

Types of grants for exchange agreements

One of the main obstacles for students participating in exchange activities is usually the lack of financial resources available. The following list gives a short overview of funds as they are integrated into the exchange programs listed in the second part of the guide.

1. Tuition Waiver:

This is the most common form of financial support. The partner universities waive tuition fees for exchange students under the specific program. Visiting students usually get admitted as "non-degree students".

2. "DAAD-Teilstipendium":

This form of financial support is quite comprehensive and includes a flat rate for travel costs (usually about DM 2000), health insurance and a monthly allowance of about DM 600 to DM 800, all of which is paid in Germany. Students receiving this grant are expected to contribute about DM 600 per month themselves. Unless the partner universities agree on a tuition waiver, the grant covers the tuition fees as well, be they the usual fees for foreigners, reduced fees for out-of-province students or the regular fee for a student from that particular province.

3. "DAAD-Vollstipendium":

This type of grant is for graduate students only and includes a monthly allowance of about DM 1400 plus a special grant for the individual country.

4. "IAS-Stipendium":

The "IAS-Stipendium" usually includes a "DAAD-Teilstipendium", but access is normally restricted to a particular department or faculty that has taken the initiative to establish the exchange. Usually, these grants are unilateral, i.e. only students from German universities can apply for this grant, but sometimes, the "IAS-Stipendium" is connected with a "DAAD-Kontaktstipendium" which offers financial support for foreigners wishing to study in Germany.

5. "DAAD-Kontaktstipendium" for Foreign Students:

This grant is for foreign students and aims at facilitating their stay in Germany. Foreign students are invited by a German university and receive DM 400 to 940 (including support for accommodation) per month within the framework of this program. The grant, however, does not cover travel costs.

6. "Auslands-BAFöG" for German Students

Provided that the courses at the partner university can be integrated into the student's course work, and are accepted by the home university, the student may receive "Auslands-BAFöG" which includes the usual monthly allowance