Information for students at Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg and other universities of Halle (Saale) for proof of sufficient funds to secure the livelihood

During your stay in Germany you need a residence permit (§ 4 of the Residence Act). To grant / renewal of residence permits, it is necessary that you have sufficient funds to ensure the subsistence and adequate health insurance coverage (§ 5 para 1 No. 1 in conjunction with § 2 section 3 of the Residence Act).

According to § 82 para 1 of the Residence Act, you are obliged to submit appropriate evidence (presentation and participation requirements). Sufficient funds are available if they meet the BAföG maximum rate (in accordance with 16.0.8 General Administrative Regulation for the Residence Act of 26.10.2009).

To secure the livelihood while studying, the following options in particular can be considered:

a) **statement of income from parents**, e.g. by a notarized affidavit of support of at least **EUR 735.00 per month** for the entire duration of the study, including proof of periodic payments such as Submission of statements of the last six months.

b) **Declaration of commitment** acc. §§ 66-68 of the Residence Act by a third person in front of a German immigration authority, or a German diplomatic mission for the entire duration of the study.

c) Proof of adequate **scholarship** from German public funds or award from a recognized sponsoring organization in Germany or grant from public funds of the country of origin, when the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) or another German scholarship-awarding organization has taken over the mediation of the German university.

d) A **security deposit** in an escrow account in Germany, whereby only 1/12 of the paid-up amount may be paid by the month (**minimum coverage: 8.820.00 EURO**).

e) Depositing an annually renewable **bank guarantee** from a bank in Germany (at least **8.820.00 EURO**).