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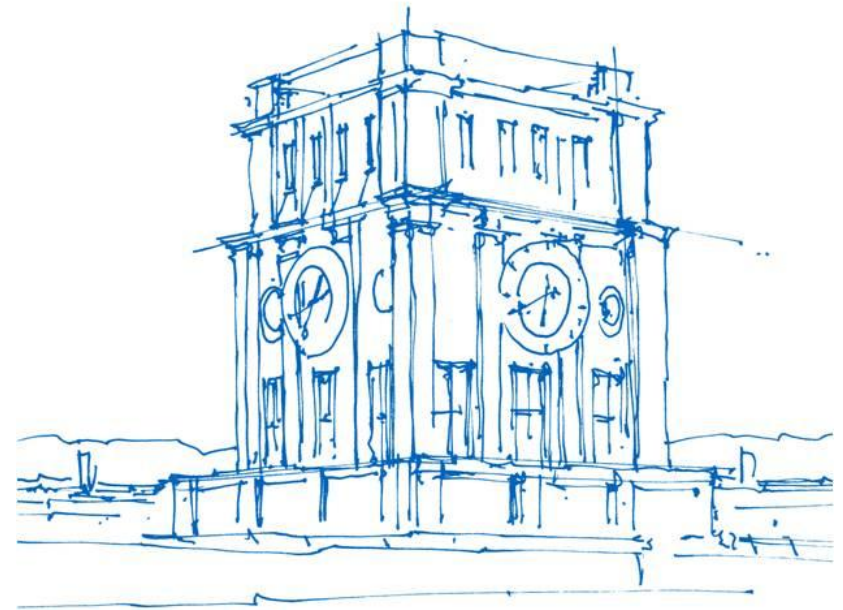
Scholarships Exemptions and waiver options for international students

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Fees and Scholarships

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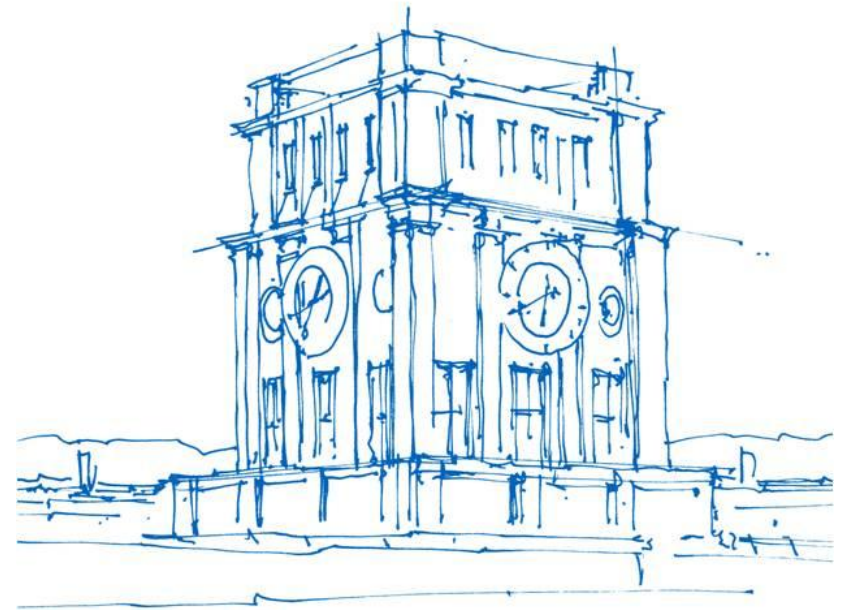
TUM first steps

Scholarships Exemptions and waiver options for international students

This is a short overview.

This information is not legally binding.

Legally binding are the scholarship guidelines.



