

# START Scholarships



## OBJECTIVE

To support talented students from immigrant families



## PROJECT PARTNER

START-Stiftung gGmbH



## DURATION

since 2009

Germany needs talent to thrive. One particularly rich source of talent are gifted, ambitious students from immigrant families. However, they require special support in order to have better opportunities for personal and educational development, be ready for college, improve their career prospects and be more active participants in society. Luckily, the START Foundation has a program just for this group. And Deutsche Telekom Stiftung is involved.

START is a three-year scholarship program for talented immigrant students enrolled in ninth grade or higher at a general-education or secondary school. The program is designed to nurture students' talent and motivation regardless of their background, status or milieu. It gives young first- or second-generation immigrants a genuine opportunity to actively contribute to society.

Since 2009, Deutsche Telekom Stiftung has supported scholarship recipients from North Rhine-Westphalia who have shown a special interest and talent for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). All these students have above-average grades and are involved in their communities. Scholarship recipients are given an annual stipend of € 1,000 for their individual needs and a laptop with internet access. The START Foundation provides non-material assistance to scholarship holders as well, including seminars, workshops and summer programs on a wide variety of cutting-edge issues. One of the START Foundation's most valued partners for STEM education



Photo: Deutsche Telekom AG

During a network meeting START scholarship students also visited the Deutsches Museum Bonn.

## START SCHOLARSHIPS ELEVATE EDUCATIONAL POTENTIAL ESPECIALLY IN THOSE NEEDING EXTRA SUPPORT.

is Deutsche Telekom Stiftung. It hosts an annual STEM Research Camp and sets up regular meetings where selected START scholarship

recipients can meet each other and learn about working at universities and companies through lectures and excursions. After exiting the START program, scholarship recipients can join the START Alumni Association in order to stay in touch with other former START scholars.

More information:  
[www.telekom-stiftung.de/en/start](http://www.telekom-stiftung.de/en/start)



# Project partners

## START-Stiftung gGmbH

START Scholarships are an initiative of the charitable Hertie Foundation, one of Germany's largest private foundations. The program began in 2002 with around 20 scholarships in the state of Hesse and has been managed by the START Foundation since 2007 as a subsidiary of the Hertie Foundation. The program is now supported by over 100 partners – foundations, state ministries, local governments, private individuals, corporations and non-profits.

Every year, around 160 young people receive a new three-year START scholarship. Today, there are around 700 active scholarship recipients and over 2,000 alumni from more than 60 countries. START is represented in 15 German states and operates in Austria as well.



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## DEUTSCHE TELEKOM STIFTUNG

Deutsche Telekom Stiftung was established in 2003 to strengthen Germany's position as an education, research and technology leader. It is one of the country's main corporate foundations with an endowment of EUR 150 million. Deutsche Telekom Stiftung's mission is to improve education in the digital world concentrating on the so called STEM subjects science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It focuses on four core areas: Education Drivers, Education Opportunities, Education Innovations and Education Dialog.

In Education Drivers, the foundation supports people who inspire others to study STEM subjects. Education Opportunities involves projects to prepare children and teenagers to succeed in STEM fields and participate fully in our connected world. In Education Innovations, the foundation invests in researchers and teachers who specialize in STEM subjects. Finally, Education Dialog comprises all the projects in which the foundation works with policymakers and civil society to improve education in a digitized world.