



Hungarian scholarship holders

Selection Procedure

Any application is assessed by a jury. After an internal pre-selection, shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview in their home country. All applicants are informed about their appointments in due course.

Financial Backing

The monthly amount of a scholarship is € 1,060 and exempt from tax and social security contributions. Additionally, scholarship holders have insurance coverage against health, accident and liability risks. Beyond that, the DBU supports a German language course in the home country prior to the scholarship. A corresponding request, addressed to the DBU in advance, is necessary.

Stay/Internship in Germany

The internship is organised by the DBU in accordance with the scholarship holders and the German host institution. Scholarship holders can address their proposals to the DBU. For a range of current offers, please turn to www.dbu.de/618.html.

The internship begins with a several days' introductory seminar for all new scholarship holders in Osnabrueck where important organisational matters are discussed. The German hosts provide the work place, arrange for accommodation and organise a competent tutorial. DBU and the tutors accompany the scholarship holders during the entire period. The DBU organises final and status seminars where the scholarship holders can introduce their research topics and present first results. Individually organised events/seminars are also supported. A special focus is given to the annual International Summer Academy of St. Marienthal/Ostritz in June and the ceremony of the German Environmental Award (Deutscher Umweltpreis) in October.

No work permit is demanded for the internship in Germany since these, according to the German Beschäftigungsverordnung (§ 2, 4 in the new version of January 2005), are considered as a consent-free activity for a so-called residence permit. For some countries there is a compulsory visa required for which the scholarship holders apply themselves in their home countries.

Duties of Scholarship Holders

When accepting a scholarship, the holders commit themselves to concentrate their work on the project like described in application and working plan. They are neither allowed to take any employment nor an additional scholarship. The DBU must be informed immediately if the project or internship is interrupted, changed or prematurely finished. DBU reserves its right of terminating the scholarship and claiming for a repayment of the financial backing if a scholarship holder gives inaccurate statements and/or withholds important facts and alterations that would negate the conditions for awarding a scholarship, and if a scholarship holder does not deal with his topic at the host institution or contravenes against the tutor's instructions.

Information and Contact

More current information and application forms about the scholarship exchange programme as contact details are regularly updated at: www.dbu.de/963.html.

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Research Stay in Germany

DBU Scholarship Exchange Programme with CEE Countries Guidelines





Scholarship holder in laboratory

The DBU Scholarship Exchange Programme with CEE Countries

The DBU awards scholarships for highly qualified university graduates from Central and Eastern Europe with the goal of a further vocational qualification in solving environmental and nature conservation problems in the scholarship holders' home country. At present the following countries take part in the programme: Albania, Bosnia Hercegovina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Kaliningrad region, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia.

The DBU scholarship enables university graduates a research stay at German facilities. Host institutions are research centers and universities, but also enterprises, ministries, offices and NGOs.

The minimum term of a scholarship is 6 months, the maximum supporting period 12 months. Besides providing a vocational training, the exchange programme wants to break barriers and initiate cross-border contacts to build up an all-European expert network striving for dissemination of experiences and information. The DBU awards approximately 60 scholarships for applicants from the aforementioned countries.

Target Group

Graduates from the aforementioned Central and Eastern European Countries can apply. Their studies must be finished with an above-average exam (master's degree, diploma) taken within the last 3 years. The graduates must be citizens of one of the aforementioned countries and need a residence in their home country when applying.



Scholarship holder at sample preparation



Fieldwork of a scholarship holder

The scholarships are directed with a high priority at those for whom it will be the first research stay in Germany. Applicants must prove sufficient skills of the German language by the latest at beginning of the scholarship (through a language school certificate or else, level B1). The scholarship is not intended for those who would like to write their PhD thesis (24–36 months) at a German university.

The DBU welcomes applications from natural scientists, engineers, agrarian engineers, economists, lawyers, educationalists and others, provided they make an essential contribution to environmental protection or nature conservation in their home country or in the European Union.

Application

The application must be made online. Please check the individual country pages of the DBU homepage first.

www.dbu.de/357.html

During the online procedure, you must also submit:

- CV
- Project proposal
- Copy of diploma (Master's degree)
- Statement of the academic supervisor
- Confirmation of German language skills (if available).

Closing date

Applications are possible once a year. Please ask your regional coordinator for information about the closing date or look at www.dbu.de/963.html. We are prepared to answer your e-mail inquiries any time.

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