

# Section: Financing a research stay

Handbook for International Researchers

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## 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 fellowships from the “Internationalization Fund” to invite international researchers from abroad. Faculties can apply for funding from this fund for stays of up to three months. The fellowships provide grants of up to €2,000 per month (proportionally less for shorter stays). Applications can be submitted twice a year: on March 15 and October 15.

Further information can be found under item 3 on the Internationalization Fund webpage.



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\(GER\)\*\*](#)



[\*\*UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT I  
\(ALG I\)\*\*](#)



[\*\*SCHOLARSHIPS\*\*](#)

## Funding for guest lecturers

The respective faculty is responsible for applying for, monitoring, administration 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 researchers is often provided through programs from institutions such as the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, ERASMUS+ funds, or through foreign scholarships such as those from the Fulbright Commission. The International Office of the University of Münster is happy to advise you on these funding opportunities and answer any questions you may have.

For specific funding applications related to individual faculties, our internal university funding advisory service, SAFIR, is available to assist you (funding advice for Faculties 1–4 and 6–15).

## Scholarship databases

There are a number of scholarship databases providing information for researchers 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 for internationally mobile researchers and host institutions, offers a database with information on funding opportunities. It is aimed both at researchers who wish to come to Germany and at German researchers returning to Germany after an extended 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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