TUM SEED Center

Announcement: Master's Scholarship for Exchange Semester at the Technical University of Munich, Germany

Call for Applications

The TUM SEED Center is an Excellence Centre for Exchange and Development, funded by DAAD and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development from 2020 to 2029. The TUM SEED Center conducts research and offers higher education at the intersection of Sustainable Energies, Entrepreneurship and Development (SEED) in the Global South. The TUM SEED Center consists of the Technical University of Munich (TUM) and ten leading technical universities across the Global South, including Bahir Dar University (Ethiopia), Bandung Institute of Technology (Indonesia), Burkina Institute of Technology (Burkina Faso), Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana), Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (India), Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya), Makerere University (Uganda), Namibia University of Science and Technology (Namibia), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Peru), and Stellenbosch University (South Africa).

Who can apply?

This scholarship is open to master's students currently enrolled at one of the TUM SEED Center partner universities, who have an excellent academic record and a strong motivation to apply for an exchange semester at TUM with scholarship support. We seek engaged students from the Global South, who are highly interested in sustainable development and eager to contribute to meaningful change. Applicants should have a keen interest in sustainable development and interdisciplinary research at the intersection of sustainable energies and entrepreneurship. SEED scholarship holders are expected to maintain strong academic performance, actively participate in TUM SEED Center activities, and engage in academic exchange with fellow scholars. Women and individuals with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

What is funded?

The scholarship supports an exchange semester at the TUM and includes:

- A monthly stipend of EUR 992
- Additional insurance reimbursement of up to EUR 100 per month
- Flight tickets
- Semester fee
- Participation in TUM SEED Center events

Please note:

- *The organizational responsibility for visa applications, housing, and other logistical matters lies entirely with the students. While the TUM SEED Center can offer recommendations, all formalities and arrangements must be handled by the applicants themselves.*
- *The TUM SEED Center cannot cover any upfront costs, such as housing deposits. Students should be prepared for additional expenses, which should be paid in advance.*
- *Scholarships will only be disbursed after the student's arrival in Germany and completion of the necessary administrative steps, including registration at the local authorities (Anmeldung) and obtaining a German tax identification number (Steuer-ID). This process can take several weeks, so students must be financially prepared to cover their initial expenses.*
- *If a student is unable to travel to Germany (e.g., due to visa issues or personal reasons), the scholarship will be forfeited.*
- *If a student's flight ticket needs to be changed, is missed, or requires cancellation, the student is responsible for covering any additional costs. The TUM SEED Center does not cover such expenses, and it is the student's responsibility to manage any necessary modifications.*

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Duration of Funding

The scholarship covers **one semester, from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027.**

Application requirements

- Currently enrolled as a Master's student in a field related to sustainable energies, sustainable entrepreneurship, interdisciplinary or energy policy at one of the above-mentioned universities
- Excellent academic track record
- Extracurricular skills, social engagement, and strong motivation

Application Process

The application process consists of two steps:

Step 1: Nomination by SEED Center and Home University

1.1 Online Application

Interested students must first submit their application via the **online application form**: https://wkf.ms/4qOZepo until **25 February 2026** (late applications cannot be considered).

Required Application Documents

- CV
- Letter of motivation (using the provided template: Link)
- Copy of your passport
- University admission/certificate of enrollment
- Current transcript of records
- Recommendation letter from a professor, university lecturer, or another qualified person (optional)
- Other relevant certificates

1.2 Interview & Selection Process

After an initial review, shortlisted candidates will be invited for an **interview** with representatives from the partner universities and the TUM SEED Center. Based on the evaluation, selected candidates will be **nominated for a scholarship for the exchange program**.

Step 2: Application at TUM

If selected, students will receive detailed instructions via email from TUM Global Office regarding the official application process for exchange students at TUM. Only after successful completion of this step will students officially be accepted as exchange students at TUM.

Please note: In this step, students can apply for the accommodation Service Package offered by the Munich Student Union. Students should be aware that securing accommodation in Munich often requires upfront payments, including a security deposit and up to three months' rent in advance.

If you have any questions regarding the announcement, feel free to contact the project coordinator from your respective home university.

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