

University of Freiburg Global Exchange

USA and Canada · Academic Year 2026/27

Application Deadline: September 10, 2025



Please note: students wishing to apply have to contact the exchange coordinator via email before the deadline to receive the “Exchange Guide”, which contains detailed information about the application and the exchange. An application is not possible if a student has not requested and read the guide. Further individual advice (*individuelle Beratung*) is based on the information in the guide.

Students can apply either for one semester or for two semesters. Please note that the academic calendar in the U.S. and Canada determines the study abroad period:

- Fall term: August or September 2026 – December 2026
- Spring term: January 2027 – April or May 2027

The notes to the right of each state program or individual partner university indicate the possible level students may be enrolled in, the number of semesters students may apply for, as well as the estimated, but not guaranteed number of places available in red.

Undergraduate Studies only	students can only be enrolled at the Undergraduate level (Bachelor)
Graduate Studies possible	these study places are mostly at the Undergraduate (Bachelor) level; Master students may be enrolled at the Master level, however, this is not guaranteed
Graduate Studies only	only Master students can apply and will be enrolled at the Graduate level

Please use the [map of exchange partners](#) to make sure you are researching the correct universities. Only the universities listed in this call are available in this cycle.



▪ **State Program (*Landesprogramm*) California State Universities**

*only one of these universities can be placed in the Top 3 preferences for this state program

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 or 2 Sem

2 sem places overall

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at Bakersfield - at Channel Islands* - at Chico - at Dominguez Hills - at East Bay - at Fresno - at Fullerton* - at Long Beach* - at Los Angeles* - at Monterey Bay - at Northridge - at Sacramento | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at San Bernardino - at San Marcos* - at Stanislaus - Humboldt State University - California Maritime Academy* - California State Polytechnic University, Pomona - San Diego State University* - San Francisco State University - San Jose State University - California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo - Sonoma State University |
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▪ **State Program (*Landesprogramm*) Oregon**

please note that the academic year runs longer in OR, see details in the Exchange Guide

Graduate Studies possible, 1 or 2 Sem

~ 3 places overall

- Oregon State University, Corvallis
- University of Oregon, Eugene
- Portland State University, Portland
- Willamette University, Salem

▪ **State Program (*Landesprogramm*) State of Connecticut Universities**

Graduate Studies possible, 1 or 2 Sem

~ 1-3 places overall

*Students will overwhelmingly be placed at the University of Connecticut, Storrs (UConn)

*UConn must be included among the preferences for the Connecticut state program

**specific requirements apply, see details in the Exchange Guide

- University of Connecticut, Storrs*
- Connecticut College, New London**
- Trinity College, Hartford
- Wesleyan University, Middletown**
- Central Connecticut State University, New Britain
- Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic
- Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven

▪ **State Program (*Landesprogramm*) University of Massachusetts**

Only Master students can apply.

Graduate Studies only, 1 or 2 Sem

~ 1-2 places overall

- University of Massachusetts at Amherst

▪ **State Program (*Landesprogramm*) North Carolina**

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 or 2 Sem

~ 3 places overall

- University of North Carolina at Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- Appalachian State University, Boone
- East Carolina State University, Greenville
- North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro
- North Carolina State University, Raleigh
- Western Carolina University, Cullowhee

▪ **Bilateral-Agreement Partner Universities**

~ 1 place per university

- Michigan State University, East Lansing
- Pennsylvania State University, State College
- University of Arizona, Tuscon
- University of Iowa, Iowa City
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Virginia, Charlottesville
- University of Wisconsin, Madison

Graduate Studies possible, 1 or 2 Sem

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 or 2 Sem

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 or 2 Sem

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Undergraduate Studies only, 1 or 2 Sem

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 or 2 Sem

Graduate Studies possible, 1 or 2 Sem

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▪ **Bilateral-Agreement Partner Universities**

*applicants to the Université de Montréal must have very good French language proficiency at a minimum C1 level

~ 1 place per university

- Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia
- Bishop's University, Sherbrooke, Québec
- Concordia University, Montréal, Québec
- Université de Montréal, Montréal, Québec (*French-language*)*
- University of Toronto, Ontario (*St. George, Scarborough, or Mississauga campus*)
- University of British Columbia (*Vancouver Campus or Okanagan Campus, Kelowna*)

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 Sem

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 Sem

Graduate Studies possible, 1 Sem

Undergraduate Studies only, 1 Sem

Graduate Studies possible, 1 Sem

Graduate Studies possible, 1 Sem

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Who can apply?

- Students wishing to participate in the Freiburg Global Exchange programs must be enrolled in a degree-seeking study program at the University of Freiburg at the time of the application and for the entirety of the stay abroad. The program is best suited for Bachelor students who have broad academic interests.
- University of Freiburg students from all disciplines can apply, **with the exception of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, clinical psychology, and law**. Students of the aforementioned disciplines may be able to apply for disciplines outside of, but related to, their own area of study. Admission to any course of study in any academic field may be subject to restrictions.
- Applicants must have **very good English language proficiency**, confirmed by a valid TOEFL or IELTS score report. Applicants for the French-language Université de Montréal must have very good French language proficiency at least at a B2 level, confirmed by a DAAD language test or a TFI score report. Some programs may require C1 proficiency.
- Applicants should have an overall GPA (*Notendurchschnitt*) no lower than 2,5 on the German scale.
- Students have to use their UFR student email account for application and communication.

The application

Please note that within the Freiburg Global Exchange, you apply for the respective country and not for a specific university. On the required preference list, you will indicate which universities you would like to attend. Your preferences will be considered in the selection process, however, placement is not guaranteed.

The exchange guide is mandatory reading for applicants. Students wishing to apply must contact the coordinator Ms. Kästner via email, ideally well before the deadline, to receive the exchange guide directly from her. Students must confirm that they have carefully read and understood the information provided therein. Further consultation is based on the information in the guide. An application is not possible if the exchange guide has not been requested and read before the deadline.

The application must be submitted to the International Office upon the deadline and should include **all of the below listed documents**. Official application forms marked with an asterisk* in the list of documents below can be downloaded here: www.international.uni-freiburg.de/en/out/study/exchange/global-exchange/forms. Further details are in the exchange guide.

Please complete the application on a computer and submit it via email as specified in the Exchange Guide. Please keep both a hardcopy version as well as a digital version of all documents for yourself. You may need these documents at a later point in the application process.

The documents to submit upon the deadline are as follows below. All documents must be submitted **in English** unless it is indicated otherwise:

- University of Freiburg Global Exchange application form* including one photo
- most recent certificate of matriculation (*Studienbescheinigung*) in German or English
- list of preferences*
- curriculum vitae (one page)
- study proposal (academic reasons for the stay abroad, 3 pages maximum, double-spaced)
- short thematic essays (1-3 pages, topics provided in the exchange guide)
- transcript of records including, if possible, the current GPA
- Master students: Bachelor degree certificate and transcript of records for the Bachelor
- language proficiency: official TOEFL or IELTS scores
- students applying to the French-language Université de Montréal: DAAD language test or TFI scores
- passport copy (ID page)

Contact details on next page →

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Exchange Coordinator

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Please contact Ms. Kästner via e-mail. This will be the primary mode of communication.
Personal, telephone or videoconference consultations can be scheduled via email.

You can contact Ms. Kästner in German or English. E-Mails to all applicants are always in English.

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