

The Universität Stuttgart takes part in the Baden-Württemberg-Ontario exchange program which organizes the cooperation of nine universities in Baden-Württemberg and 18 universities in the province of Ontario. The overall organization is with Queen's University and with the Universität Konstanz. Within this province to province agreement, up to five students from either university can participate each year. The exchange program is designed for students and faculty.

Applicants should have second year standing (i.e. "Vordiplom" or "Zwischenprüfung") when leaving for Canada and are expected to have a good or excellent academic record and to have scored at least 550 points at the TOEFL Test. The German participants are selected by a committee of representatives of the Universität Stuttgart. Canadian students are selected by a similar committee. Both shortlists are then submitted to the central organizing bodies in Konstanz and Kingston which decide on the final list of participants. The participants receive the status of "visiting students" or "non-degree students", which excludes them from obtaining a degree at the host university. Credits (i.e. "Scheine") acquired at the host institution may be accepted by the home university.

The program includes a preparatory course at the Canadian university for German students and a free intensive language course in German for Canadian students in Heidelberg. In addition, the program covers a tuition waiver. Students assume transportation costs and living expenses, although German students can receive an allowance from the Land Baden-Württemberg towards their travel expenses.

The exchange program usually lasts one year and students in general remain enrolled at their home university. German students receive leave status for the time of the exchange.

There is an additional unilateral exchange program for students working on their final thesis ("Diplomarbeit" or "Examensarbeiten") or postgraduate students working on their Ph.D. (Dissertation). Within this scheme students can stay at a partner university in Ontario in order to do research in Ontario or at departments at universities in Ontario. The Land Baden-Württemberg financially supports these stays, which may last up to six months with a "Teilstipendium" which usually includes a flat rate for travel expenses and a monthly allowance.

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