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1. Overview of funding opportunities

- a. Scholarships
- b. Fee exemptions
- c. Fee waivers
- d. Waiver scholarships



1.a. Scholarships at TUM

- Scholarship for International Students at TUM
- Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Books & Learning Materials
- Deutschlandstipendium National Scholarship Program

1.a Scholarship for International Students at TUM

- **Who can apply?**
 - International students (EU and Non-EU except Germans)
Students from developing countries are given special consideration
 - Bachelor students after the completion of 2 semesters at TUM
 - Master students after the completion of 1 semester at TUM
 - Master students, who completed the bachelor degree at TUM can apply in the 1st semester of their master's studies

1.a Scholarship for International Students at TUM

- **Amount of Funding**
 - One-time financial aid between € 500 to € 1,800 per semester
 - A Re-Application every semester is allowed

- **Requirements**
 - Good academic record
 - Proven need (income of parents and student) according to the BaföG

- **Next application period**
 - October 1 to 15, 2025 for winter semester
 - April 2026 for summer semester



1.a Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Books & Learning Materials

- **What will be funded?**
 - Acquisition of books & learning materials that are essential for your study program
 - Every qualified applicant is supported **once** during her/his studies.
- **Amount of Funding**

One-time payment up to € 500

1.a Oskar Karl Forster Scholarship for Books & Learning Materials

- **Who can apply?**
 - All Students who have completed at least two semesters at TUM
- **Requirements**
 - Good academic performance
 - Proven need (income of parents and student) according to BaföG
 - The professor has to sign that the purchase is necessary
- **Next application period**
 - October 1 to 15, 2025 for winter semester 25
 - April 2026 for summer semester 26

1.a. Deutschlandstipendium National Scholarship Program

- **Who can apply?**
 - All Students
- **Amount of Funding**

€ 300 per month
(supported by the government with 150€ and a sponsor with € 150)
The duration of a full scholarship is 12 months (October – September).
- **Relevant criteria**
 - Good academic record
 - Outstanding voluntary commitment in Society or University
 - Overcoming difficult life circumstances
- **Next application period**

Summer Semester 2026

1.a Deutschlandstipendium National Scholarship Program

- **Building up a network for the future**
 - Sponsors can support specific fields of study - 2/3 of the scholarships are designated for a School or institution.
 - Scholarship recipients have the chance for exclusive contacts with supporting companies.
 - The scholarship holders also built a network among themselves in the past.
- **Current figures**
 - Around 800-900 recipients at TUM

www.tum.de/deutschlandstipendium

1.b Tuition Fee Exemptions

- **Exemption due to established domestic connection**
for students that are entitled to educational support according to BAföG §8 1-4
- **Exemption due to a disability that severely affects your studies**
- **Exemption for asylum seekers who are nationals of a country with a special protection quota**

The exemptions must be applied for using an online form

More information on the fee exemptions and application deadlines can be found on the TUM website at [Scholarships and waivers for international students - TUM](#)

1.c Tuition Fee Waivers

- **Care-provision waiver**
 - Personal care for own children or relatives
 - If the care jeopardizes the completion of studies
- **Financial-hardship waiver:**
 - Unforeseen financial difficulties through no fault of own after the start of studies that result in inability to pay the tuition fees for international students
- **Waiver due to other personal or social reasons:**
 - Legitimate residence in Germany as a war refugee
 - Other cases of hardship

The waivers must be applied for using an online form.

The application deadlines for waivers for summer semester is November 15 to November 30.

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1.d Waiver Scholarships

Merit based waiver scholarship

- Type and scope of funding
- Application procedure
- Required documents
- Award decision



Need based waiver scholarship

1.d Merit-based waiver scholarship

-Type and scope of funding

Type of funding:

- Waiver of tuition fees for international students
- The semester fee for student union is not waived

Scope of funding:

- The duration of approval is two semesters
- Reapplication is possible

1.d Required documents

Merit-based waiver scholarships from the 3rd semester:

- TUM Transcript of records
- If applicable, details regarding the founding of a start-up with supporting letter of the supervisor and UnternehmerTUM

1.d Application procedure

- The relevant data must be entered onto the online application form
- Documents must be uploaded with certified translations by a sworn translator (in German or English) in the correct fields
- Documents must show unambiguously the relevant information and must be issued by the corresponding institution
- Self-made documents will not suffice

