



## Intercultural Theology • Application Guide

**Please note:** Most of the recommended questions will be answered by this guide. For further questions please contact us: [intercultural-theology@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:intercultural-theology@uni-goettingen.de).

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### Admission:

Application for the programme is possible if you have finished B.A. studies including 6 semesters of studying. Your final result has to be minimum 180 CP. It is possible to apply even before finishing of B.A. studies, but at the time of application you should have reached at least 150 CP. Please send a proof of your studies and, if available, a preliminary transcript of records. The completed certificates have to be handed as soon as they are available, at the latest November 15 after arrival in Göttingen.

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### Certificates:

Please note that we only accept **copies of your certificates and transcripts of records**. Certificates and transcripts in English and German need not to be translated. We do accept documents only in German and English; any other language has to be translated.

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### Language tests:

Proof of English is required, unless your mother tongue is English or you have studied or worked in an English-speaking country for 1 year within 5 years prior to the start of this programme. Please note that the proof of English should not be older than 2 years.

The following English tests are accepted, preferred are c) and f):

- a) Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English, at least grade "B";
  - b) Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English, at least grade "C";
  - c) International English Language Testing System (IELTS), at least 6.0 points;
  - d) Paper-based TOEFL: at least 550 points;
  - e) Computer-based TOEFL: at least 213 points
  - f) New internet-based TOEFL: at least 80 points
  - g) UNICert level III;
  - h) C1 level according to CEF (Common European Framework)
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### Visa:

Please keep in mind that the issuing of visa can take up to 12 weeks (ca. 8-12 weeks). Therefore, apply as soon as you have received a Letter of Acceptance from us. In some cases, the German embassy might conduct interviews. Please prepare carefully. You might find the information about the Master's programme provided on this website helpful.

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## Curriculum vitae:

Your curriculum vitae in a tabular format should mention your family status (married, single, children), denomination or religion. Please also list your educational and professional history in a more extensive way than it is possible in the application form. Besides you may add your interests, skills (computing skills, acquired skills), further languages, research projects and papers presented. The admission committee always needs to know whether you have already written a Bachelor or Master thesis and the title of your Bachelor or Master thesis.

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## Letter of motivation:

The letter of motivation serves to indicate your personal and professional qualifications and perspectives in view of the M.A. programme "Intercultural Theology". The following hints and questions may lead you drafting this letter:

- The M.A. programme "Intercultural Theology" provides a forum where people of different denominational, cultural and national background can meet. Please indicate your experiences and expectations in intercultural encounters.
  - Which questions, issues, solutions of intercultural and inter-religious live and dialogue in church and society derive from your experiences, practical work and theoretical aspects?
  - What are your career objectives after completing the M.A. "Intercultural Theology"?
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## Scholarships

1. Scholarships at the University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg (FIT)
  2. KAAD: Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst
  3. DAAD: Deutscher Akademischer Auslands Dienst
  4. Brot für die Welt – Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst / Bread for the world – Protestant Development Service
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### 1. Scholarships at the University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg (FIT) [http://www.fh-hermannsburg-eng.landeskirche-hannovers.de/Academics/Graduate-Studies/ma\\_it/Scholarships](http://www.fh-hermannsburg-eng.landeskirche-hannovers.de/Academics/Graduate-Studies/ma_it/Scholarships)

#### MA Degree Programme 'Intercultural Theology'

#### Purpose of the Scholarships

The FIT scholarships are awarded by the Evangelical-Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony (ELM) and FIT Hermannsburg. With these scholarships, both institutions want to foster advanced studies in intercultural theology and promote intercultural/interreligious and ecumenical cooperation between people of different religious/ denominational, cultural and national backgrounds.

The scholarships give students the opportunity to study for a higher degree and to enhance their academic knowledge, while developing professional skills and acquiring intercultural competencies. Scholarship holders are required to live in Hermannsburg and partake in the activities of the international community on FIT campus.

The scholarships are awarded to students with an outstanding academic record, who are actively engaged in intercultural work. Preference is given to applicants, who without a scholarship would not be able to study. Our scholarships are granted in line with the equal opportunities policy of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Hanover and in accordance with national laws regarding equal rights. A candidate with disabilities will be prioritised, if equally qualified.

## Details

Current number of scholarships awarded per academic year:	2
Duration of scholarship:	max. 22 months (begins in October – ends in September)
Scholarship monies:	approx. 853 EUR

## Selection Criteria

- Admission to the MA degree programme 'Intercultural Theology'
- Academic achievements and other talents
- A keen interest in the academic discipline 'intercultural theology'
- Active involvement in a church /congregation /religious community and /or in academic work, with a special focus on intercultural exchange and partnership work
- Membership in a church or institution affiliated to the global network of partners of the Evangelical-Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony<sup>1</sup> (if applicable)
- Degree from a partner university or partner institution of Georg-August-University Göttingen<sup>2</sup> (if applicable)

### ***Students who receive a scholarship are required to...***

- participate actively in the ICT degree programme and pursue their academic studies with distinction
- be involved in and dedicate their services to the intercultural community at FIT Hermannsburg and the ELM and live permanently on FIT campus
- attend the special seminars and workshops for scholarship holders
- submit a short report on their study progress every semester
- actively serve religious communities and /or academic institutions fostering intercultural theology and theological /religious studies
- become an ALUMNI member of the ICT degree programme

## Application Timeline

**Application Deadline:** 15. February (each year), 24:00 hrs CET (UTC+1)

**Approval of Scholarship:** approx. by the end of May

## Application Documents:

Please submit your application by email: fill in the application form and questionnaire online (word- or pdf-file), scan all other documents (jpg- or pdf-files) and send them as attachments in an email.

