

Arnold Heidsieck Scholarship

Call for Applications 2026

The **Arnold Heidsieck Scholarship** Fund offers several scholarships for one or two semesters at a university in the U.S. The program invites applications from BA-students in the humanities who are currently enrolled at a German university and have a focus on German literature, language, history, and culture. The scholarships provide monthly grants of up to USD 550 and travel allowances of up to USD 1,100.

Deadline for applications: **4 May 2026** for a study stay in the course of the academic year 2026/2027. For more information please visit our website [here](#).

Arnold Heidsieck (1937-2009), philosopher and German philologist, taught as a professor at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Born in Leipzig and raised in Breslau, Heidsieck studied theology in Tübingen and wrote his doctoral dissertation in literary studies at the Freie Universität Berlin. His research initially centered on Kafka and his intellectual contemporaries; his later work focused on German post-war literature and representations of the Holocaust.

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The **American Friends of Bucerius** was established in 2006 as an independent charitable organization in the U.S. to develop and support the programs of the ZEIT STIFTUNG BUCERIUS.

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Application Form 2026

Before completing this form, please ensure that you meet the criteria for the scholarship as detailed in our Terms of Reference.

Personal details

Title (Mr/Ms/Mx)	
Family Name	
First Name	
Date of Birth	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Nationality	

Family information

Father's Name		Occupation	
Mother's Name		Occupation	

Siblings

Name		Year of Birth	
Name		Year of Birth	
Name		Year of Birth	
Name		Year of Birth	

Own children

Name		Year of Birth	
Name		Year of Birth	

Requested period of scholarship

From		Until	
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University in the U.S.

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Financial information

Please indicate the type and the amount of other funds available to you for financing your stay in the U.S. (in total, for all months you plan to spend abroad).

1. Personal Savings		Amount in total	
2. Family Funds		Amount in total	
3. Other Scholarships		Amount in total	
4. Other (please specify)		Amount in total	

Past and current scholarships

Have you already received (or are you currently receiving) a scholarship? If yes, please indicate which scholarship(s) and when.

Yes		No	

Stays abroad

Did you stay in the U.S. before? If yes, please indicate for which purpose and when.

Yes		No	
Purpose		From – Until	
Purpose		From – Until	
Purpose		From – Until	
Purpose		From – Until	

Did you stay abroad before? If yes, please indicate where, for which purpose, and when.

Yes				No		
Where		Purpose		From – Until		
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Where		Purpose		From – Until		
Where		Purpose		From – Until		

Language skills

Please indicate your degree of fluency in **English**, using **Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor**.

Reading		Speaking		Writing	
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Other languages

Please indicate which one

1. _____

Reading		Speaking		Writing	
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2. _____

Reading		Speaking		Writing	
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3. _____

Reading		Speaking		Writing	
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Reference from a university professor, lecturer, or research associate

Name	
Institution	

Please ask your referee to send their recommendation (in English or German) directly via email or postal service to:

Ms Marcella Christiani
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The letter is due to be received by **4 May 2026**.

Check-list

In addition to the application form and the letter of recommendation, please include the following documents to your scholarship application:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of High School Diploma (Abiturzeugnis)
- Transcript of Records (Leistungsübersicht aus dem BA-Studium)
- Essay explaining your motivation as well as your plans for your study stay in the U.S. and why you should be considered for a scholarship (max 2 pages)

Completed applications should be returned to the address of Ms Marcella Christiani (see above) via email or postal service.

All documents are due to be received by **4 May 2026**.

Terms of Reference 2026

1. Scholarships

The Arnold Heidsieck Scholarship Fund will award several scholarships in the U.S. to aid with travel and living costs. The Fund will offer a monthly grant of up to USD 550 for a maximum stay of 10 months, plus a travel allowance of up to USD 1,100.

The Arnold Heidsieck Scholarships can be combined with other sources of funding. If the applicant is the recipient of another scholarship aside from the ZEIT STIFTUNG BUCERIUS, this information must be included in the application.

2. Eligibility

Eligible scholarship applicants must be:

- a) German or foreign students who are currently enrolled at a German university.
- b) BA-students in the humanities with a focus in their studies on German culture, language, history, music, or art.
- c) currently working on their bachelor's degree, or travel to the U.S. in the academic year immediately after they have completed their bachelor's degree.
- d) accepted to a study stay at a U.S. university.

3. Deadline

The final date for scholarship application is **4 May 2026** for a study stay in the course of the academic year 2026/2027.

