



Mummert Scholarships for the
Executives of Tomorrow from
Central and South Eastern Europe

Questions + Answers = Reasons

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What...

... is the Mummert Foundation's goal?

The goal of the Mummert Foundation is to contribute to the successful integration of the Central and South Eastern European countries into the EU, thereby also aiming to make a contribution to sustained stability in Europe.

Why...

... does the Mummert Foundation sponsor outstanding young future leaders and executives from the Central and South Eastern European countries?

Successful integration into the EU primarily calls for these countries to drive their economies forward. However, a country's economic success depends on the competitiveness of its companies. And these, for their part, depend on the qualifications and abilities of their executives.

The Mummert Foundation wants to contribute to the training of highly-talented, dedicated, and exceptionally-qualified young executives from these countries who know how market economies work and are up-to-date with the tools of modern management. This goal includes the Mummert Foundation's expectation that, after having completed their studies, its scholarship holders will return home and take up leadership positions there.

Who...

... funds the Mummert Foundation?

Besides the personal contribution made by Beatrice and Rochus Mummert, the Mummert Foundation is also supported by the Robert Bosch Stiftung and representatives of German business and industry.

How...

... does the Mummert Foundation intend to achieve its goals?

The Mummert Foundation cooperates with the Robert Bosch Stiftung, one of the major German foundations associated with a private company. Both foundations organise together the selection process and the support of the scholarship holders during their stay in Germany.

The Mummert Foundation also cooperates with the following world-famous German universities:

- :: The Aachen University of Technology
- :: The University of Cologne.

Whom...

... does the Mummert Foundation sponsor?

The Mummert Foundation funds students of economics, business administration, or engineering who are in their third academic year, or, in the case of Bachelor degree students, those in their final year of studies, and come from one of the following countries:

Bulgaria, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Czech Republic or Hungary.

Besides having excellent academic qualifications, applicants are also expected to be able to demonstrate that they have what it takes to become future leaders. That means possessing executive qualities like leadership, as well as having a strong sense of public spirit and social responsibility. Excellent command of the German language is also a key requirement.

What...

... does the Mummert Foundation offer its scholarship holders?

The Mummert Foundation provides its scholarship holders with two or three years of funding of full-time studies at either the Aachen University of Technology (Engineering, Industrial Engineering) or the University of Cologne (Economics, Business Administration, Business Information Systems) so that they can obtain a renowned German Diplom degree within three years or the Master degree within two years of studies.

The monthly scholarship amounts to 800,00 euros in the first academic year, 825,00 euros in the second and 850,00 euros in the third. Scholarship holders also receive allowances for accommodation, travel expenses, health insurance, and study materials. Furthermore, they are provided with a new laptop computer as well as with a printer for their own personal use. The scholars are additionally rewarded for excellent examination results.

... differentiates the Mummert Scholarship from other similar awards?

The Mummert Scholarship provides its holders with:

- :: funding over several years;
- :: personal academic support and guidance from university tutors in the first academic year;
- :: traineeships in German companies in order to gain practical insight, which is very important for the understanding of the theoretical knowledge acquired at the host universities;
- :: Skill seminars, where modern management techniques, such as time- and self-management and negotiation- and conflict-management, are introduced
- :: a personal mentor who is a leading representative from the business, industrial, cultural, higher education, or public administration sector, giving a closer insight into Germany and all its different areas of life, including family life;
- :: colloquia that bring the scholars together with leading representatives from the spheres of politics, culture, education, and research, as well as business and industry;
- :: the possibility to attend important cultural events;
- :: the opportunity to play an active role in designing and implementing the scholarship programme for both themselves and the following generations of scholarship holders.

Why...

... should High Potentials study in Germany?

The Aachen University of Technology and the University of Cologne rank, in their respective fields, among the world's leading academic institutions and can look back on a rich tradition and history. The range of studies and lectures they offer is of unparalleled breadth, with teaching and research presented by outstanding academics and scientists. In addition, the tradition of a "studium generale", cultivated by Germany's universities, has furthered the worldwide reputation of these universities by opening up the various diverse academic faculties to all students, providing them with a cross-disciplinary education – an aspect that is of great importance to the real top-flight leaders and executives.

The Aachen University of Technology and the University of Cologne also stand out with their exceptional international profiles. Both cooperate with other leading universities throughout the world and train young talented students from practically all the countries around the globe. Consequently, the universities also offer their students the opportunity to gain a number of new perspectives and to make international friendships and create worldwide networks at an early stage.

Moreover, Germany's central position in Europe and its direct neighbourhood to nine other countries provides a unique opportunity for students to experience the closeness of and direct access to many traditional European societies and cultures.

Last but not least, studying in Germany means studying in a country that belongs to the home country's most important economic partners.

When...

... are Mummert Scholarships available?

Applications for a Mummert Scholarship are accepted in the autumn each year, with studies beginning in the winter semester of the following year.

Where...

... can I find further information on the Mummert Foundation and its scholarship programme?

The Mummert Foundation website offers detailed information on the goals and work of the foundation as well as specific details on what the Mummert Scholarship offers and involves. Simply visit our website, www.mummertstiftung.de, to learn more.

The information provided in German in the self-portrait, under Download "Selbstdarstellung", gives a comprehensive overview of

- :: the Mummert Foundation
- :: the studies and the scholarship
- :: the application process

... can I find the e-mail-addresses of current and previous Mummert scholarship holders in order to find out more about the scholarship?

The e-mail-addresses of Mummert scholarship holders can be found on the foundation's website, www.mummertstiftung.de

... can I find more information on the universities?

Information on the Aachen University of Technology and the University of Cologne can be found on the following websites: www.rwth-aachen.de and www.uni-koeln.de

... can I find more information on the university towns?

For information on the cities of Aachen and Cologne, just visit their respective websites: www.aachen.de and www.koeln.de

How...

... can I apply, and by when?

For detailed information on the application process, please visit our website,
www.mummertstiftung.de

Applications accepted: September 1 - November 30, annually, with studies beginning in the winter semester of the following year.

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... are Mummert scholarship holders selected?

Submitted application documents are reviewed by the programme coordinator in Germany and the representatives of the host universities. Applicants who meet the Mummert Foundation's requirements are invited to attend an interview in their home country. The application documents and the results of the home country interview form the basis on which applicants are pre-selected. The successful candidates from the pre-selection round receive a questionnaire by e-mail containing detailed questions about their background, personality and motivation. Subsequently, the promising applicants are invited to the final selection round in Germany, where the Mummert scholarship holders are chosen by a selection committee made up of professors from the host universities and representatives from the Mummert Foundation and the Robert Bosch Stiftung. The Mummert Foundation pays for these students to attend the final selection interview in Germany.

The selection process, with studies beginning in the winter semester is normally completed by the end of February. The applicants will be informed about the results of the selection process during their stay in Germany.