Application deadline

Graduate students (during their studies or before they begin) and PhD students should apply directly to the Foundation. Applications are submitted online.

Application deadline for international applicants is

1 March or 1 September

Please check current details at www.boell.de/scholarships

The selection process has three stages:
- submission of the written application
- interview with a liaison lecturer
- interview with selection committee

...graduate students
EU and international students who obtained their university entrance qualifications outside Germany and who have already completed a first degree may apply for a scholarship to cover a Master’s degree (successful completion of a Bachelor’s degree and German language skills (B2 or DSH II) are required).

...PhD students
The application for a PhD scholarship needs to include a detailed description of the research project and a valid timetable for completion. Preliminary work on the PhD research project must have been completed. The Master’s degree certificate or equivalent must be available at the time of application. German language skills (B2 or DSH II) are required.

Selection criteria

The criteria for award of a scholarship are:

- outstanding academic record
- convincing doctoral research project/PhD thesis
- civic engagement and political interest
- active support for the objectives of the Heinrich Böll Foundation

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Funding

The Heinrich Böll Foundation supports young people through scholarship funding (generally including a maintenance grant, study and research grant, foreign study grant, mobility allowance, family allowance, and other categories). In addition, we promote the scholarship recipients in their personal development, help them to gain cross-disciplinary qualifications and enhance their key competences, encourage political debate and attention to social issues, and nurture interdisciplinary dialogue. In particular, we support the scholarship recipients in taking their own initiatives and organising their own work, and give them a wide range of opportunities to participate in decision-making. We offer:

1. A programme of events including
   - Specialised events on political education, including a summer academy («Campus»)
   - Workshops to develop key competencies
   - Self-organized study groups for scholarship recipients, ad hoc meetings, university groups
   - Career events for students
   - Networking meetings for alumni («Alumni Salon»)

2. Individual consultations
   on academic planning and career orientation

3. Green Network
   The mentoring and coaching programme «Grün vernetzt» offers networking opportunities, contact to alumni and volunteers in and around the Heinrich Böll Foundation, and help in finding internships in the Foundation’s offices around the world.

Scholarships for PhD students

The scholarship department grants scholarships to doctoral students from all disciplines. We are particularly interested in supporting research projects related to focus areas of the work of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Central to the nonmaterial promotion for PhD students are:

- PhD scholar forum with science policy or higher education policy theme and presentations of research projects
- Workshops (e.g. writing trainings, time management, etc.)
- Seminars on career orientation
- Support for research trips abroad (e.g. conferences, field research)

Research cluster
Social and Ecological Transformation

- Our focus in promoting research on sustainability: supporting interdisciplinary dialogue and scientific policy consulting
- Broad range of subjects
- Several partners (universities and research institutes)

Special target groups

When choosing our scholarship recipients, we aim to combine the principle of high achievement with that of equal opportunities. The Heinrich Böll Foundation gives special (but not exclusive) consideration to:

- International graduate and doctoral students (especially from the global south and conflict regions worldwide)
- Women (particularly studying STEM)
- Students in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), especially those focusing on environmental science, ecology, etc.
- Economic studies, art studies, administrative science and management and journalism
- Minorities
- Refugees

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is the Green political foundation. Every year, under the heading «promoting talent», we support around 1650 students – from all academic backgrounds and types of higher educational institutions in Germany and abroad – who affirm the goals of the Green project. Each year, up to 250 new scholarship recipients join the programme.

The objective of our scholarships is to promote future leaders and experts who are prepared to take on social responsibility, are interested in politics, and work to pass on the basic political values of the Heinrich Böll Foundation: ecology and sustainability, democracy and human rights and self-determination and justice. The scholarship department is committed to the UN’s 2030 Agenda and the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.