4. Information required

The application must be submitted in English on the appropriate form provided by the ZEIT STIFTUNG BUCERIUS before the deadline. It must contain:

- A completed application form
- Curriculum Vitae
- Copy of High School Diploma (Abiturzeugnis)
- Transcript of Records (Leistungsübersicht aus dem BA-Studium)
- Essay explaining your motivation as well as your plans for your study stay in the U.S. and why you should be considered for a scholarship (max. 2 pages)
- One letter of recommendation from a university professor sent directly from the author (in English or German)

Award recipients will be announced in **June 2026**.

Informationsblatt zur Speicherung personenbezogener Daten

- zur:** Informationspflicht nach Artikel 13 DSGVO
- für:** Stipendiaten und Geförderte
- bei:** Erhebung von personenbezogenen Daten bei der betroffenen Person
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1. Kontaktdaten des Verantwortlichen bei Erhebung personenbezogener Daten

- a. ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerus, Feldbrunnenstraße 56, 20148 Hamburg, Deutschland. Der Datenschutzbeauftragte ist erreichbar unter schuster@zeitstiftung.de

2. Verarbeitungszweck und Rechtsgrundlage

- a. Wir verarbeiten Ihre personenbezogenen Daten nach Art. 6 Abs. 1 lit. f) DSGVO. Unser berechtigtes Interesse der Datenverarbeitung besteht dabei in der Auswahl der Stipendiaten sowie der Kontaktpflege mit den Geförderten.

3. Empfänger bei Übertragung personenbezogener Daten

- a. Ihre personenbezogenen Daten, insbesondere Ihre Kontoverbindung, wird zur Zahlungsabwicklung einem Kreditinstitut im Drittland (USA) übermittelt. Im Fall der Wirtschaftsprüfung können personenbezogene Daten offengelegt werden. Wir legen Ihre personenbezogenen Daten Dritten offen, die an der Auswahl der Stipendiat:innen beteiligt sind. Dabei kann es zu Datenübertragungen in ein Drittland (USA) kommen.

4. Angaben zur Speicherdauer und Aufbewahrungsfrist der Daten

- a. Sofern Sie zu den geförderten Personen gehören, speichern wir Ihre personenbezogenen Daten im Zuge der Förderdokumentation und der Alumniarbeit. Sind Sie bei der Auswahl nicht berücksichtigt worden, löschen wir Ihre personenbezogenen Daten in einem Zeitraum von drei Jahren.

5. Auskunft, Berichtigung, Löschung und Widerspruchsrecht

- a. Sie haben das Recht auf Auskunft über die betreffenden personenbezogenen Daten, ihre Berichtigung, Löschung oder Einschränkung der Verarbeitung. Die Entscheidungsfindung verläuft nicht über ein automatisiertes Verfahren einschließlich Profiling. Ihnen steht ein Beschwerderecht bei einer Aufsichtsbehörde in Deutschland zu.
- b. Beabsichtigt der Verantwortliche die personenbezogenen Daten zu einem anderen Zweck weiterzuverarbeiten, so stellt er der Person im Vorfeld dazu maßgebliche Informationen zur Verfügung.
- c. Falls Sie Informationsmaterial der Stiftung beziehen möchten, wie Einladungen zu Veranstaltungen, speichern wir zu diesem Zweck Ihre Adressdaten.

Information sheet on the storage of personal data

- to the:** **Duty to inform according to Article 13 GDPR**
- for:** **Scholarship holders and grantees**
- for:** **Collection of personal data from the person concerned**
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1. Contact information of the person responsible for the collection of personal data

- a. ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerus, Feldbrunnenstraße 56, 20148 Hamburg, Germany., The data protection officer can be contacted via schuster@zeit-stiftung.de

2. Purpose of processing and legal basis

- a. Our legitimate interest in data processing is the selection of scholarship recipients and the maintenance of contact with the recipients.

3. Recipient in case of transfer of personal data

- a. Your personal data, in particular your bank account details, will be transferred to a credit institution in a third country (USA) for payment processing. In the case of auditing, personal data may be disclosed. We disclose your personal data to third parties who are involved in the selection of scholarship holders. This may also involve the transfer of personal data to a third country (USA).

4. Information on the storage period and retention period of the data

- a. If you are one of the scholarship holders, we will store your personal data for the documentation of scholarships and the alumni network. If you have not been considered for selection, your data will be deleted after a period of three years.

5. Right to information, correction, deletion and objection

- a. You have the right to obtain information about the personal data concerned, to have it corrected, deleted or restricted in its processing. Decision-making is not carried out using an automated procedure, including profiling. You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority in Germany.
- b. If the controller intends to further process the personal data for another purpose, it shall provide the person with relevant information in advance.
- c. If you wish to receive information material from the foundation, such as invitations to events, we will store your address data for this purpose.