

Wübben Foundation Student Grant

- 1.** Wübben Stiftung Wissenschaft funds promising students of all nationalities with outstanding academic potential who are matriculated at a German university. Candidates are nominated by representatives of the Clusters of Excellence and selected in a competitive process.
- 2.** The main instrument used to deliver funding under the program is the award of a full grant that finances their studies during the last year of their bachelor's or master's course and is intended to allow them to concentrate on their degree without any distractions.
- 3.** With its Student Grant program, WSW intervenes at the intersections between education, academic research, the promotion of excellence, and personal development.
- 4.** The program makes it possible for highly talented students to embark on their own first research activities. It creates incentives for careers in academia and research. The Foundation strives to ensure that, after passing their master's, as many as possible of the students who are funded go on to undertake a doctoral project or pursue their research interests further in jobs outside the academic world.
- 5.** Coaching seminars on the organization of academic work, workshops, and talks, usually about topics of relevance for a wide range of disciplines, complement the financial assistance provided. They offer practical suggestions, inspiration for research, and models of how to follow an academic career path that are rooted in real-life experience
- 6.** An approach based on dialogue and networking between students enables them to make even more of their personal potential and facilitates forms of interdisciplinary communication.
- 7.** Once the funding period is over, contacts between former and current grant recipients are designed to ensure information is exchanged within self-organized alumni networks.
- 8.** The Student Grant program strengthens the ethos of internationalization by linking up young people from all over the world. The language we communicate in on the program is therefore English.
- 9.** As with other Wübben Stiftung programs, the purpose is to nurture academic independence and excellence. This is why we welcome it when our grant recipients get involved early on in collaborative research centers and excellence clusters, attend conferences, and engage in their first publication activities.
- 10.** The academic system benefits from the funding provided under the Student Grant program because it generates enthusiasm for academic excellence among an upcoming generation, enhances the quality of degree dissertations, and enables highly gifted young people to concentrate on their first independent research projects.