



Studienbegleitprogramm Rheinland-Pfalz/Saarland

für Studierende aus Asien, Afrika,
Lateinamerika und Osteuropa

Program for financing vocational preparatory internships and study visits in the country of origin (BPSA)

1. Why BPSA?

Foreign students often spend eight or more years in Germany before successfully completing their studies. This inevitably leads to alienation from their families and friends, but also to a greater distance from developments in their home countries, where they later live and work. They are increasingly losing not only contact to, but also the knowledge of the situation in their home countries.

Vocational preparatory internships and study visits should help to counter social alienation and the loss of knowledge, as well as to strengthen the developmental relevance and later professional orientation of one's own degree program.

2. Aim of the funding

BPSA serves to:

- support subject-related learning and achievement of the study objective
- Establish and revive contacts in the country of origin after a long absence due to studies
- Make a connection between course contents and developmental practice

3. Requirements for the funding

The BPSA funding can be received by foreign students from Africa, Asia, Latin America or Eastern Europe (countries that are considered developing countries or regions according to the Development Assistance Committee (DAC)) can receive funding, who

- submit their application full and within the stipulated period via the relevant ESG, KHG or the International Office
- Study at a university in Rheinland-Pfalz or Saarland
- Are doing their Master's degree or are in the second half of their Bachelor's degree
- Are known by the ESG, KHG or the International Office
- Have already taken part in at least two STUBE seminars
- Haven't received a BPSA funding before
- Don't receive any scholarships and who put themselves through their studies
- haven't visited their home country in the last 20 months

4. Purpose of the funding

Applications for the funding of visits in the country of origin are accepted:

- For a study or research stay to prepare a development-country-related study or final thesis (duration: at least 1 month to a maximum of 3 months)
- to complete an internship, which is part of the study requirements or is related to the study or the desired professional activity (duration: at least 1 month to a maximum of 6 months)
- - to obtain career information in the final phase of the study (duration: at least 1 month to a maximum of 2 months)

5. Benefits of the BSPA programme:

- Airfare: max. 1.280 Euro
- Travelling allowance: 300 Euro (for double costs of living for a 4-8 weeks long stay)
- Travelling allowance: 500 Euro (for double costs of living for stay that is longer than 8 weeks)

Important note: The booking of the flight ticket is done through the coordination office of STUBE. The self-booking of the ticket by the applicant before or during the application procedure leads to the rejection of the promotion.

6. Obligations

Students receiving the BSPA funding are obliged to:

- Take part at obligatory preparatory and reviewing seminars
- to present the following documents within 6 weeks after their return:
 - o detailed travel report
 - o original boarding pass of both flights
 - o in case of an internship: certificate of the completed internship

Important note: Only when these obligations have been fulfilled, the travel allowance will be payed out.

7. Applications

The following documents have to be submitted:

- o Completed application form
- o Description of the purpose of the stay (letter of motivation)
- o Curriculum vitae in tabular form
- o Report of attended lectures and seminars in university
- o Letter of recommendation from responsible teacher or professor (if you want to do an internship or want to work on your research/ thesis)
- o Letter of invitation from the institute/ university/ internship etc. where you are going to work
- o Participation certificates of at least two STUBE seminars

- Confirmation about developmental/social commitment (e.g. participation at STUBE, ESG or KHG, AStA, associations etc.)
- Copy of your current visa in your passport

In case of a study-/research stay, please add:

- Itinerary and schedule
- Commitment of the contact person or institution abroad
- Title and structure of the research paper/thesis

In case of an internship:

- Written confirmation of the responsible person at the internship

In case of career information:

- Itinerary and schedule
- Commitment of the contact person or institution abroad

If individual documents are not yet available, they can be submitted later in consultation with the STUBE coordinator.

Important note: The application documents will be submitted by the applicant via the local ESG, KHG or the International Office until the application deadline at the STUBE Coordination Office. Applications may not be submitted by the students themselves.

8. Dates and deadlines

Applications for the BPSA-program are possible twice a year.

1. For journeys in the time period from January to June. **Deadline: 15th of November** in the previous year.
2. For journeys in the time period from July to December. **Deadline: 15th of May.**

The obligatory preparatory and reviewing seminars are taking place in June and December. Information about the dates and the venue can be found on the STUBE-website.

Important note: Journeys to predominantly Christian countries over the Christmas holidays in December will not be funded!

9. Address of the responsible Person at STUBE Rheinland-Pfalz /Saarland:

The complete application must be submitted by the respective university community (ESG or KHG) or the International Office to the STUBE Coordination Office with the following address:

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