Scholarship Program

Founded by the German Bishop’s Conference, the Albertus Magnus Scholarship Program is dedicated to the exchange and dialogue between local churches, in accordance with the vision of the Second Vatican Council.

The Institute for Global Church and Mission (IWM) at the Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology in Frankfurt (Germany) in cooperation with the Catholic Academic Exchange Service (KAAD) are responsible for the content and organization of the program.

Scholarships are provided by church aid agencies: Adveniat, Missio in Aachen and the Institute of Missiology Missio e.V. (MWI), Renovabis and the German dioceses.

The scholarship program is supported by the Federal Foreign Office.
Who is eligible?

The scholarship program is for students from Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe who wish to undertake postgraduate studies at a University or Catholic College in Germany.

The aim of their stay in Germany is to acquire a licentiate or a doctorate in theology, philosophy, canon law or related fields.

How long is the Program?

The duration of the scholarship (without the language course) is

- 2 years for a licentiate,
- 3 years for doctoral studies.

In exceptional cases, an extension of the term is possible.

What does the Program offer?

- A monthly stipend of 1,100 € (minus any personal contributions or donations)
- If necessary a German language course for the duration of six months
- An introductory course to the social and religious situation in Germany
- Regular meetings in student groups, which are led by tutors
- Annual meeting of all scholarship recipients
- Multi-day educational events
- A pilgrimage / study excursion to Rome
- Academic advisory and guidance services by an academic body
- Possibilities for spiritual renewal and recreation

What about the application process?

Candidates for the program must

- be able to demonstrate excellent academic achievement (e.g. grades, exam scores),
- have an elementary knowledge of German,
- have a recommendation by the candidate’s local church authority,
- declare their willingness to return to their local churches.

An applicant should submit a request for admission to Renovabis by 31 March of the academic year preceding admission.

Please inform yourself about eligibility requirements and application procedures by the homepage of Renovabis or the Albertus Magnus Scholarship Program.

A direct application at the scholarship program is not possible.