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Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026

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**The objective of the CLAAS Foundation is the furtherance of
education, science and research in agricultural engineering and farming all over the world.**

Prize winners Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2024 and 2025



Looking forward to your application for the Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026!

International Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026

- Four scholarships and additional bonus prizes
- Heart of the application: Bachelor thesis in fields of agricultural engineering, general engineering or business development (not older than one year).
- In addition to your Bachelor's thesis, your voluntary work and commitment in the agricultural world will also be taken into account in the assessment.
- For which category you are qualified – either the full scholarships or bonus prizes – depends on your postgraduate career: Did you choose to continue to study or to graduate and start a job?



International Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026 – The prizes

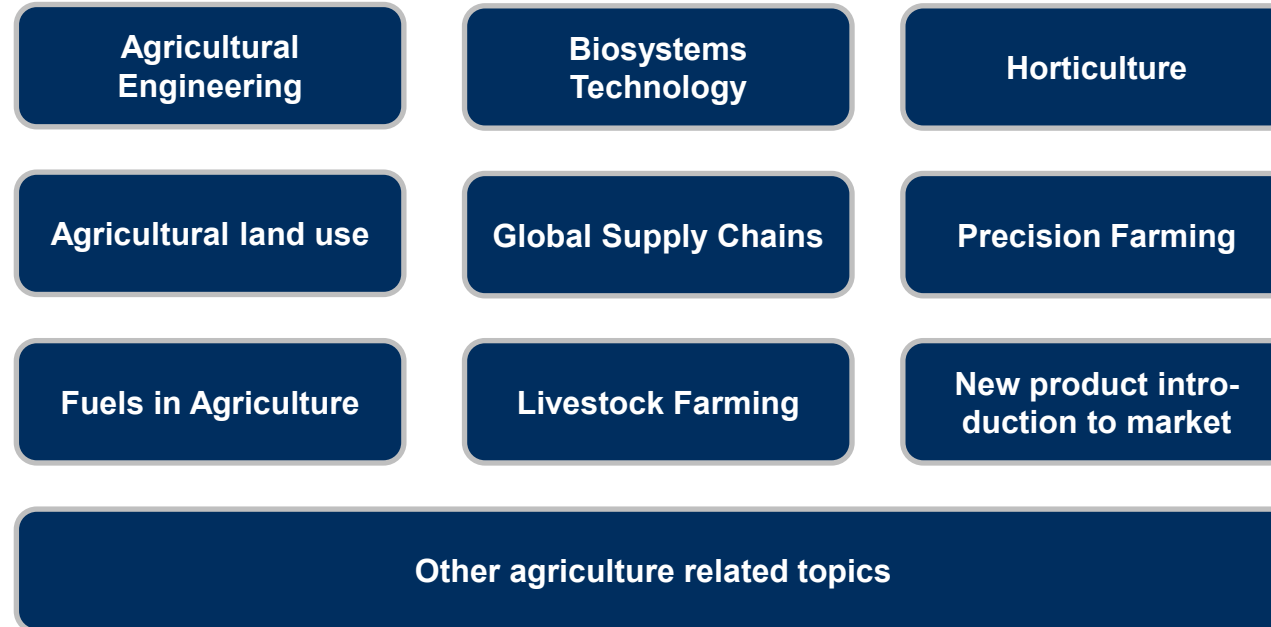
A total of four scholarships will be awarded in 2026:

- 1st prize: Funding amount of 7,200 Euro
(600 Euro / month for a total of 12 months)
- 2nd prize: Funding amount of 6,000 Euro
(500 Euro / month for a total of 12 months)
- 3rd prize: Funding amount of 4,800 Euro
(400 Euro / month for a total of 12 months)
- 4th prize: Funding amount of 3,600 Euro
(300 Euro / month for a total of 12 months)

Furthermore, bonus prizes of 1,500 Euro each will be awarded in the categories such as innovation, extracurricular engagement and technical engagement.

