



Baden-Württemberg  
**STIPENDIUM**

# BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG-STIPENDIUM

## FOR STUDENTS

### PERSONAL REPORT

Please upload your personal report to BWS-World, the online portal of the *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM*, at the latest four weeks after your scholarship stay has ended. Note that the International Office of your university may request the report already earlier.

Please use the box labelled "personal report" in the documents section of your personal profile. You can upload the report in Word or PDF format. The file size should not exceed 4 MB.

If you have any questions, please contact the International Office of your university or write to [studierende@bw-stipendium.de](mailto:studierende@bw-stipendium.de).

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- I hereby agree to my report being published on the websites of the *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM* ([www.bw-stipendium.de](http://www.bw-stipendium.de)) and of the Baden-Württemberg Stiftung ([www.bwstiftung.de](http://www.bwstiftung.de)) as well as on BWS-World, the portal of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM.

## Notes on Writing the Personal Report

Feel free to be as creative as you like. We look especially forward to innovative and original forms of presentation (e.g. video, blog etc.).

Of course, you may also share your experiences with the scholarship by answering the key questions below.

As a general rule, your personal report should not exceed the length of 5 pages incl. cover sheet.

If you have an exceptional idea for your report, please coordinate with your international office or with the staff of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM (studierende@bw-stipendium.de).

### PREPARATIONS FOR THE STAY ABROAD

How did you find out about the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM?

I didn't find it, but I got a call from BWS to give me a scholarship.

Did you have contact with other scholarship holders of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM before you left or abroad? Did you participate in an event (e.g. summer festival or annual meeting) of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM before or during your stay?

I couldn't participate in the event because of my personal travel schedule and class. It's one of the regrets.

### STUDYING AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

At which host university did you spend your semester abroad? Why did you choose this university in this country?  
DHBW Stuttgart.

First of all, I liked the schedule of this school. And I chose this school because there were many classes about management, my major.

Were there any major differences compared to your home university? What were they?

In Korea, all classes are fixed like on what day of the week, but here, there are cases that one lecture ended just in a week. As such, the class schedule here was more flexible. Thanks to that, I can travel around Europe more.

How did you prepare for your stay abroad?

I was worried that I was dispatched alone from my home university, so I referred to my seniors' reports a lot. And DHBW Stuttgart helped me a lot and answered to the questions quickly, making it easy to prepare alone. And thanks to the scholarship I received from BWS, I was able to be free of money problem.

Would you recommend the host university to other students? Why or why not?

I really recommend DHBW Stuttgart. I came from a non-EU country(South Korea), so i had to solve the visa problem, but they all helped me with that process, making it easy to handle. And I was able to see and enjoy Stuttgart a lot through welcome week held in the first week. I'm so grateful because those are still the most memorable moments for me.

### **LIFE IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY**

**Was it difficult to find your way in the host country? What surprised you the most?**

At first, I was embarrassed because I didn't know that all stores (including marts) were closed on Sunday, so there was nothing to eat. And at first, it was complicated to take the subway, but it got better over time. Except for these, there were no other difficulties. I was worried because I couldn't speak German, but there was no problem because many people spoke English.

**Which experience do you remember particularly well?**

As written above, the most memorable thing is to experience the Stuttgart area with Buddy during welcome week. The moments when I went to Beer Garden and famous tourist attractions with my friends from various countries and Buddy who know this area well are so precious.

And also, Stuttgart is in a very good position to travel to other European regions, so it is memorable to travel to many regions with low transportation costs.

**What advice would you give other scholarship holders coming to this host country?**

Thankfully, BWS gave us a scholarship, so it would be nice to have various experiences like traveling or learning something. And although I couldn't participate, I recommend going to many meetings held at BWS because it will help you have a more diverse experience.

### **PERSONAL CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK**

**What did you expect from studying abroad? Were these expectations met?**

The most anticipated thing was to meet many people from various countries and to travel a lot and gain experience. I think I've achieved that goal. Before coming to Germany as an exchange student, I didn't even have a chance to meet foreigners and talk to them, so the moments of getting to know each other with foreign friends was so precious.

**In hindsight, what were the most important lessons learned for life during your stay abroad?**

I realized the joy of being together. When I was in Korea, I was used to doing everything alone, but I was able to feel joy by doing many things with various friends here. So I think I will be able to live my life thinking about the value of being together in the future.

**Would you recommend the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM?**

Of course YES. Thanks to the scholarship I received here, I was able to enjoy a more colorful life. Also, I think it would be better if you recognize that this organization held many events for students and participate.

Thank you very much for your openness and your time.

We wish you all the best for your future and hope that you will stay a part of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM network, e.g. in one of the national and international Regional Chapters.

Are you interested?

Then have a look at <https://www.bws-world.de/portal/spa#orgstr/my-groups/index> and <https://www.bw-stipendium.de/netzwerk/regional-chapter/>.