The Heinrich Böll Foundation is the Green political foundation. Under the heading “promoting talent”, every year we support around 1,200 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students – from all subjects and types of higher educational institutions in Germany and abroad – who affirm the goals of the Green project. Each year, up to 250 new scholarship recipients join the programme.

The objective of our scholarships is to promote future leaders and experts who are prepared to take on social responsibility, are interested in politics, and work to pass on the basic political values of the Heinrich Böll Foundation: ecology and sustainability, democracy and human rights, self-determination and justice. The scholarship department champions the principle of sustainability; the seminar programme is committed to the objectives of education for sustainability.

**Special target groups**

When choosing our scholarship recipients, we aim to combine the principle of high achievement with that of equal opportunities. The Heinrich Böll Foundation gives special (but not exclusive) consideration to:

- international graduate and doctoral students from central and eastern Europe, the EU’s neighbouring states, the CIS, the Middle East, North Africa, transition and newly industrialised countries, and conflict regions worldwide
- women (particularly studying STEM)
- students in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), especially those focusing on environmental science, ecology, etc.
- economics and legal studies; art studies; and journalism (see also scholarship programme «Medienvielfalt, anders»)
- members of ethnic minorities; refugees

**Funding**

The Heinrich Böll Foundation supports young people through scholarship funding (generally including a maintenance grant, study and research grant, foreign study grant, mobility allowance, family allowance, and other categories). In addition, we promote the scholarship recipients in their personal development, help them to gain cross-disciplinary qualifications and enhance their key competences, encourage political debate and attention to social issues, and nurture interdisciplinary dialogue. In particular, we support the scholarship recipients in taking their own initiatives and organising their own work, and give them a wide range of opportunities to participate in decision-making. We offer:

1. **A programme of events including**
   - a summer academy («Campus»)
   - specialised events in the field of political and civic education
   - workshops to enhance key skills; gender and diversity training courses
   - study groups for scholarship recipients, ad hoc meetings, university groups
   - networking meetings for alumni

2. **Individual consultations**
   on academic planning and career orientation

3. **Green Network**
   The mentoring and coaching programme “Grün vernetzt” offers networking opportunities, contacts with alumni and volunteers in and around the Heinrich Böll Foundation, and help in finding internships in the Foundation’s offices around the world.

**Scholarships for PhD students**

The scholarship department grants scholarships to doctoral students from all disciplines. We are particularly interested in supporting research projects related to focus areas of the work of the Heinrich Böll Foundation.

Central to the nonmaterial promotion for PhD students are:

- PhD scholar forum with science policy or higher education policy theme and presentations of research projects
- Workshops (e.g. writing trainings, time management, etc.)
- Seminars on career orientation
- Support for research trips abroad (e.g. conferences, field research)

**Research cluster «social and ecological transformation»** (please see [www.boell.de/studienwerk](http://www.boell.de/studienwerk))

- Our focus in promoting research on sustainability: supporting interdisciplinary dialogue and scientific policy consulting
- Broad range of subjects
- Several partners (universities and research institutes)

See [www.boell.de/scholarships](http://www.boell.de/scholarships) for more
Application deadline

Graduate students (during their studies or before they begin) and PhD students should apply directly to the Foundation. Applications are submitted online.

Application deadline for international applicants is 

1 March

Please check current details at www.boell.de/scholarships

The selection process has three stages:
- submission of the written application
- interview with a liaison lecturer
- attendance at a selection workshop, with one-to-one interview and group discussion in Berlin

...graduate students
EU and international students who obtained their university entrance qualifications outside Germany and who have already completed a first degree may apply for a scholarship to cover a Master’s degree (successful completion of a Bachelor’s degree and German language skills (B2 or DSH II) are required).

...PhD students
The application for a PhD scholarship needs to include a detailed description of the research project and a valid timetable for completion. Preliminary work on the PhD research project must have been completed. The Master’s degree certificate or equivalent must be available at the time of application.

Selection criteria

The criteria for award of a scholarship are:
- outstanding performance in school and university studies
- civic engagement and political interest
- active support for the objectives of the Heinrich Böll Foundation

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