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## News Release

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Bayer Science & Education Foundation launches new round of funding

### **Bayer foundation – EUR 350,000 for foreign scholarships**

- Support for study projects in the fields of science, engineering, medicine and teacher training in scientific subjects, as well as for projects abroad in vocational careers
- New EUR 50.000 special budget for students from African countries planning a project in Germany
- Applications now being accepted online through July 10, 2015

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**Leverkusen, June 2, 2015** – Applications for the Bayer Science & Education Foundation's scholarship programs are now being accepted for this year's round. In the academic sector, ambitious students can apply for an Otto Bayer, Carl Duisberg, Jeff Schell, or Kurt Hansen scholarship if they are aiming to undertake a study project abroad. The subjects funded include agricultural engineering, biology, biochemistry, plant-/biotechnology, bioprocess engineering, chemistry, chemical engineering, medicine, pharmacy, physics, statistics/biometrics and teacher training in scientific subjects.

New in the Bayer Science & Education Foundation's program this year is an additional special budget of EUR 50,000 for students from African countries who are planning a project in Germany. Bayer's roots in Africa go back to 1920, when it first began marketing its products there. Today Bayer is represented throughout the continent, from Casablanca to Cape Town. Bayer's business is managed by the affiliates in the three country groups North, West and Central Africa, East Africa and Southern Africa. Health care and crop protection are major fields of activity.

These scholarships underline the mission of the Bayer foundation to work with young people and the next generation of scientists and opinion-leaders and to strengthen interest in the major challenges facing our society, such as health and agriculture.

In addition to the scholarships in the academic sector, the Hermann Strenger scholarships are available to support young people on a non-academic training program looking to gain initial work experience abroad. Applications are invited from committed trainees in commercial, industrial, scientific and medical occupations and young professionals in these fields who have completed their training within the past two years. With this program, the Bayer Science & Education Foundation is looking to offer targeted funding to young people in the non-academic sector, enabling them to gain professional experience abroad.

In total, the foundation will be providing EUR 350,000 in funding. Sponsorship is open to students from Germany who are planning a period abroad and students from foreign countries who are looking to spend a period of study in Germany. The application deadline for all five scholarship programs is July 10, 2015. Application forms are available online at [www.bayer-foundations.com](http://www.bayer-foundations.com). An independent scientific committee will award funding in early September 2015.

The Bayer Science & Education Foundation thus is launching the ninth round of its funding program, which offers targeted support for scientific exchange and international work experience for young people. The scholarship program follows the tradition of the first Bayer scholarships initiated by Carl Duisberg in 1923. It targets creative, highly motivated and socially committed young people with above-average grades.

Application forms and further information on the Bayer Fellowship Program and the Bayer Science & Education Foundation are available at [www.bayer-foundations.com](http://www.bayer-foundations.com).

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