



Call for application

International Scholarship Program for Imams and Muslim religious personnel

The new International Scholarship Program (ISP) offered by the Islamkolleg Deutschland (IKD) is directed at Imams and Muslim religious personnel who want to pursue a theological degree program (MA) at a German university. The program is directed to Imams and Muslim religious personnel particularly from Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Turkey. Applications from other countries are also possible.

Through financial assistance, personal guidance and a wide seminar program the program creates optimal conditions for academic qualification, social commitment and personal development. Aim of the program is to contribute to the development of responsible and qualified Muslim personalities and to prepare them for leading positions in science, society, economy, politics and culture. The call for applications will run from 15th March – 30th April 2023.

What we offer

The material and intellectual support international Imams and Muslim religious personnel aims to make it possible for the scholarship recipients to pursue their degree at a German university while also helping them to become active and engaged in various areas of social life, civil society, and extra-curricular initiatives.

The ISP scholarship recipients will become part of the IKD Imam training and are included in the full IKD program. They will take part in regional meetings, and digital teaching opportunities. All IKD events taking place as part of the regular curriculum are also open to the ISP scholarship recipients. Participation in at least one program event per year is mandatory.

All scholarship holders receive regular individual advising from the IKD team. Questions can also be directed to the ISP team.

Scholarships are awarded for the entire duration of the regular master's program duration (24 month) An extension is possible.

Financial support for MA.-Students

- 841€ basic scholarship per month;
- 100€ supplementary support for health insurance per month;
- 100€ travel allowance per month;
- 100€ one-time initial help.

In addition, the following financial support may be granted under certain conditions

- 276€ family allowance per month;
- 50€ one-time book allowance;
- 2050€ printing cost allowance for doctorates;
- 400€ monthly child allowance for the first child;
- 100€ for each other child.

Application process

The international scholarship program is designed for students, in particular with an Egyptian, Bosnian-Herzegovinian or Turkish citizenship, who want to pursue a theological degree program (MA.) at a German university. Applications from other countries are also possible. An application is independent of age or gender. Resident educational students can't be funded through the ISP. Double funding by other programs for the gifted is also excluded.

Application requirements

- Above average potential for academic/research achievement;
- Political and/or volunteer involvement;
- Identification with the values of the IKD;
- German language skills at a communication level (B2);
- Egyptian, Bosnian-Herzegovinian or Turkish citizenship, exceptions are possible;
- Theological bachelor study;
- Maximum of one semester remaining in the Bachelor's program.

Application documents (to be submitted in German to sponick@avicenna-studienwerk.de)

- Informal letter of application or motivation (max. 2 pages);
- Short curriculum vitae in table form (max. 2 pages);
- Certificate of higher education entrance qualification (Abitur or similar);
- Current certificate of enrollment;
- Proof of social commitment;
- Two academic letters of recommendation;
- Additional certificates, if applicable;
- Copy of your identity card;
- Current transcript of records.

Contact: Sören Sponick (sponick@avicenna-studienwerk.de).

About the Islamkolleg Deutschland

The Islamkolleg Deutschland e. V. is a training institute in the field of adult education. It was founded in November 2019 as a non-profit institution for islamtheological practical training based in Osnabrück.

The purpose of the IKD is the scientific promotion and training, further and advanced training of aspirants for the activity as religious care personnel, in particular imams, pastors and community educators and other activities in the professional field of mosque communities with special attention to practice-oriented skills and the associated reflection.

Also the preparation of religious support personnel, in particular imam candidates and prospective pastors, as well as community educators and other activities in the professional field of mosque communities for the assumption of responsibility in the fields of education, science and mosque communities.