



HERE AHEAD Bremen
Academy for Higher Education
Access Development

Announcement of the "Bremen University Scholarship *Omid Farda*" for international students from Afghanistan for the winter semester 2022/23

Goal: Admission to the Bremen preparatory study program of the HERE AHEAD Academy for the subsequent continuation or completion of the bachelor's and master's degree program started in Afghanistan, if it is not possible for the applicants to continue their studies in their home country due to the political situation (study ban, closed universities, forced de-registration, etc.).

Application deadlines

The application period starts on **05 May 2022** and ends on **05 June 2022**.

Start of preparatory studies: **01 October 2022**

Who is eligible to apply?

Afghan student applicants who are in Afghanistan at the time of the application deadline, who wish to continue a bachelor's or master's degree program they have begun, who have not completed 31 years of age, whose course of study or an equivalent course of study is offered by the state universities in the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen (University of Bremen, Bremen University of Applied Sciences, Bremerhaven University of Applied Sciences, University of the Arts, University of Public Administration), who can provide evidence of a direct or indirect university entrance qualification and whose bachelor's degree, if available, is not older than five years. The purpose of the scholarship is to enable participation in the Bremen preparatory study program :prime of the HERE AHEAD Academy with the aim of subsequently taking up/continuing a course of study in the state of Bremen. In addition to language and (extra-)curricular qualifications, depending on the duration of their studies, applicants must also take part in a subject preparation and entrance examination in Bremen.

Family and personal circumstances (e.g. care of close family members, chronic illnesses, raising children, etc.) as well as, in particular, honorary activities or a social, societal, (university) political commitment are also taken into account in the evaluation of the applications.



Amount of scholarship benefit 1 "university scholarship": 11,692 €.

The total results from:

- : 10,332 € blocked account (12x BAföG maximum rate: 861 €);
- : 150 € bank fees to set up a German account;
- : 210 € application costs (VDP through Uni-Assist + TestAS certificate)
- : 1.000 € travel expenses

The scholarship will be implemented as a one-time advance payment (travel and application costs of 1,210 €) and monthly payment/establishment of a blocked account (12x BAföG maximum rate). The scholarships are granted for one year at a time. The funding period begins on October 1 of each year.

If a student is exmatriculated from the preparatory study program of the HERE AHEAD Academy, the scholarship must be repaid in full. Likewise, incorrect information that led to the approval of an application will result in an immediate refund obligation.

For students in the Bachelor or Master programs, semester-appropriate performance is expected. Preparatory students are required to participate in the course program. In the event of non-fulfilment, the scholarship must be repaid in full.

The funds are provided by the University of Bremen/the universities in the state of Bremen for the purpose of attracting particularly qualified international students (grade of last degree certificate, proof of special commitment).

Application procedure

The application is made via an online application form provided by the HERE AHEAD Academy: https://www.aheadbremen.de/en/scholarships/Omidfarda_en.php.

The following application materials must also be submitted with the application:

1. Copy of ID card
2. School and university transcripts
3. Matriculation or study certificates, if applicable
4. A curriculum vitae in table form with letters of reference, if applicable
5. Copies of proof of the reason for need according to § 4
6. Certificate of university entrance qualification or BA-certificate with grade(s)
7. If applicable, proof of suspension of studies
8. If applicable, proof or explanation of special personal or family circumstances as well



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Selection procedure

All applications received will be reviewed. The scholarship holders are selected by the voting members of the HERE AHEAD Academy Coordination Group according to defined criteria. In the process, attention is paid to an overall biographical perspective, which, in addition to the factors "fit of the course of study to the Bremen canon of subjects" and "performance level" in the BA and MA studies begun, takes particular account of motivation and social commitment.