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Call for Applications: CIH^{LMU} One Health Scholarships

The CIH^{LMU} Center for International Health and OH-TARGET (One Health Training And Research Global Network) are two of twelve centers of excellence within the exceed initiative, funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and coordinated by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The vision and overarching aim of CIH^{LMU} is to empower health professionals. With this vision, CIH^{LMU} aspires to meet health-related challenges through capacity building in training and research. With the new OH-TARGET project, our vision has expanded to a more participatory and interdisciplinary approach to improve global health conditions. To find out more about what One Health means and the project please visit <https://www.cih.lmu.de/one-health-target>.

In order to support research on topics relevant to One Health, Master and PhD students are invited to apply for the available One Health scholarships.

Who can apply for CIH^{LMU} One Health Scholarships?

Master and PhD students who are **enrolled at LMU Munich or an OH-TARGET partner institution** completing a **study program with an One Health-relevant research project** are eligible to apply to the following scholarships. All One Health-relevant research projects are eligible; however, projects additionally bearing relation to low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) will be prioritized.

The following scholarships are available for project-related student activities between 1 April to 30 September 2021:

1. Travel Scholarships

The travel scholarships allow eligible Master and PhD students to travel within Germany, within or between LMIC countries (as per valid [DAC list](#)) or between Germany and an LMIC country for project-related reasons (e.g. field work, conferences, module blocks, defenses). This scholarship can only be used for travel expenses of [flights or long-distance trains](#) (no taxis or other local public transportation) in accordance with cost-effective and economic principles (only economy class). The travel expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts and proof of payment (e.g. credit card or bank statement) [after](#) the traveling.

2. Accommodation & Subsistence Scholarships

Three different types of accommodation scholarships are available:

a. Duration between 1-22 days

This scholarship allows eligible Master and PhD students to spend project-related short-term stays away from the student's research site and/or residence (e.g. for conferences, workshops). This short-term scholarship can only be used for hotel expenses including breakfast (if stated on the hotel receipt) in accordance with the Bavarian travel expenses act ([Bayrisches Reisekostengesetz](#), BayRKG) and the cost-effective and economic principles. This scholarship cannot be used for any other purpose (e.g. restaurant bills) and the accommodation expenses will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts and proof of payment (e.g. credit card or bank statement) [after](#) the stay.

b. Duration between 23 days and 3 months

This middle-term scholarship allows eligible Master and PhD students with a citizenship from a LMIC country (as per valid [DAC list](#)) to spend project-related time in their research country or other countries for e.g. defined study periods abroad. Students with a citizenship from a country not listed in the DAC list are also eligible to apply for this subsistence scholarship as long as their project-related stay will take place in a LMIC country. This scholarship is awarded in the form of a monthly pre-payment.

c. Duration between 3 and 6 months

This long-term scholarship covers subsistence expenses for up to 6 months in form of a monthly pre-payment to eligible Master and PhD students with a citizenship from a LMIC country (as per valid DAC list) whose last earned academic degree is not dating back longer than 6 years at the time of application. PhD students that already started their research thesis projects are only eligible if the start of the project is not dating back longer than 3 years. Furthermore, students with a citizenship from a LMIC country (as per valid DAC list) who are currently in Germany are only eligible if they have not resided in Germany for longer than 15 months at the time point of application. However, this does not apply for applicants who came to Germany to study, to pursue a doctoral study or to fulfill other scientific work. Moreover, persons who have been granted refugee status are also exempt from this regulation. With the signature of the beneficiary it is confirmed that the subsidized individual of the project fulfils the prefixed prerequisites. This scholarship is awarded in the form of a monthly pre-payment.