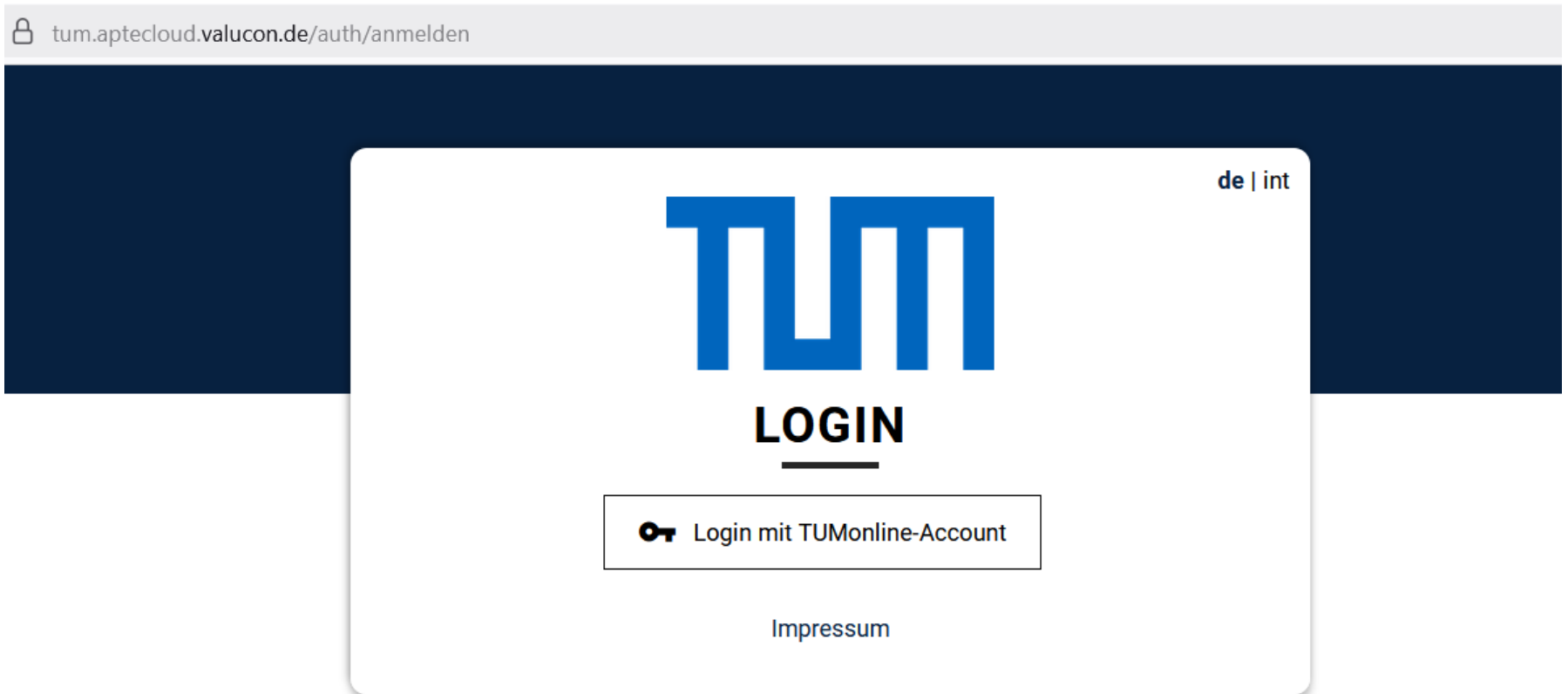
1.d Application procedure

Application deadline

Merit-based waiver scholarships from the 3rd semester

between November 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025 for the following summer semester

1.d Application procedure



1.d Award decision

Re-application from the 3rd semester

- Performance calculation based on the grades and credits achieved to date in conjunction with the semester of study
- The founding of start-ups is taken into account
- Those with the highest performance will be offered a waiver scholarship

1.d Award decision

- The award decision is made available via the online portal where you apply for the waiver scholarship.
- The approval for the waiver scholarship **must be accepted** by the student **within two weeks in the online form**.



2. Other institutions

Numerous other institutions award scholarships and prizes or hold competitions for students. The following online services Provide an overview of funding opportunities.

www.tum.de/en/studies/fees-and-financial-aid/scholarships/other-scholarships

www.stipendiumplus.de

www.mystipendium.de

<https://www.studierendenwerk-muenchen-oberbayern.de/en/financing/>



Further Questions

If you have any questions now,
please ask us in the chat section.

You can also contact :

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“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

-Benjamin Franklin

Best of luck for your studies!

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