



## FAQs – Scholarships for Master’s Students for Scientific Qualification within the Cluster of Excellence “Quantum Universe”

*Is it sufficient to apply only for the scholarship?*

- Besides your scholarship application you need to follow the formal enrollment procedure for the respective Master’s program. Only enrolled students will be considered for the scholarship.

*I am currently a student in a Bachelor’s program at Universität Hamburg and planning to enroll for the Master’s in the upcoming term. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?*

- Yes.

*I am already a student in a Master’s program at Universität Hamburg. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?*

- No.

*I am planning to enroll for the Master’s program in Nanosciences/Industrial Mathematics/... at Universität Hamburg. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?*

- No, only students enrolled in one of the following four programs are eligible:
- Mathematics  
<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienangebot/studiengang.html?1242152846>
- Mathematical Physics  
<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienangebot/studiengang.html?1241425759>
- Physics (winter term only)  
<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienangebot/studiengang.html?1542298608>
- Physik  
<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/studienangebot/studiengang.html?1212161134>

*What are the application periods for the Master’s programs?*

- Mathematics: 1 December 2020 – 15 January 2021 for the summer term starting 1 April 2021
- Mathematical Physics, 1 December 2020 – 15 January 2021 for the summer term starting 1 April 2021
- Physics, 15 February 2021 – 31 March 2021 for the winter term starting 1 October 2021
- Physik, 1 December 2020 – 15 January 2021 for the summer term starting 1 April 2021

*Are the scholarships offered on a regular basis?*

- Yes, we plan to advertise the scholarships twice per year along with the application periods for the summer and winter terms.

*I will apply for the Master's in Physics starting next winter term. Should I apply for the scholarship in the current round or wait for the next application period?*

- You may either send your application materials now or in the next round. As the final selection will only be done after admission at Universität Hamburg, the scholarships for the winter term will only be announced in summer.

*If I receive the scholarship, will it be for a Master's in Physics or Master's in Mathematics?*

- Please indicate in the application for the scholarship for which Master's program you will enroll.

*Where can I find support with admission regulations, visa etc.?*

- You may find a collection of information for international students at Universität Hamburg's Campus Center:  
<https://www.uni-hamburg.de/en/campuscenter/bewerbung/international/master.html>

*I am an international student. Do I have to provide any documents regarding my proficiency in English and/or German?*

- No, such documents are not required to apply for the scholarship. Nevertheless, please check the admission requirements for the respective Master's program. For instance, for admission in the Master's program Physik you need to prove German proficiency.

*I have already completed a Master's program at a different University. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?*

- Yes, you are eligible to apply in general. However, your motivation letter should make clear why an additional Master's degree is necessary for your career goals.

*Should I contact research groups of the cluster before I apply for the scholarship?*

- It is not mandatory to contact research groups in advance. However, if you are interested in specific research groups, we recommend mentioning it in the motivation letter. For an overview of Quantum Universe researchers and research areas please visit  
<https://www.qu.uni-hamburg.de/research.html>

*I haven't written a Bachelor's thesis; instead I have done a final-year project report in my undergraduate studies. What should I send?*

- Please send a one-page report of the project you consider the most relevant for your envisaged research at Universität Hamburg.

*Are recommendation letters required to apply for the scholarship?*

- Yes, please arrange for at least one letter of recommendation to be sent directly to  
[office@qu.uni-hamburg.de](mailto:office@qu.uni-hamburg.de).

*May I be supported by the Quantum Universe scholarship besides my current scholarship (e.g. Studienstiftung etc.)?*

- No, double funding is not possible. It is excluded in our scholarship contracts and usually also excluded by the respective foundations.

*The curriculum of the Master's program extends over two years. Will applicants be considered for scholarships throughout the program or only for the initial year of the program?*

- The scholarship is limited to one year. Nevertheless, the research groups will support you to apply for further funding.

*Can I use the scholarship to finance the preparation of my Master's thesis?*

- No, the scholarship is supposed to support your living expenses during the first year of the Master's program.