3. Scholarship for Supervisor visits

This scholarship allows supervisors from the LMU or an OH-TARGET partner institution to visit their respective students at the research or study site. Please note, eligible Master or PhD students can apply for the scholarship on behalf of their supervisors. However, flights and hotels need to be booked by the supervisors themselves in order to get refunded after the supervisor visit. Furthermore, after the supervisor visit the student needs to write and hand in a report including the agenda and summary of the visit to CIH.

a. Travel Scholarship for Supervisor visits

This scholarship can only be used for flight expenses in accordance with the cost-effective and economic principles (only economy class). The travel expenses will be refunded upon submission of receipts and proof of payment (e.g. credit card or bank statement) after the traveling. Please note, only flights between Germany and a LMIC country (as per valid DAC list) or within LMIC countries can be refunded.

b. Accommodation Scholarship for Supervisor visits

This accommodation scholarship can only be used for hotel expenses including breakfast (if stated on the hotel receipt) in accordance with the Bavarian travel expenses act (Bayrisches Reisekostengesetz, BayRKG) and the cost-effective and economic principles. The period of time in which the supervisor visit takes place must not exceed 7 days, including the arrival and departure day. The hotel expenses will be refunded upon submission of receipts and proof of payment (e.g. credit card or bank statement) after the supervisor visit.

Summary of the available travel and accommodation scholarships including eligibility criteria:

	Student from LMIC country (per valid <u>DAC list</u>)	Student from no-LMIC country (countries not on DAC list)
Eligibility criteria (applicable for <u>all</u> Scholarships)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master or PhD Student • Enrolled at LMU or an OH-TARGET partner institution • One Health relevant research topic (prioritization of OH topics with LMIC relevance) 	
Travel Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only for travel by <u>flight</u> and <u>long-distance train</u> ○ Only economy class ○ Traveling within Germany or LMIC countries or between Germany and LMIC countries ○ Refunding of travel expenses <u>after</u> the traveling 	
Accommodation Scholarship 1 – 22 days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only hotel incl. breakfast (if stated on the receipt) ○ Refunding of expenses <u>after</u> the traveling 	
Subsistence Scholarship 23 days – 3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monthly pre-payment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only for stays in a LMIC country ○ Monthly pre-payment
Subsistence Scholarship 3 – 6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • last earned academic degree is not dating back longer than 6 years ○ Monthly pre-payment 	not available

In order to apply for a CIH^{LMU} One Health scholarship, please provide the following documents:

- Scan of your **valid passport showing picture and personal data (mandatory)**
- Proof of an **official university enrollment**, e.g. Master studies or PhD program (**mandatory**)
- Scan of your **last official Academic certificates (if applicable)**
- **Motivation letter:** (word count max. 500) Please indicate why it is you who should receive a CIH^{LMU} One Health scholarship by specifying your motivation and the need for the scholarship. Furthermore, please name us the title of your research project and explain to us why you think it is One Health relevant. If applicable, also lay out the relevance for LMICs. For your Motivation letter, please cover the following topics using the indicated word count:

Motivation & need (word count max 200)

Description of research topic (word count max. 100)

Relation to One Health (word count max 100)

Relation to LMICs (if applicable, word count max 100)

Evaluation and Selection

Only complete applications fulfilling the eligibility criteria and the formal requirements will be reviewed by the Selection Board. Among all scholarship applications, the selection board votes according to strict selection criteria including coherence of the motivation letter and neediness.

Results of the evaluation and selection process will be announced to the applicants by the end of March 2021 by E-Mail and scholarship awardees will receive a Scholarship Certificate.

Please note:

- Scholarships may be withheld in case of severe misconduct or in serious case of deception as well as due to severe insufficient performance.
- Scholarships can only be transferred if the given bank account details are complete and correct. In case of wrong or insufficient information, the respective scholarship holder is responsible for any delays in transaction or loss of scholarship payments.
- According to the current DAAD rules, we are not able to refund cancellation fees. It is the scholarship owners responsibility to make sure that flight, train and hotel bookings will not result in cancellation fees if any cancellations need to be made (incl. Covid-19 related cancellations).

If you are interested in applying for the advertised CIH^{LMU} One Health scholarship, please apply via our **CIH^{LMU} One Health scholarship [application portal](#)**. Please note that the **deadline** for the scholarship application for the summer semester (1 April – 30 September 2021) is **21 March 2021**.