# The University of Wuppertal Foundation Award and Regulations

The University of Wuppertal Foundation will award scholarships to students at UW in winter semester 2012-2013. The award takes special account not only of an applicant's academic promise, but also of his or her personal circumstances and/or readiness to take on social responsibilities.

# **Application criteria**

The University of Wuppertal Foundation awards scholarships to UW students who

- are enrolled for at least one year on a regular basis at the University of Wuppertal (UW)
- are 35 years of age or under
- have not yet completed their degree (master's degree where applicable)
- are not receiving financial support from any other source, and
- whose financial situation would allow them to receive BAföG funding (Federal Education Assistance), but for one of the following reasons they are not entitled to it:

## Funding group A

• They are non-German citizens (who as such do not qualify for BAföG funding, which is half grant, half interest-free loan), and are not receiving any other scholarship funding.

#### Funding group B

 They receive BAföG funding but – due to late change of degree program, or several changes, or for other reasons – not for the maximum length of time, and their funding has already ceased or will cease at the end of summer semester 2012.

## Funding group C

 Their BAföG funding will – because the maximum funding period has ended – cease in winter semester 2012-2013, and they expect to take their degree within a year.

Scholarship sum: The scholarship amounts to a maximum of €300 per month.

Scholarship term: The scholarship is awarded for one academic year, paid monthly.

## Deadline for applications: August 15, 2012

Applications are to be addressed to:

The Rector's Office University of Wuppertal.

Applicants **must** submit the following documents:

- application form complete with personal and family details and a declaration concerning receipt of BAföG or other funding, with supporting evidence
- formal letter of award or refusal of BAföG, or a letter from the BAföG office confirming attendance at the obligatory BAföG consultation
- reasons and motives for applying (max 4000 characters)
- summary CV
- current certificate of enrollment at university

- course/module certificates to date
- copy of German ID card or (for non-German applicants) copy of passport with evidence of right of residence in Germany
- evidence of financial situation (current account bank statements for last full month)
- letter of recommendation from a member of the applicant's faculty.

The following documents may also be submitted:

- evidence of other funding (where applicable)
- evidence of readiness to take on non-subject-related / social responsibilities.

Statements relating to the application must be made credible to the selection committee. Before coming to a decision the committee may choose to call the applicant for interview or – with the applicant's consent – seek further references.

#### Deadline for applications: August 15, 2012

Application forms can be downloaded and further information accessed at the University of Wuppertal homepage:

http://www.uni-wuppertal.de/studium/stipendien/studienstiftung.de

or at the homepage of the Donors' Association for the Promotion of Science and Humanities in Germany:

www.deutschesstiftungszentrum.de

If you have any further questions, please contact Frau Frey (Tel. 0202 / 439 2917 or E-Mail studienstiftung@uni-wuppertal.de).

#### **Selection procedure**

Applications will be evaluated and prioritized by a selection committee comprising

- 4 students
- 1 delegate from UW International Office
- 1 delegate from the BAföG Office
- 1 delegate from UW Student Counseling Service.

The decision on the award of a scholarship is made by the Management Board of the University of Wuppertal Foundation on the basis of the selection committee's recommendations.

Notification of award or non-award of a scholarship is given in writing by the Management Board without citing reasons for its decision.

#### **Further observations**

Acceptance of a scholarship entails the obligation to report immediately any changes that bear materially on the award.

Acceptance of a scholarship entails the further obligation to accept transfer between the institutions involved (UW, German Foundations Administration Center, personal bank) of the data necessary for administration of the scholarship.

Applicants must attend a BAföG consultation before submitting their application. A letter confirming this consultation must be submitted with the application. No legal right can be established for the award of a scholarship from the University of Wuppertal Foundation.

The University of Wuppertal Foundation retains the right

- a. to change or withdraw the grant of a scholarship if the scholarship holder does not comply with the conditions set for the award
- b. to change or update the regulations for award of a scholarship.

Issued in pursuance of a resolution of the Management Board of the University of Wuppertal Foundation dated June 13, 2012.