

The University of Passau – Top Rankings in Research and Teaching within the context of a strong commitment regarding the Internationalization of Academic Exchange

Though the University of Passau is still a rather young university in Bavaria (founded in 1978), it has already acquired an excellent reputation. The university achieves top rankings in the disciplines of law, economic sciences, computer science, communication science, political science and cultural studies. Moreover the University of Passau takes a leading role in Germany when it comes to interdisciplinarity and internationalization.

At the moment the university is home to students and researchers from more than 90 countries who live and work in Lower Bavaria and in the heart of Europe. The university is committed to the internationalization of academic exchange and does its very best to support it.

As part of this commitment the University of Passau has created the **“Education for Democracy Scholarship of the University of Passau”**. Every year since 2009 two students from the neighboring countries of Europe have been invited for two semesters to study at the university. They shall be given the possibility to develop their academic skills as well as their personality in order to serve as potential leaders or multipliers in their home countries, and in order to be a potential contact person for the interests of the university and its sponsors.

The International Office of the University of Passau will take care for the provision of a university place and for the provision of living space. Moreover it will pay attention to the academic achievements of the scholarship holders during their stay. In addition to that the office will support the contact to other international students and will promote networking activities between the students.

The university will provide the necessary financing (660 € per person and month) and tutors who will help the students with regard to their timetables and health insurance.

Aims of the scholarship

- Further academic education with a special focus on good governance
- Enable participants to act as potential leaders and contact persons for the university and its supporters in their home countries
- Fostering the dialogue between European students in the light of international understanding and the joint promotion of economic growth

Application Process

The potential scholarship holders will be elected by an independent commission in July/August. The following documents have to be sent to participate in the selection process:

- A transcript of records (in German or English)
- A C.V. including an overview about the social and political commitment of the applicant (in German)
- An essay stating the personal point of view of the applicant with regard to conflicts in his or her home country (in German)
- A letter of motivation describing the eligibility of the applicant for the program and stating his or her reasons to apply (in German)
- A letter of recommendation from two different university lecturers (in German or English)

Criteria for the selection go beyond good grades and language knowledge. Social and political commitment is also taken into consideration.

After a first selection has been made, the students are contacted for a skype interview. The final decision is based on the submitted documents and the interview.

Please send the required documents as one PDF - file to nana.berulava@hotmail.com and in cc to thomas-schwaiger@gmx.de.

The deadline for applications is the 17th of August 2017 (23:59). Interviews will be scheduled for 18th or 19th of August 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us

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