

# Germany Student Exchange Info Session

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# What to Expect from this session

- Overview of the exchange opportunity
- Eligibility requirements and application process
- Partner institutions and program options
- How the exchange impacts your courses and graduation
- Costs, funding and logistics (travel, housing, visas)
- Next steps & how to express interest
- Q&A

# Germany Exchange Overview

- Study abroad in Germany  
1 semester or 1 year available

## Partner schools:

- HTW Dresden
- RWU Weingarten
  
- Earn BCIT credit (with approval) while studying abroad

# Eligibility Requirements

- In good academic standing and able to accommodate a temporary disruption to the standard BCIT program sequence
- Level 3 students who have completed all Year 1 courses
- Able to adjust program timeline
- Valid passport required
- Canadian Citizenship (due to visa and residency requirements)

# Application Process

- Applications are reviewed and approved by the BCIT department and the partner university before proceeding to subsequent steps.
- There are limited seats available at each partner institution.
- Students must know which BCIT courses they are required to complete before applying.
- A formal learning agreement is finalized after acceptance, not at the application stage.
- Expressing interest does not guarantee nomination or placement.

# Exchange Options

## 1 Semester

Miss BCIT Winter (Jan–May)  
Study in Germany (Mar–July)

**Nomination Period:**  
October–November, prior to  
the exchange start

## 1 Year

Miss Fall + Winter at BCIT  
Study in Germany (Oct–July)

**Nomination Period:**  
March–April, prior to the  
exchange start

# Courses and Credits

- Students will propose the courses they are interested in taking at the partner institution during the nomination stage.
- Students must maintain a full-time course load at the partner university while on exchange.
- Courses must be relevant to their area of study or to the cultural exchange experience (e.g., language or culture-focused courses).
- Credit transfer is not guaranteed and depends on the Learning Agreement.

# Costs

Pay standard BCIT tuition (covers exchange institute tuition; admin fees are additional)

## Additional costs you cover:

- Housing
  - Flights
  - Living expenses
  - Health Insurance
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- Estimated additional monthly cost:  
Approx. \$2,011- 2,400 CAD

# Funding Options

- BC Scholarship Society
  - One World Scholarship* (\$1000-\$5000)
  - Premier's International Scholarship*(\$8000-\$12,000)
- BCCIE Study Abroad Scholarship (approx. \$1000)
- StudentAid BC (loans/grants)  
through BCIT Student Financial Aid & Awards

# Funding Options

Resources hubs:

- [BCIT International Mobility](#)
- [Province of BC study abroad financial help hub](#)
- [EduCanada](#)
- [DAAD](#)

# Visas and Travel

- Will need visa or residence permit
- Canadians can often apply after arrival
- Plan early (can take months)

# Key Takeaways

- Incredible experience- but requires planning and flexibility
- Not all courses transfer- do your research
- Financial and academic readiness is important

## Program Impact

- Will delay graduation
- Return to a different cohort
- Requires careful planning between student and

Program Head

# Additional Details Coming Fall 2026

- Course credit requirements at the partner school
- Number of exchange seats available at each partner institution
- Detailed eligibility and selection criteria
- Credit transfer and program planning guidance
- Visa and residence permit timelines and guidance
- Updates on other international opportunities

# Important Links

- [HTW Dresden University of Applied Sciences](#)  
(Dresden, Germany)
- [RWU University of Applied Sciences](#) (Weingarten,  
Germany)

# Important Links Cont.

THM – an established partner of SoBM – also offers internship opportunities to engineering students.

## Nominations are open twice a year:

January 31<sup>st</sup> for summer internships starting June/July 2026 (nomination January 15<sup>th</sup>)

March 31<sup>st</sup> for starting in September/October 2026 (nomination March 15<sup>th</sup>)

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