

RISE—Application Process Description

We appreciate your interest in the RISE Scholarship Internship Program, and we are looking forward to getting to know you.

With this document, we will guide you through the next steps of your application. So, **please make sure to read the information and to prepare the necessary elements before you click on the button “Start Application Process” on our website.**

Parts of the Application – Overview:

1. Online Application Form
2. Motivation Letter – *Part of the Online Application Form*
3. Documents (e.g. Certificates, Academic Records) – *via E-Mail*
4. Document Form on Medical and Dietary Information – *via E-Mail*

***** Please, keep the application deadline in mind: May 9, 2026 *****

5. Online Interview (shortlisted candidates) – *further information coming after you submitted your application*

1. Online Application Form

Most questions in the Online Application Form are **short** and **quick to answer**.

You will be asked to **recall your achievements and experiences in the field of STEM** and you will also be asked to **provide your (travel) passport information**. To create an easy flow for yourself, please, have your (travel) passport ready. **If you do not have one yet**, please, apply for a (travel) passport right after you complete the application process, so you have one in time, in case you are chosen for the program.

You will reach the Online Application Form by clicking the “Start Application Process” on <https://intercultur.de/rise/>.

2. Motivation Letter

One section of the Online Application Form requires a long answer. You will be asked to write about your motivation to participate in this program in 200-500 words.

Please, prepare your statement beforehand, so you can simply copy and paste it into the Online Application Form when you arrive at the section asking about your motivation.

Here is what you will be asked to write about:

We would like to find out more about your motivation for participating in this program (in about 200-500 words).

While you share your motivation with us, please, address the following aspects:

1. *Why or how did you develop your interest in chemistry or in other STEM disciplines?*
2. *What do you want to study after high school and why?*
3. *Where do you want to study? If possible, please, specify as much as you can (for example: country, city, university – inside or outside of Ukraine).*
4. *When you think about your future professional journey, what would you like to contribute to your community, society and/or to science with what you learn and do?*

5. *How would a friend or someone close to you describe you as a person: Your character, strengths, skills, abilities, and little imperfections?*
6. *How might this internship program support you on your personal and professional journey?*
7. *What is the best thing that could happen to you in this program?*
8. *What else would you like us to know about you?*

3. Documents (e.g. Certificates, Academic Records) – via E-Mail

In the Online Application Form, you will be asked to list your study achievements and possible awards in the field STEM, if that is applicable for you.

Please, provide us with the according certificates or other forms of proof, for example:

- Transcripts,
- Academic records,
- Award certificates,
- Anything else that seems relevant to you.

Please, **email them together with the Document Form on “Medical and Dietary Information” (described below) to RISE@afs.de** after filling out the Online Application Form.

4. Document Form on Medical and Dietary Information – via E-Mail

As part of the application process for the exchange program, we kindly ask you to complete the “Medical and Dietary Form”. You will find it on <https://intercultur.de/rise/> in the section “Documents for Download”. This compulsory part of the application is essential to ensure we can accommodate any specific health or dietary requirements you may have during the program. By receiving this information in advance, we can make the necessary arrangements to support your well-being.

Please, ask one of your parents/legal guardians to fill out and sign this form.

The filled out and signed document should be sent back to us via e-mail to RISE@afs.de together with the document described under part 3 (above), after filling out the online application form.

***** Please, beware that your application is only complete if you follow steps 1-4. *****

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5. Online Interview (shortlisted candidates)

Once the program organizers review all the submitted applications, the shortlisted candidates will be invited to an online interview to talk about the application in person.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at RISE@afs.de.

We look forward to learning more about you, your motivations, and aspirations!

Your RISE Organization Team