

## 2012 Scholarship Program of the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia for students from Israel

### **Objectives**

In 2004, an agreement was signed between Israel and North Rhine-Westphalia to intensify co-operation in the areas of higher education, research and the transfer of technology. One of the components of the agreement involves short-term scholarships for qualified students from Israel wishing to pursue studies and research in North Rhine-Westphalia.

The program is being implemented by the Heinrich-Heine-University Duesseldorf.

**We are now calling for applications for the year 2012.** As in previous years, at least ten scholarships in North Rhine-Westphalia are available for Israeli students enrolled in bachelor and master programs.

The scholarship program is designed to enable scholars to get familiar with the higher education and research scene in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia (in the following: NRW), thereby establishing new contacts and networks between Israel and NRW.

Scholars will have the opportunity to carry out research projects (such as measurements, computer modeling, archive studies, demoscopic studies) at university facilities in NRW as part of their bachelor's or master's thesis at their home university. In the process, scholars will be actively involved in the respective research teams, and will have the opportunity to take an active role in project group activities.

You can find out more about former scholars and their experiences on our homepage in the section "**Scholars' Network**"<sup>1</sup>.

### **Prerequisites for application**

The general prerequisites for applying for a scholarship are the following:

- Students (advanced level) in bachelor or master degree courses at Israeli universities; PhD students are admitted in exceptional cases.
- Fluency in English or German.

### **Scholarships in detail**

Scholars will be given access to all central facilities such as libraries, computer centers, access to the internet including e-mail, refectories etc. They will be integrated into local research teams where they may actively take part in the project groups' research activities.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/internationales/ausland-student/habe-fragen-zu-stipendien/nrw-nahost-foerderprogramme/scholars-network-english.html>



Thus, scholars will have the opportunity to get to know North Rhine-Westphalia and its higher education and research scene. The host institutions will support the scholars by providing project group tutors as individual counselors.

The host universities (International Offices) will assist with arrangements and the necessary paperwork. Furthermore, **travel expenses** can be refunded by providing relevant travel documents. The maximum refund amounts to 700 €.

**Accommodation** will be organized and financed by the host facility. Additionally, scholars will be granted a **public transport** season ticket providing mobility throughout the region. Furthermore, each scholar will receive an amount of 16.44 € per day to cover **living expenses**.

All funds are directly settled between the host facility and the scholar. Necessary **health insurance coverage** will be provided by the state of North Rhine-Westphalia within the framework of the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Group Insurance Scheme.

We highly recommend that accepted students take part in a German language class prior to or during the scholarship stay in NRW, especially if scholars have few or no knowledge of the German language. Depending on the time frame of the scholarship stay, the respective host university may offer German courses for foreign students. As an alternative, scholars might participate in a course at their home university in Israel prior to their stay in NRW or use the free online tools provided by "Deutsche Welle" for individual language learning: <http://www.dw-world.de/dw/0,,2547,00.html>.

## **Application**

The scholarship places (listed in a separate document: '[List of scholarship places](#)') are provided by research institutes at universities and universities of applied sciences in North Rhine-Westphalia.

As a student at a university in Israel, you are welcome to apply for one or more (up to three) of the places offered. It is important that you meet the particular requirements of the place you seek to apply for, i.e. that your degree / study program matches the discipline and required degree of the scholarship place offered. Furthermore, you need to make sure before applying that your stay in North Rhine-Westphalia in 2012 is consistent with your study program schedule in Israel. Please note that the period of time during which hosting institutions are able to receive scholars is limited in most cases and must generally not exceed the end of the year.

The **deadline for the submission of complete applications is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012.**

Your application needs to include:

1. The completed **application form**: including identification of the scholarship place(s) you seek to apply for as well as a brief statement on how the place(s) relate to your work (see the enclosed application form);
2. a **CV** (in English) and **photo**;
3. evidence of your previous academic achievements: **documentary evidence** (such as credit points, transcript of records, certificates of previous degrees),
4. **Letter of motivation** (English): containing statements on your particular interests and specialization, academic aims and prospective professional career, your expectations



with regard to your stay in North Rhine-Westphalia as a scholar and the knowledge you seek to acquire during the scholarship

5. two **letters of reference** from two different university lecturers (including contact details and email address of the respective lecturer)<sup>2</sup>: they need to include statements on the general qualification, previous progress of studies, further course of the studies, the objectives of the bachelor's or master's thesis and English language skills.  
*Please note: letters of reference should not be older than six months!*
6. **optional**: evidence on language skills; certificates on other relevant qualifications; participation certificates for relevant trainings/congresses/...

A detailed step-by-step guide on how to apply is available online: [\[click\]](#)

**Please note: All application documents must be submitted in English (or German)! Official documents, transcripts, letters of reference etc. must be signed and stamped by the issuing institution. Otherwise they cannot be accepted!**

## ***Implementation of the program***

Applications received will be presented to the according higher education institutions. The respective academic staff will then decide upon the adequacy of the scholar on the basis of his / her academic expertise and application documents. Taking into account the available number of scholarship places and after consulting the Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Research of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia the scholarship students will be selected. After the official acceptance of the scholars, the host universities will contact the respective scholars by the **mid of April 2012** in order to settle the details of their stay.

From **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2012 on**, scholars may take up work in the host institution. The duration of the stay may be between eight and twelve weeks. However, we strongly recommend making use of the maximum time frame of 12 weeks, as according to experience it takes some time for foreign students to adapt to the German university system. Stays are to be finished not later than **31<sup>st</sup> December, 2012**.

## ***Project promoters and program contacts***

Please send your application until the **1<sup>st</sup> of March 2012** – using the form – by **e-mail** to

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<sup>2</sup> Please use or attach the form provided for each letter! – available online: <http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/en/international/foreign-student/i-have-some-questions-about-funding-and-grants/nrw-scholarship-fellowship-programs/israel-scholarship-program/call-for-applications/application-documents.html>



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### ***Application documents & further information***

For further **information** on the scholarship program, please refer to our website:  
<http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/NRW-Nahost-Foerderprogramme>

Answers to **frequently asked questions (FAQ)** can be found here: [\[click\]](#)

All necessary **application documents** can be downloaded from this website as well:  
<http://www.uni-duesseldorf.de/home/en/international/foreign-student/i-have-some-questions-about-funding-and-grants/nrw-scholarship-fellowship-programs/israel-scholarship-program/call-for-applications/application-documents.html>