

Fachhochschule für Interkulturelle Theologie Hermannsburg

## Scholarships at the University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg (FIT)

### MA Degree Programme 'Intercultural Theology'

Georg-August-University Göttingen & University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg

# **APPLICATION GUIDELINE**

#### Purpose of the Scholarships

The FIT scholarships are awarded by the Evangelical-Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony (ELM) and FIT Hermannsburg. With these scholarships, both institutions want to foster advanced studies in intercultural theology and promote intercultural/interreligious and ecumenical cooperation between people of different religious/ denominational, cultural and national backgrounds.

The scholarships give students the opportunity to study for a higher degree and to enhance their academic knowledge, while developing professional skills and acquiring intercultural competencies. Scholarship holders are required to live in Hermannsburg and partake in the activities of the international community on FIT campus.

The scholarships are awarded to students with an outstanding academic record, who are actively engaged in intercultural work. Preference is given to applicants, who without a scholarship would not be able to study.

Our scholarships are granted in line with the equal opportunities policy of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Hanover and in accordance with national laws regarding equal rights. A candidate with disabilities will be prioritised, if equally qualified.

Current number of scholarships awarded per academic year:	2
Duration of scholarship:	max. 22 months (begins in October – ends in
	September)
Scholarship monies:	approx. 750 EUR
	includes living expenses (rent and full board),
	student fees at University of Göttingen, FIT service
	fees ('overhead expenses'), health insurance
	excludes: travel costs, special expenses during the
	research project (3 <sup>rd</sup> semester), other costs etc.

#### Details

### Selection Criteria

- Admission to the MA degree programme 'Intercultural Theology'
- Academic achievements and other talents
- A keen interest in the academic discipline 'intercultural theology'
- Active involvement in a church /congregation /religious community and /or in academic work, with a special focus on intercultural exchange and partnership work
- Membership in a church or institution affiliated to the global network of partners of the Evangelical-Lutheran Mission in Lower Saxony<sup>1</sup> (if applicable)
- Degree from a partner university or partner institution of Georg-August-University Göttingen<sup>2</sup> (if applicable)

#### Students who receive a scholarship are required to...

- participate actively in the ICT degree programme and pursue their academic studies with distinction
- be involved in and dedicate their services to the intercultural community at FIT Hermannsburg and the ELM and live permanently on FIT campus
- attend the special seminars and workshops for scholarship holders
- submit a short report on their study progress every semester
- actively serve religious communities and /or academic institutions fostering intercultural theology and theological /religious studies
- become an ALUMNI member of the ICT degree programme

#### **Application Timeline**

Application Deadline: 1. April (each year), 24:00 hrs CET (UTC+1)

#### Approval of Scholarship: approx. by the end of May

#### Application Documents:

Please submit your application by email: fill in the application form and questionnaire online (word- or pdf-file), scan all other documents (jpg- or pdf-files) and send them as attachments in an email.

- 1. Application Form
- 2. Curriculum vitae (CV)
- 3. Questionnaire
- 4. Recommendation letters
- 5. Certified copies of your previous academic degrees or, if applicable, preliminary certificates (if the degree programme is not yet completed)
- 6. Optional: certificates or proof of other academic or professional qualifications, study awards, additional language competencies etc.

#### Please note that the scholarship committee will only consider complete applications!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For a list of countries, see <u>https://www.elm-mission.net/laender.html</u> .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For a list of institutions, see <u>https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/intercultural+experience/111668.html</u> .

#### Submission

# Please send your application via email to the FIT Rector's Office, c/o Mrs Linda Braun: <a href="https://www.linda.com">l.braun@fh-hermannsburg.de</a>

Do not use any other address!

#### **Further Information**

**Please note that it is essential to apply first for admission to the MA ICT degree programme at the University of Göttingen**. You may apply simultaneously for the scholarship. Scholarships can only be given to those students who gain admission to the degree programme. For further information about admission procedures, see <u>https://www.unigoettingen.de/de/109075.html</u>. Before you apply for the scholarship and the study programme, read all information about the purpose and contents of the degree programme carefully.

Along with your application, submit two recommendation letters from academic and/ or religious institutions you are affiliated to (preferably one academic and one religious institution).

#### **Contact person for further information about scholarships:** Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Richebächer

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