



The KITABU Foundation provides Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences with financial resources to promote transatlantic cooperation, with a focus on the US.

Among other things, scholarships are awarded to students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences for a study term or an internship in the US..

KITABU Scholarships USA

Individual Outgoing Scholarships for Study Stays at US (Partner) Universities / for Practical Stays in Companies or Institutions in the USA

Target group:

Bachelor and Master students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences of all disciplines who are interested in a study-related stay of at least 3 months in the USA, but cannot realize this plan without financial support through a scholarship. Students who have already spent more than 6 weeks in the USA are not eligible for funding. Priority will be given to students who have not yet had the opportunity to spend several months abroad (regardless of in which country).

Funding purpose:

Study-related stays in the USA are supported. This can be a study semester at a university (primarily, but not necessarily, at a partner university of Osnabrück UAS) or an internship in a company/institution in the USA. The preparation or writing of the Bachelor's or Master's thesis in cooperation with a (partner) university or a company/institution is also eligible for funding.

Scope and duration of the scholarship:

These are scholarships that cover or subsidize additional costs related to study abroad (travel, living expenses, health insurance, tuition fees, if applicable). It is composed of:

- Travel allowance: 1,100 euros (East Coast), 1,500 euros (West Coast).
- Scholarship rate for living expenses incl. health insurance: 1,200 euros per month for the duration of the study-related stay
Scholarship period for study visits: one term, min. 3 months, max. 5 months
Scholarship duration for practical stays: min. 3 months, max. 6 months
- Payment of tuition fees up to 9,000 euros / term

Application deadlines:

Students apply one year before planned departure:

- by February 28/29 for a stay starting in January of the following year (departure usually between January and July)
- by July 31 for a stay starting in July of the following year (departure usually between July and December of the following year).

The application is made via the [portal 'Mobility Online'](#) in the period from December 1 to February 28/29 or from May 1 to July 31.

Please note: If you wish to spend a study semester in the US, it is advisable to go abroad during the winter semester rather than during the summer semester. At the majority of US universities, the spring term (corresponding to our summer semester) usually starts in early January which collides with the

exam period at Osnabrück University of Applied. The fall term (corresponding to our winter semester) usually starts in August and ends before Christmas.

Application materials:

- Curriculum vitae
- a detailed, convincing letter of motivation (max. 2 pages, see below: Special notes)
- Current transcript of records with average grade shown (please select 'Modulübersicht für Masterbewerbungen - Module overview for master's applications' in OSCA); for students in their first bachelor's semester: school-leaving certificate, training certificate if applicable; for students in their first master's semester: bachelor's certificate-
- English language certificate (min. B1; the B2 level required for the award of a study place abroad must be available by the time of departure) If your transcript of records shows that you have completed an English course on B1 or B2 level at Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences you do not need an extra certificate. If not, please get in touch with an English Language lecturer at your faculty and ask him/her to complete the DAAD language certificate which you can download in the Mobility Online Portal
- Explanation of financial situation (see below: Special notes)

Selection criteria:

Selection will be made by an inter-faculty committee based on the submitted materials and will consider the following criteria:

- Valid and cogent explanation of the motivation for a study related stay in the U.S. and convincing (plans for) preparation of the stay abroad.
- Financial need
- Academic performance

Further procedure and conditions:

The acceptance is subject to the condition that the study period abroad will take place. Payment will be made upon presentation of the letter of admission from the receiving university or the confirmation of the internship.

Upon return, the transcript of records or the work certificate must be submitted, together with a report on the stay abroad.

If the stay abroad is not started or is prematurely terminated (except for changes of plans due to Corona restrictions) or is not carried out in accordance with the purpose of the scholarship, the grant will be reclaimed in full or in part.

The scholarship holders are expected to be available as multipliers (e.g. for information events, statements for website, blogposts, etc.).

Special notes:

The KITABU scholarship is especially aimed at students who have so far refrained from the idea of a stay abroad due to limited financial means. The long lead time between application and departure offers the opportunity to take care of the concrete planning and preparation of the stay abroad after the scholarship approval and knowing the financial framework. Therefore, at the time of application, no detailed information regarding the host university and course selection or no internship commitment must be available yet.

What is important, however, is a convincing motivation that gives an impression of, among other things, why study abroad experience is important to the applicant, why he/she would like to complete a semester or an internship specifically in the USA, whether a study semester or an internship is more desired, how the study semester/internship would relate to the studies at Osnabrück UAS, what expectations are associated with it in terms of personal and professional development,

how he/she would prepare

according to which criteria he/she would select a possible host university / a possible internship.

If more concrete plans already exist or preparations have been made, these should be briefly described.

Furthermore, information on the financial situation should be submitted, describing how the applicant finances his/her studies (amount of parental support, Bafög, part-time job, reserves) and why he/she is dependent on the scholarship to realize the stay abroad. In addition, please indicate whether (and if so, how much) money you could raise for a stay in the U.S. from your own resources (savings, family support, or similar) in addition to the KITABU scholarship. Concrete documents such as bank statements do not need to be submitted. If further funding is applied for, this must be stated. Double funding is excluded. Bafög abroad offsets possible scholarship funding, so it may make sense to forego receiving Bafög during the semester abroad.

Note for applicants:

Scholarship places are limited and you must convince the selection committee of your personal and professional motivation. General statements such as 'I want to improve my English skills, leave my comfort zone, think outside the box and gain intercultural experience' are usually not sufficient. It should be clear **why** you want this and make an authentic, individual reference to yourself, your studies and your plans for your professional and personal development.

To prepare your application, you are invited to participate in a pre-application info session hosted by the Center for International Mobility. This will take place online approximately 4 weeks before the application deadline. The zoom link will be published on the [KITABU Scholarship website](#).

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