
BERLIN SCHOLARSHIPS

OF THE REMEMBRANCE AND FUTURE FUND

Announcement 2008/09

For the academic year 2008/2009 Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin once again announces 30 "Berlin Scholarships" with the support of the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future".

The program

The Program "Berlin Scholarships" allows international students to study for one year at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin or at one of its partner institutions: Freie Universität Berlin, Technische Universität Berlin, Universität der Künste Berlin, and Fachhochschule für Wirtschaft Berlin. Along with their studies in Berlin the scholarship holders will work together in small groups on the project with the topic "Comparing (Hi)Stories".

The project will be supervised academically in a seminar held once or twice a month.

Scholarship holders will be able to carry out their study proposals within two semesters by attending courses at one of the universities in Berlin. The study proposals should be developed according to the home university's academic requirements.

The program will begin on September 1, 2008 and will last until July 31, 2009.

Topic of the year 2008/09

The topic for 2008/09 will be „Comparing (Hi)Stories“. As each generation as well as each nation have their own view of the past, historical events are always subject to interpretation and re-evaluation. However, the various views are also shaped by the present. The goal of the project work will be to study and critically analyze old and new, one's own and other views of (hi)stories within the frames of historical research, political discourses, and the arts (fine arts, literature, etc.).

Application requirements

Foreign students, in particular from Central and Eastern Europe, the CIS-States, Israel and the USA, and of all fields of study may apply. The program is directed at students with a good proficiency in German and a special interest in the history of National Socialism. We especially encourage descendants of victims of forced labor and other victims of the National Socialist regime to apply.

Please submit a draft proposal for a project that could be accomplished within the scholarship year. Proposals should include a description of the content, plans for its realization and a list of possible results envisaged for the project. During the first sessions of the seminar participants will be divided into work groups on the basis of their initial proposals to develop common project topics. The results of the work will be published in a yearbook.

The Scholarship

The scholarship includes a one-year study, a monthly stipend of 700 Euros for 11 months, a subsidy towards travel expenses, a one-month German language course, as well as a program of cultural and social activities offered throughout the academic year.

Application

Application requirements:

- Students of all fields of study, in particular from Central and Eastern European countries, the CIS-States, Israel or the USA.
- Applicants should provide proof that they have already studied for three semesters (18 months) by the time of applying
- A good working knowledge of German
- A good academic record
- An active interest in the topic of forced labor and National Socialism. Descendants of victims of forced labor or other victims of the National Socialist regime are particularly encouraged to apply.
- Age limit: 26 years (born on or after September 1, 1981). Applicants should be under 27 when commencing their scholarship year in Berlin.

How to apply (please send two copies of application documents. Please also note that application documents will not be mailed back.):

- **Application form** (see <http://evz.hu-berlin.de>)
- A **Curriculum Vitae**, containing details of social and extracurricular activities
- Proposed **course of study** for the preferred Berlin university, highlighting its connection to the course of studies in the applicant's home country and to the teaching and research profile of the Berlin university (1-2 pages)
- **Letter of motivation**, detailing reasons for the application and demonstrating family relation and/or special interest in the topics of forced labor and the National Socialist regime (1-2 pages)
- Outline of **project proposal** incorporating overall project topic "Comparing (Hi)Stories" (1-2 pages)
- **Language Proficiency Certificate** (form see <http://evz.hu-berlin.de>)
- **Transcript of academic record**
- **Proof of enrollment** at home university
- At least one **letter of recommendation** by a university professor of the home university (form see <http://evz.hu-berlin.de>)
- In case of an application for studies at the Universität der Künste (UdK): **acceptance letter** by a university professor of the UdK (for more information please contact: aaa@udk-berlin.de)

The scholarship provides:

- An opportunity to study at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin or one of its partner universities for one year
- A monthly stipend of 700 Euro for 11 months
- Upon request, reservation of a room in a student dormitory
- A subsidy towards travel expenses
- A one-month German language course before the beginning of the winter semester
- Program of social and cultural activities offered throughout the academic year

Application deadline:

January 31, 2008 (receipt stamp at Humboldt-Universität)

Please send **two copies** of the application with the necessary documentation to the following address:

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Abteilung Internationales
Berlin-Stipendien
Unter den Linden 6
10099 Berlin

It is each applicant's individual responsibility to ensure application submission by January 31, 2008 (receipt stamp of Humboldt-Universität). Application documents will not be mailed back.

For further information about the program and application forms see:

<http://evz.hu-berlin.de>

Or please contact the Program Coordinators at Humboldt-Universität:

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For detailed information on the lecture program or the teaching and research profile of the participating institutions, please visit their websites at:

<http://www.hu-berlin.de>
<http://www.fu-berlin.de>
<http://www.tu-berlin.de>
<http://www.udk-berlin.de>
<http://www.fhw-berlin.de>

Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and Future"

The Foundation has a long-term mandate to support projects that foster relations between Germany and those countries subjected to particular suffering under National Socialism and which promote cooperation in a spirit of partnership. For this purpose, the "Remembrance and Future" Fund was established with start capital of EUR 358 million. From the revenues this generates, the Foundation provides around EUR 8 million each year primarily for international programs and projects in the following focus areas: a critical examination of history, working for democracy and human rights, humanitarian assistance for survivors of National Socialist dictatorship.

<http://www.stiftung-evz.de>