



STUDYING IN GERMANY – PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

All international students who are not nationals of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland are required to apply for a residence permit valid for the duration of their study period at a German university; this permit is issued by the “Ausländerbehörde” (foreigners registration office) of the city of residence in Germany. In order to obtain this permit students must prove that they have sufficient financial support to cover their living costs during their study period in Germany (“Finanzierungsnachweis”). The current monthly minimum is 690 Euro.

Applicants for an entry visa to Germany are often required to attach this proof to their visa application documents.

There are several options (please check with the German Embassy in your home country which one they want with your visa application)

http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen_node.html

- A **written confirmation (in German or English) from parents** that they will take responsibility for all expenses related to the study period in Ulm. In addition to this confirmation parents have to prove sufficient funds by presenting a bank statement / bank letter (download from <http://www.uni-ulm.de/io/exchange/accepted.html>).
- A **scholarship confirmation** by any official German or international scholarship organisation. If the scholarship grants less than 690 Euro per month an additional proof of financial resources is needed to cover the difference.
- A **formal written commitment from relatives or acquaintances living in Germany** (§ 68 Aufenthaltsgesetz) submitted to the German diplomatic mission abroad or to the respective registration office in Germany. Persons signing this commitment must prove that they are in a position to maintain this commitment.
- A **blocked account at a German bank** from which one is allowed to withdraw a fixed amount per month (690 Euro or more). This service is not offered by all banks and is restricted to several countries (e. g. PR China).