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# Section: Financing a research stay

Handbook for International Researchers

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# Financing a research stay

## Funding your stay at the University of Münster

How can I finance my stay in Münster?

1. Through a job position
2. Through internal scholarships provided by the University of Münster
3. Through external scholarships
4. Through founding a scientific start-up

### 1. Job opportunities

The University of Münster is one of the largest universities in Germany, and for this reason you will always find plenty of interesting job offers in the academic field.



[LIST OF JOB OFFERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER](#)

After your employment at the University of Münster, you are eligible for Unemployment Benefit I (Arbeitslosengeld I, ALG I) only if you have worked for at least twelve months in a job subject to compulsory insurance within the past three years. Please note that to qualify for this benefit, you must register as a job seeker with the Federal Employment Agency at least three months before your employment contract ends.

### 2. Financial assistance from University of Münster

The University of Münster awards “Internationalisation Fellowships” to invite visiting academics from abroad. Hosting faculties can apply for funding from the Internationalisation Fund for visits lasting up to three months. Those fellowships are awarded as scholarship funding up to 2,000 euros per month (proportionately less for shorter stays). Applications can be submitted throughout the year. More information: see No. 3 of the Internationalisation Fund

Exclusive offer: The Researchers & Staff department (International Office) offers a scholarship programme for outstanding international female researchers (WiRe – Women in Research) as well as scholarships for international Research Alumni - check website for details.



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## Funding for guest lecturers

The respective faculty is responsible for applying for, monitoring and covering expenses of the guest lecturer. If you have any questions, please contact the respective Head of Faculty.

### 3. External funding programmes

Funding for international academics often takes place through large-scale programmes provided by institutions such as the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), ERASMUS or the Fulbright Commission. The International Office at the University of Münster can advise you on these funding opportunities and answer any related questions you might have.

For specific grant applications related to individual faculties, our university service, SAFIR Research Funding Support, is available to provide guidance and answer your questions (Funding advice for Faculties 1 - 4 and 6 - 15)

### Scholarship databases

There are a number of scholarship databases providing information for academics on how to finance your stay in Münster.

- The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers its own scholarships database for visiting academics. You can find information here on funding opportunities for foreign students, graduates and post-docs, as well as on other selected funding organizations.
- EURAXESS Germany, an information portal provided by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, has a database containing information on funding opportunities. It is aimed not only at researchers who wish to come to Germany, but also at German researchers returning to Germany after a lengthy stay abroad.

### 4. Founding a start-up

Founding a start-up in Münster, Germany, is an excellent way for international researchers to remain connected to academia while pursuing independent entrepreneurship. The International Founders Network, in collaboration with the REACH - EUREGIO Start-up Center, provides services to support international researchers with ideas, residence permits, networking, and securing financing for new start-ups. Explore national scholarships available for scientific start-ups to further support your venture.



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