

Scholarship program of the Baden-Württemberg State Parliament for students, early-stage researchers and interns from Baden-Württemberg and Israel

Second call for applications for the 2025 funding period

To commemorate the pogrom of 9 November 1938, the State Parliament of Baden-Württemberg has, since 1988, provided the Ministry of Science, Research and Arts (MWK) with scholarship funds to promote Germany-Israel relations.

The year 2025 marks 60 years of diplomatic relations between Germany and Israel. The year will therefore be accompanied by a variety of joint events and activities in Germany and Israel, that are intended to promote the dialogue. The Scholarship program of the Baden-Württemberg State Parliament can also contribute to strengthening these special relations.

Target Group:

All Baden-Württemberg higher education institutions are eligible to apply. They can apply for funding for students, early-stage researchers and interns who are planning a stay in Baden-Württemberg or Israel in the scope of partnerships between higher education institution, as well as for study trips and events in this context.

To be eligible to apply, students must be enrolled full-time at a higher education institution in Baden-Württemberg or Israel.

Early-stage researchers are defined in this context as persons who are working on a doctorate after completing their studies or who are continuing their research for a maximum of two years after completing their doctorate in order to establish themselves as academics in their field.

Interns are eligible to apply if they are enrolled full-time at a higher education institution in Baden-Württemberg or Israel.

When submitting an application for funding, higher education institutions must consider whether it is realistic to implement the proposed measures in the 2025 funding period, taking into account the applicable travel and security advice of the Federal Foreign Office.

Purpose and Duration of Funding:

Funding can be requested for the following purposes:

- for studies, research projects and internships abroad of one to six months (including examination periods, provided that credits for examinations are recognized at the home institution),
- for events (workshops, symposia, conferences, etc.) and
- for study trips.

Funding Period:

If the application is approved, funding will be provided in 2025. The funding period corresponds to the financial year, lasting until 31 December. It is not possible to transfer unspent funds to the 2026 financial year. However, it is possible to apply for funds for the 2026 funding year for projects that continue beyond the turn of the year 2025/2026 (see application form).

Scholarship/Funding Amount:

The monthly scholarship rate for studies, research projects and internships abroad is

- EUR 900 for students (in bachelor's and master's programs) and
- EUR 1.200 for early-stage researchers (with a master's degree).

For the funding of events, higher education institutions can be granted up to EUR 5.000 per application.

Higher education institutions can be granted funds of up to EUR 5.000 to support study trips for students and/or early-stage researchers. The travel expenses of

accompanying faculty are to be covered by the higher education institutions out of their own funds. Students are not expected to make a personal contribution. It is up to the higher education institution to decide whether participating students should make such a contribution in order to finance the study trip.

Application Documents / Reporting Obligations:

Applications for funding under the scholarship program of the State Parliament can only be submitted via the higher education institution in Baden-Württemberg.

Applications are submitted in consultation with the International Office. The administrative staff in charge are asked to enclose the following documents with applications for studies, research projects and internships abroad:

- application form (to be completed by the higher education institution),
- letter of motivation and description of the planned stay in German or, in the case of applications from Israel, with a German summary,
- CV,
- Transcript of Records,
- current certificate of enrolment or confirmation of study place from the Baden-Württemberg or Israeli higher education institution (must state the exact period of the planned stay abroad including the examination period),
- if already available, letter of admission from the higher education institution abroad,
- internship agreement with a company in Baden-Württemberg or Israel (if the student has not yet been accepted for an internship, a declaration including details of the intended internship position must be attached to the application),
- if already known, the travel dates.

The following documents should be submitted by the higher education institutions to apply for funding for events / study trips:

- application form,

- description of the event (objectives), budget plan (identification of third-party funders),
- determination of the number of participants.

After the funding period has ended, the respective higher education institution is required to submit proof of the use of the funds to the Ministry of Science, Research and Arts. This also includes a report on the measures funded. The deadlines can be found in the approval notice in due course.

Selection Criteria:

In the case of funding for individuals, their special interest in a stay in Israel or Baden-Württemberg within the scope of the program is a decisive factor. The scholarship is not merit-based. The program primarily pursues an intercultural approach and is intended to promote international understanding. In their letter of motivation, students should be able to explain how they can meet the special challenges that a stay in Israel may entail. Israeli students coming to Baden-Württemberg are also asked to address the purpose of the program in their letter of motivation. In addition, students should come up with and outline ideas as to how they can share the knowledge gained during their stay abroad with other students or the higher education institution.

In the evaluation of the application, the applicant's (unpaid) social commitment in associations, interest groups or similar is also taken into account.

The following aspects are evaluated for events / study trips:

- support for intercultural exchange between German and Israeli participants within the scope of the program (in particular, outline of how the measure can promote intercultural exchange at the home institution before, during and after the program),
- information on the group of people to be reached before and after the measure and how this can be ensured,
- integration into the curriculum or a research project,

- sustainability/anchoring of the measure at the higher education institution or in the higher education institution structure (ensuring that more than just the immediate circle of participants benefits from the outcome of the measure),
- outline of the higher education institution’s own financial contribution (it is obligatory to cover the travel expenses of the accompanying faculty; further financial support is not mandatory but will be taken into account in the evaluation).

Generally, funding can also be granted for measures that have already been considered in the past. The only condition is that the group of participants changes.

Application Deadline / Application Process / Contact Person:

Applications for the 2025 funding period must be submitted to the Ministry of Science, Research and Arts by 16 June 2025 for the first selection wave. It is planned that the call will remain open after this deadline until the budget has been spent. Applications will then be considered in the order in which they are submitted and after an examination of their eligibility.

The application documents must be submitted electronically by the higher education institution’s rectorate or central administration with reference to the “Scholarship program of the Baden-Württemberg State Parliament” to poststelle@mwk.bwl.de.

If you have any questions regarding the call for applications, please contact Ms. Knappe at Mareen.Knappe@mwk.bwl.de or 0711 - 279 3116.