be submitted in March/April.

Will the graduation grants be offered every term?

Yes, as long as we receive the DAAD funding. The applications may usually be submitted in February/March and September/October.

I already applied for the last round but I was not selected. Unfortunately the planned date for my degree was delayed. May I apply again?

Yes.

I already applied for the last round and I was selected. Unfortunately the planned date for my degree was delayed. May I apply again?

Nein.

I already got a graduation grant for my Bachelor's degree. Now, I am close to finishing my Master's degree. May I apply again?

Yes.

May I apply for other scholarships at the same time?

Yes. If you want to apply or have already applied for scholarships from other organisations, you have to specify that in your application form.

I'm already getting another scholarship. Can I still apply?

Please ask your scholarship coordinator whether you may receive another scholarship at the same time. If you already receive a Deutschlandstipendium or another scholarship funded by the DAAD, you may not apply for the graduation grant.

I write my thesis at a company and get paid for it. Can I still apply?

No. The graduation grant is aimed at students who need financial support for their degree. You already receive money from the company.

Who may write the recommendation letter for me?

The recommendation letter should be written by a university lecturer of RUB. The academic title of the writer is not decisive in this regard. The recommendation letter should not be older than 3 months.

What kind of information should be mentioned in the recommendation letter?

Your university lecturer should indicate your academic performances and if possible your personal situation in Germany (e.g. social commitment etc.). The recommendation letter should not be older than 3 months.

What is the "Transcript of Records"?

The Transcript of Records is an overview of your academic grades during your current study programme. This transcript is available at your faculty.

What is the department's confirmation?

This is a confirmation from the Examination Office stating that you will be able to complete your studies in the respective semester. You can find the form on our homepage.

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