



Call for proposals

„HessenFonds“-scholarship for refugees and researchers at risk – highly qualified students, doctoral students and researchers at Marburg University

Funding line for <u>refugee</u> students, doctoral students and researchers
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The Hessian Ministry of Science and Research, Arts and Culture (HMWK) provides scholarships at the state universities of Hesse within the framework of the "HessenFonds for refugees and researchers at risk – highly qualified students and researchers". The funding supports the continuation of studies or a scientific career at the state universities of Hesse and normally lasts one year. Students are to be supported primarily in the introductory phase of their studies.

Eligibility criteria for the funding program:

- status as a person entitled to asylum or as a recognized refugee (usually according to §25 Par.1-3, or §24 Residence Act) or residence according to §22
- eligible applicants are not longer than four years registered in Germany, i.e. the asylum request has not been submitted longer than four years ago and the continuous stay in Germany does not exceed five years
- Follow-up applications require a separate justification.

Students:

- enrollment at Marburg University
- outstanding academic achievements

Doctoral students:

- outstanding academic and/or scientific achievements
- acceptance as doctoral candidate, including confirmation of supervision at Marburg University (acceptance by the doctoral committee as well as a letter of recommendation by the supervisor, including assessment of the nominee's academic/scientific achievements).

Researchers:

- outstanding achievements in research and/or teaching
- confirmation of a research or teaching position as well as confirmation of supervision by the Marburg University (in the form of an expert report or a letter from the host, including an assessment of the nominee's academic/scientific achievements, also with regard to integration in the research area).

Scope of funding:

The HessenFonds scholarship includes the following scholarship rates:

- Students: 300 euros/month
- Doctoral students: 1,200 euros/month
- Researchers: 2,300 euros/month

Funding period:

01 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

Further information and details on the [website](#).

Application procedure:

Applications must be submitted directly to Marburg University. For an application, please use the forms from the [website](#) only. Further documents to be submitted are described on the website. Please send the **signed application form and the requested attachments summarized in one PDF document** and in the **indicated order** no later than

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to anna.markovic@verwaltung.uni-marburg.de

The following selection process consists of two steps. In the first step, Marburg University nominates qualified applicants in a ranking list via the President to the Hessian Ministry of Science and Research, Arts and Culture (HMWK). The internal university nomination procedure is regulated by Marburg University. In the second step, the final selection of scholarship recipients is carried out by the HMWK according to the award criteria. It takes up to three months for the HMWK to review the documents of the nominated applicants and to make the selection. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Anna Markovic. Please refrain from sending inquiries to the HMWK.

Award criteria:

The HessenFonds scholarships are awarded on the basis of talent and performance to students, doctoral students or researchers with a refugee background. The following criteria, among others, are used to assess the performance and talent of the candidates:

- Ranking by the nominating university
- Grades of the university entrance qualification or, if applicable, the first university degree
- Previous academic achievements in the home country and in Germany (if available) or previous achievements in research and/or teaching
- Assessment from the expert report
- Description of the doctoral or research project
- Letter of motivation
- If applicable, voluntary work, special achievements
- If applicable, proof of appropriate language skills

There is no legal claim to the granting of a scholarship.

Contact:

For any questions regarding the scholarship and application documents, please contact Ms. Anna Markovic, anna.markovic@verwaltung.uni-marburg.de, 06421-28 26475.