



Forschungsstelle für Genossenschaftswesen

Call for Applications:

Two scholarships with a cooperative focus for students of agricultural sciences at Hohenheim University

The "*Ludwig and Kunigunde Koch Scholarship funded by the Raiffeisen Foundation*" is aimed at international students pursuing a Master's degree in Agricultural Sciences, especially Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness, at the University of Hohenheim. The scholarships are intended to help spread the cooperative spirit, in line with the cooperative values and cooperative entrepreneurship to rural regions, ideally located outside of Europe and North America.

For this purpose, two scholarships of monthly €1,000 per student will be awarded from 2025 to 2029. The first two scholarships with a term of two years will be advertised for the winter semester 2025/2026. During the two-year scholarship period, the Raiffeisen Foundation will arrange one to two four-week internships at a cooperative company with an agricultural focus.

Who can apply?

International students who have successfully enrolled in a Master's program in Agricultural Sciences or Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness at Hohenheim and who demonstrate a strong interest in cooperatives and cooperative issues in rural areas are eligible to apply.

Therefore, the prerequisite for admission is acceptance as a Master's student at the University of Hohenheim: https://www.uni-hohenheim.de/en/studyoffers#jfmulticontent_c307222-2.

Applicants must demonstrate sufficient German language skills to enable them to communicate effectively in an exclusively German-speaking environment during the internship. Proof of this ability can be provided, for example, through a certificate or, alternatively, through an oral interview with a representative of the Raiffeisen Foundation and Prof. Dr. Hess in German.

If possible, students should be citizenship of a democratic country outside of Europe and North America – based on the Democracy Index (The Guardian). Applicants from Africa or Asia should especially feel encouraged to apply. However, the awarding of scholarships with regard to the applicants' respective home countries remains a case-by-case decision and is primarily based on competence.

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How to apply?

Please submit the following documents combined in one PDF to: geno@uni-hohenheim.de

Subject: "Application Ludwig und Kunigunde Koch Scholarship"

- CV
- Transcripts
- Copy of Passport
- Motivational letter: Please explain how you intend to pass on your acquired knowledge after your studies in relation to your home country, e.g., by initiating cooperative projects.
- Proof or Statement of German language proficiency
- Confirmation of acceptance as a Master's student in Hohenheim

What the scholarship offers:

Monthly scholarship of 1,000 € for a duration of two years. The Raiffeisen Foundation pays the scholarship to the recipients monthly.

The scholarship recipients will complete one, preferably two internships of four weeks each during the semester break in a cooperative company with an agricultural focus, arranged by the Raiffeisen Foundation.

The scholarship recipients will be invited by the Raiffeisen Foundation to a short visit to Berlin; participation is required. The Raiffeisen Foundation will cover the associated travel and accommodation costs for this visit.

Obligations as part of the scholarship:

Scholarship recipients must submit the following confirmations/proofs to the Raiffeisen Foundation:

- Brief, written reports on ongoing research work at the Research Center of Cooperatives in Hohenheim. These reports must be submitted to the Raiffeisen Foundation every six months during the funding period.
- With the support of the staff of the Research Center for Cooperatives in Hohenheim, scholarship recipients will attend relevant university events and participate in cooperative lectures. At least five such individual university events/events should be attended per semester. Confirmations of participation or other suitable documentation must be submitted to the Foundation.
- The master's thesis ideally has both a cooperative focus and a connection to the scholarship recipient's home country. Within one year of completing the master's examination, proof of passing the master's examination and at least a detailed excerpt from the master's thesis (30-40 pages) or the entire thesis must be submitted to the Raiffeisen Foundation.
- The scholarship recipients must prepare short reports on their internships. These reports must be submitted to the Raiffeisen Foundation. Costs associated with the internships (such as travel or accommodation expenses, etc.) must be covered by the scholarship recipients. Additional remuneration for the internship is not provided.

- The scholarship recipients must prepare a short report on their visit to Berlin, outlining their findings.

The scholarship recipients must be aware that if they fail to fulfill the requirements, the Raiffeisen Foundation reserves the right to reclaim the funds paid out under the scholarship.