

Scholarships

Instructions for Applicants

The purpose of the Hasler Foundation is to fund selected educational and research projects in the areas of Information and Communications Technology ICT for the benefit and use of the intellectual and economic community of Switzerland. The Hasler Foundation's funding activities are realized by financing or co-financing selected projects in the IT areas of education, research and innovation.

Within the framework of its funding The Hasler Foundation grants scholarships to students with permanent residence in Switzerland.

1. Basic regulations

- The course of studies must lie within the foundation's area of funding (information and communication technology).
- Hasler Foundation scholarships are only granted to students with prospects of exceptional academic success based on their outstanding performance to date.
- Hasler Foundation scholarships are exclusively subsidiary to other financing and are only granted if no ordinary scholarships are available from the public sector.
- The Hasler Foundation does not grant scholarships for extra-occupational further education projects or to supplement regular state scholarships for ordinary courses of study
- There is no legal entitlement to Hasler Foundation scholarships. The rejection of a scholarship application does not require an explanation and cannot be disputed.

2. Prerequisites

- Permanent residence in Switzerland for at least two years
Begin of studies means the actual start of the course of studies, not the start of possible scholarship payments by the Hasler Foundation. If the student has his/her domicile abroad during his/her studies but

lived in Switzerland for at least two years without interruption prior to this, the Hasler Foundation can grant scholarships for the completion of studies at a university abroad.

- Proof of outstanding performance (e.g. academic achievements to date or professional accomplishments)
- Studies at recognized universities or universities of applied sciences which correspond (in case of schools abroad) at least to the quality standard of Swiss universities
- Defined study goals with generally recognised diplomas in ICT
- Admission to the planned course of studies
- Submission of a study and examinations curriculum
- Own financial contribution within reasonable limits
- Proof that no other, or only insufficient financial means, are available

3. Scope and payment modalities

- Scholarships are granted for the maximal amount of CHF 50,000 and for a maximal duration of four years.
- Payment is normally made in two instalments at the start of each semester.
- As of the second instalment, payment is tied to the submission of a brief report on the past semester and the passing of any examinations according to the study and examinations curriculum. If scholarship requirements cease to be met any remaining amount will be forfeited.
- Scholarship requirements are no longer satisfied when,
 - the course of studies has been abandoned
 - the course of studies has been interrupted
 - any interim examinations have not been passed within due course.

4. Application submission

Scholarship applications can be submitted at any time. If a scholarship application has reasonable prospects of success the applicant will be invited to a personal interview with the manager.

Normally the decision will be taken within 30 days upon receipt of complete and accurate submission of all required documents.

For a definitive decision by the Hasler Foundation the following documents are required:

- 1) Scholarship application in letter form (or similar), addressed to the Hasler Foundation, enclosing:
 - Personal details of applicant
 - Education of applicant (course of studies, degree)
 - Study goal with explanation why the applicant is pursuing this goal
 - University, course of studies, degree (official designation)
 - Duration of studies
 - Desired amount of funding
 - Explanation why studies would be impossible without a Hasler Foundation scholarship
- 2) Proof of permanent residence in Switzerland (see above) (certification of residence, etc.)
- 3) Record of achievements to date (certificates)
- 4) Proof of admission to planned course of studies
- 5) Study and examinations curriculum
- 6) Financing plan
 - Expenditures budget
 - Own financial contribution
 - Financial contributions of third parties (parents, etc.)
 - Scholarships
 - Financing gap to be covered by the Hasler Foundation
- 7) Additional documentation requested by the Hasler Foundation

If not all documents are available at the moment, partial documentation for preliminary review and as a prerequisite for an invitation to an interview can be submitted.

5. Agreement with scholarship holder

If a scholarship is granted by the Hasler Foundation an agreement between the Hasler Foundation and the applicant shall be concluded regulating the following points:

- Course of studies and degree
- Study and examinations plan
- Scholarship payment modalities
- Requirements for continuation of installments (reporting, passed examinations, etc.)
- Final report