

The Universität Mannheim participates in the Ontario-Baden-Württemberg exchange program that is organized and coordinated by the Universität Konstanz in Germany and Queen's University in Ontario. Within this cooperation scheme, there are 18 universities in Ontario and nine German universities from Baden-Württemberg which annually offer exchange opportunities for up to 50 students from either region. About five students come directly from the Universität Mannheim each year.

Access is limited to undergraduate students and students from the Departments of Law and Medicine usually cannot participate in the exchange program. The exchange program is open to faculty members as well.

Students are expected to have at least second year standing (i.e. "Vordiplom" or "Zwischenprüfung") when leaving for Canada. Applicants in Germany are screened and selected by a committee of representatives from the "Akademisches Auslandsamt", the English Department and the Canadian Resident Director. In Canada, the central managing board at Queen's University is responsible for the selection of the Canadian students.

The program includes a tuition waiver and German students who are not on the BAFÖG scheme can apply for a supportive grant for their travel expenses from the Land of Baden-Württemberg. Canadian students are offered a free one-month intensive language course in Heidelberg before they start their studies.

Students are admitted as non-degree students at the host institution, i.e. they can attend courses and acquire credits ("Scheine") at the partner university, which may be accepted by their home university, but they cannot do an academic degree at the host university.

Students remain enrolled at their home university, German students usually receive special leave status.

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