



Guidelines School for Talents

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1. Application Process

1.1. Who can apply?

Bachelor and Master students of all disciplines are welcome to apply. Interested applicants need to fulfill the following requirements:

- Enrollment at the University of Stuttgart as a Bachelor or Master student for the duration of the program
- Outstanding academic results and above average grades
- Social commitment, volunteer activities, or similar engagements
- Commitment to contribute to the School for Talents program over a period of one year
- Proficiency in English

Students can apply

- After a suggestion by the examination office
- Based on a recommendation by their professor
- On their own initiative

1.2. Application Documents

The following documents are required to complete the application for the program:

- Online application form
- Curriculum vitae in English
- Performance record
- Ranking-certificate
- Applicants who apply on their own initiative have to prepare a short essay (max. 2000 characters) focusing on the annual School for Talents theme

Application documents have to be submitted in English and will only be accepted via the online application form. After submitting their application, applicants will receive an automatic confirmation of receipt by e-mail.

1.3. Call for Applications

Students interested in the program can submit their application for the School for Talents at the beginning of each program year on the program's website. The exact time period of the call for applications will be announced via the University of Stuttgart's communication channels, and on the School for Talents website.

1.4. Selection Procedure

The steering committee of the School for Talents selects participants for the annual program. The committee evaluates all applicants based on their individual grades, their social commitment, and their motivation to contribute to the program. Members of the steering committee represent a broad range of disciplines, expertise and experiences.

The number of participants in the program is limited. Admission by means of a waiting list is possible in the event of cancellations by other participants.

1.5. Application Withdrawal

Students accepted to the program who are unable to claim their spot, are required to give withdrawal notice in good time.

2. Program Components

2.1. Which offers do members of the program receive?

The School for Talents annual program offers a broad variety of activities for the personal growth of its members. Examples include:

- Workshops (e.g. design thinking, career and leadership, presentation skills, topic driven workshops around the annual theme)
- Excursions
- Project-driven group work in interdisciplinary teams, focusing on self-chosen topics within the framework of the annual School for Talents theme
- Networking with stakeholders from science, society, politics and culture
- Encouragement of and feedback for individual contributions to the program

School for Talents does not financially support individual members. Small budgets to cover expenses related to the group projects of the participants can be made available upon consultation with the School for Talents team.

2.2. Language

The program language is English.

2.3. Duration

Program duration is one year.

2.4. Changes to the Program

The School for Talents team reserves the right to make changes to the program for important reasons.

3. Scope of Participation

3.1. Group Work and Final Symposium

The following requirements must be completed for successful participation in the program:

- Development of a group project idea based on the annual theme

- Independent collaboration within the interdisciplinary project team
- Presentation of results at the end of the project year in a final symposium open to the public

3.2. Workload and Attendance

Participation in the program is voluntary. Members can expect to invest about 8-10 hours per month into the School for Talents program. Individual peaks in workload can occur during the group work phase of the program.

Members must communicate to the School for Talents team if they cannot attend an event hosted by the program. Cancellations must be made in due time.

3.3. Certificate of Participation

Upon completion, members will receive a certificate of participation if they

- have attended at least 80% of the program's events
- have participated in the final symposium and successfully presented their project together with their group.

Participants can request to receive three ECTS credit point as Interdisciplinary Key Competencies (FÜSQ) points upon completion of the program. The above listed prerequisites apply.

3.4. Discontinuation

If participants admitted to the School for Talents are unable to continue the program at any point during the yearlong participation, they are asked to communicate this as soon as possible, stating their reasons.

4. Disclaimer of Liability

There is no insurance cover for participants in events organized by the School for Talents. The School for Talents assumes no liability for personal injury, property damage or financial loss that occurs during the respective event.

5. Contact

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