



EUROPA-UNIVERSITÄT
VIADRINA
FRANKFURT (ODER)

CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic year 2023/2024

Study scholarships for refugee students

Status: 10.08.2023

Award criteria

Eligible for funding are students or prospective students with a refugee background of the European University Viadrina who fulfil the following conditions:

- Foreign refugee students who are enrolled in an undergraduate or consecutive degree program at the European University Viadrina or who will be enrolled in an undergraduate or consecutive degree program in the winter semester 2023/24.
- Students with a refugee background who are regularly enrolled at the time of the sponsorship and are aiming for a degree at the European University Viadrina.
- Students who are within the standard period of study in their degree program.
- Refugee students who have achieved good or very good results in their studies or in the study preparation in the *Viadrina College* and/or who come from financially disadvantaged families.
- Recognised refugees whose permanent residence is in Germany and who are holders of one of the following residence titles:
 - §63a AsylG: Proof of arrival
 - §55 AsylG: Asylum seekers who are in an ongoing procedure and have a residence permit
 - §60 Residence Act: Toleration or temporary suspension of deportation
 - §25 Residence Act: Persons entitled to asylum according to Art. 16a GG / GFK, recognised refugees according to §3 AsylG, persons with protection against deportation according to §60 para. 5 and 7 AufenthG, persons entitled to subsidiary protection according to §4 AsylG
 - §22, §23, §23a, §24 AufenthG
- Recognised refugees and holders of the above-mentioned residence titles who came to Germany in 2015 at the earliest.
- In the case of equal suitability, women, single parents or persons with disabilities are given preferential treatment.

Refugee students at the European University Viadrina who meet the following conditions are **not eligible for funding**:

- Refugee students who are enrolled in a paid study program at the European University Viadrina.
- Refugee students who are exmatriculated or on leave of absence (Urlaubssemester) at the time of funding.
- Refugee doctoral students of the European University Viadrina.
- Students with a refugee background who are receiving other support to complete their studies (e.g. BAföG, other scholarships).

Awarding and approval

The selection is made on the basis of the overall consideration of the applicant. This includes the previous academic performances in the current studies or achievements during the study preparation in the *Viadrina College*, personal circumstances, additional social or societal commitment and motivation.

Approval is based on the proposals of the selection committee. Applicants will be informed written about the granting or non-granting of their application without giving reasons.

The scholarship is paid into an account in Germany. In exceptional cases, a cash payment is possible. The first transfer will be made on November 15, 2023 at the earliest.

The scholarship may be revoked in whole or in part – also retroactively – if the scholarship holder has been exmatriculated, has submitted a leave of absence (Beurlaubung) or has obtained the scholarship on the basis of incorrect information.

The scholarship holder must inform the coordinators of the scholarship program immediately of any change of degree program, applications for a leave of absence (Beurlaubung), the planned discontinuation of studies or other changes that are relevant to the granting of the scholarship. The same applies to any changes in the financial situation of the scholarship holder (e.g. approved BAföG application).