1. Application Form
2. Curriculum vitae (CV)
3. Questionnaire
4. Recommendation letters
5. Certified copies of your previous academic degrees – or, if applicable, preliminary certificates (if the degree programme is not yet completed)

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<sup>1</sup> For a list of countries, see <https://www.elm-mission.net/laender.html> .

<sup>2</sup> For a list of institutions, see <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/intercultural+experience/111668.html> .

- Optional: certificates or proof of other academic or professional qualifications, study awards, additional language competencies etc.

**Please note that the scholarship committee will only consider complete applications!**

### Submission

**Please send your application via email to the FIT Rector's Office, c/o Mrs Linda Braun: [l.braun@fh-hermannsburg.de](mailto:l.braun@fh-hermannsburg.de)**

Do not use any other address!

### Further Information

**Please note that it is essential to apply first for admission to the MA ICT degree programme at the University of Göttingen.** You may apply simultaneously for the scholarship. Scholarships can only be given to those students who gain admission to the degree programme. For further information about admission procedures, see <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/109075.html>. Before you apply for the scholarship and the study programme, read all information about the purpose and contents of the degree programme carefully.

Along with your application, submit two recommendation letters from academic and/ or religious institutions you are affiliated to (preferably one academic and one religious institution).

### Contact person for further information about scholarships:

Prof. Dr. Moritz Fischer

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Tel. +49(0)5050 48101 30

**The annual deadline for application is February 15.**

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## 2. KAAD: Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst

[www.kaad.de](http://www.kaad.de)

Phone: +49-(0)228/917580

**Application deadline for the summer term: 15.1.**

**Application deadline for the winter term: 15.7.**

The KAAD (Catholic Academic Exchange Service) offers two different scholarship programmes:

**Scholarship Programme 1:** For the scholarship programme 1 of KAAD you can apply if you come from a developing or emerging country in Africa, Asia, the Middle East or Latin America, have a university degree and professional experience from your home country, are a Catholic Christian (or general belong to a Christian denomination). Candidates from other religions can apply if they are proposed by Catholic partners and can prove their commitment to inter-religious dialogue.

Required is an above-average performance in studies and research, the orientation of your studies or research towards permanent reintegration in your home region (otherwise the scholarship is turned into a loan), religious and social commitment (activities) and willingness to inter-religious dialogue and German

language skills before starting the studies (KAAD can provide a language course of max. 6 months in Germany).

KAAD is working with **focus- and partner countries** in your region. There are so-called Partner Committees in these countries and applications are channelled via them. **Applications from other countries can be considered only in exceptional cases.**

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### 3. DAAD: Deutscher Akademischer Auslands Dienst

As a rule the application cannot be submitted to DAAD direct, but should be sent to the appropriate authorities in the applicant's home country. The DAAD website [www.daad.de/stipendien](http://www.daad.de/stipendien) provides further specific information for applicants from your home country including the exact deadlines. The DAAD offices abroad, the German Embassies or Consulates or your university will give you these pieces of information as well.

Application form: Antrag auf ein Forschungs-/Studienstipendium/ Application for Research Grants and Study Scholarships

[http://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium\\_en.pdf](http://www.daad.de/medien/deutschland/stipendien/formulare/forschungsstipendium_en.pdf)

Country-specific information – please check if there is a DAAD office in your country or get in contact with the German Embassy.

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/stipendium/en/>

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### 4. Brot für die Welt – Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst / Bread for the world – Protestant Development Service

**4a) Ecumenical scholarship programme: The scholarship programme supports National Christian Councils, churches and development-oriented NGOs in developing countries in the up-grading and advanced training of their personnel.**

In fulfilment of its mandate the scholarship programme

- grants scholarships for development-oriented studies in Germany, other European countries and developing countries to graduates with professional experience from developing countries;
- provides guidance to scholars and helps them with their integration;
- offers counselling and co-curricular activities, especially seminars on development issues and ethics of science;
- prepares the scholars for reintegration at home.

#### Deadlines

The final decision about the applications lies with the *Ecumenical Scholarship Committee* which meets twice a year in *May* and *November*.

Please note that we need to receive the application well in advance before the meeting.

**The deadline for the meeting in May is January 1; the deadline for November is July 1.**

For further information, please contact:

[kirchlichestipendien@brot-fuer-die-welt.de](mailto:kirchlichestipendien@brot-fuer-die-welt.de)

**4b) Theological scholarship programme: The scholarship programme supports Christian students or graduates of theology worldwide who want to use their knowledge acquired in Germany for their future work in their home churches.**

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Bread for the world offers a specific scholarship programme for orthodox students or graduates of theology. For further information, please contact also [kirchliche-stipendien@brot-fuer-die-welt.de](mailto:kirchliche-stipendien@brot-fuer-die-welt.de)

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