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Scholarship program for EGM Students for a semester abroad at UFSC, Joinville (Brazil) FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

I. Requirements

1. In which field of study do I have to be enrolled to apply for the scholarship?

The *eng.join!* is a DAAD funded project at THI under the roof of the [AWARE Center](#) which offers **scholarships** to **THI students of Engineering and Management** for a stay abroad at the partner university **UFSC (Federal University of Santa Catarina, Joinville, Brazil)**. Exclusively students from Engineering and Management ("Intern. Wirtschaftsingenieurwesen") (B. Eng.) holding the German citizenship and having completed at least 3 semesters before the stay abroad.

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2. Can I apply if I do not have a German citizenship?

In case you have a citizenship other than German, you can receive the scholarship if you fulfill at least the following requirements:

- You have a valid residence permit for Germany
- You will have completed at least 4 semesters at a German university before the stay abroad or have any other connection to Germany shown in your CV (e.g. attendance at a German school).
- Brazil is not your country of origin/home country.

3. What other requirements do I have to fulfill?

Generally, sufficient knowledge of English since the lectures will be provided in that language. As EGM students study at THI in English, there is no need to give any proof of your English language skills.

4. Is it a disadvantage if I have no international experience?

No, the *eng.join!* project is intended to enable EGM students to gain international experience.

5. How long is the funding period?

The funding period is exactly as long as the semester dates of UFSC. The semester is about 4,5 months; however, the exact dates change each semester.

6. What does the scholarship include?

The scholarship includes:

- Single travel allowance (fixed sum, for all travel costs): 1,450€
- Monthly scholarship rate for the first 4 (full) months: 1,200€ (in the 5th month, you will receive 40€ per day)
- Monthly lump sum for travel insurance: 35€

7. Can I receive other funding during the stay abroad?

You are not allowed to have a second DAAD funding. Please inform THI if you have applied for/a confirmation of funding from other organizations.

II. Application

1. How can I apply?

To apply, please send the requested documents in a pdf document (max. 15 MB) to aware@thi.de until the deadline indicated in the current Call for Applications.

2. What documents do I have to submit?

- Motivation letter (max. 1 page)
- CV (max. 2 pages)
- Current transcript of records

The following documents are optional:

- Certificate of Portuguese language skills
- Proof of voluntary work at THI (active or former membership in student organizations, current or earlier participation in Buddy program or similar)

3. Do I also have to submit the application by post?

No, the application has to be sent exclusively by e-mail to aware@thi.de in one pdf document.

III. Application documents

1. What should I write in the letter of Motivation?

In the letter of motivation, you should first give a reason for your choice of the stay abroad, i.e. why exactly this offer suits you. It is also advisable to answer the questions:

- What development do I expect from the stay abroad (personal/professional)?
- What motivates you in particular to go to Brazil?
- How do you prepare yourself for the stay abroad?
- Non-German students: the connection with Germany.

2. How do I prove voluntary work at THI?

You can prove it via confirmations of coordinators of the organization or program.

IV. Selection procedure

1. Which criteria are used for the selection of the students?

- Academic performance
- Knowledge of Portuguese (if any: improves your average grade by 0,1)
- Voluntary work at THI (if any: improves your average grade by 0,1)
- Motivation and personal suitability via letter of motivation: for applicants with citizenship other than German, it is relevant for the selection committee in order to evaluate the eligibility; for all applicants: if the grade to applicants is identical, the selection committee decides according to the motivation

2. What happens after my application?

- a. You will be informed of the final decision within a few days, latest 3 days before the deadline of the International Office of THI for studying abroad which is: **until November 30th** (for a stay abroad during the winter semester of the following academic year) **or until June 15th** (for a stay abroad during the summer semester of the following academic year)

! In case the call was published after these deadlines, the International Office has been informed and allows the chosen eng.join! fellows to register for their semester abroad in a short window after their selection (organized via the AWARE team).

- b. You have to apply at THI for a semester abroad.
- c. The scholarship contract will be signed and the applicant receives a confirmation of the scholarship.

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V. Preparation for the stay in Joinville

1. What happens after I sign the contract?

This is followed by the concrete preparation of the stay with the support of all parties involved (application at UFSC as exchange student; visa, accommodation, travel insurance etc.). Furthermore, the AWARE Center of THI will connect the scholars with alumni and UFSC students at THI and find a buddy at UFSC for the stay abroad.

2. How can I prepare myself for the stay abroad?

It is always recommendable to get to know the Brazilian culture and learn Portuguese. Please have a look at the offers of the THI Language Center.

3. How is my recognition of the exchange semester guaranteed?

The Faculty of Engineering and Management at THI and the Faculty of Mobility Engineering of UFSC are in close contact with each other and will define the courses at UFSC which will be taught in English and are suitable for credit transfer.

You can ask Prof. Eisenberg for the list of courses which will (presumably) be offered.