International Helmut Claas-Scholarship - Your piece of work

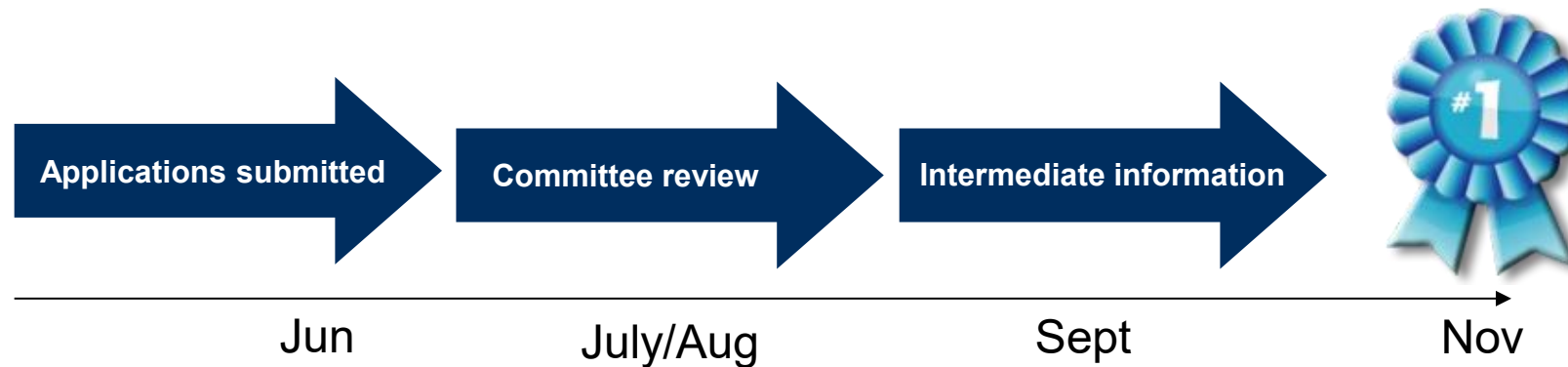
- Topics in the area of:



- Your bachelor thesis was completed in 2025 or by May 2026
- Also, theses with confidentiality clauses can be submitted to the CLAAS Foundation. Like all submissions, they will be treated with strict confidentiality. Contact us to clarify!

International Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026 – Dates to remember

- Submit application starting end of 2025
- Application deadline – Monday, 29th June 2026
- Review of application – Summer of 2026
- Intermediate information to applicants – Sep 2026
- Revelation of prize winners on Award presentation – 23th / 24th November 2026



International Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026 – How do I apply?

- Go to <https://www.claas-foundation.com/en> for additional information.
- Application details available at your institute
- Complete and **email us your application** (all of your application documents should either be in German or English) along with the following information:
 1. Your **bachelor thesis**
 2. A brief **summary** of your work (ca. one page)
 3. A covering letter where you state your **estimated graduation date** and what your **future plans** are (This letter is your business card for the jury!)
 4. **Curriculum Vitae** (incl. information on traineeship, extracurricular engagement, work abroad etc.) and a summary of your **interim study marks** and results
 5. Written **confirmation from your university** that you are registered on an appropriate Undergraduate or Postgraduate degree program
 6. A **recommendation letter** from your tutor / professor.
 7. Request for a confidentiality agreement from the CLAAS Foundation if a Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA) is in place

International Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026 – Evaluation criteria

Your thesis will be judged on the basis of:

1. Creativity in respect to originality
2. Structure and design of the project
3. Results of project
4. Significance of the subject for agricultural engineering and farming
5. Practical relevance
6. Extra- curricular activities/ voluntary work

Factors such as internationality, interdisciplinarity, your curriculum vitae and professional expectations will be considered in the evaluation process.

International Helmut Claas-Scholarship 2026 – The Jury

An independent, international Jury consisting of expert of various agricultural sectors evaluate the applications.

Germany:

Prof Sandra Rose	University of Rostock
Prof Patrick Noack	Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences
Mechthilde Becker-Weigel	wda wirtschaftsdienst agrar

Great Britain:

Dr Kim Blackburn	Senior Lecturer, Cranfield University
Alastair Tulloch	Agricultural Engineering Consultant
David White	Senior Lecturer, Harper Adams University

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship or the CLAAS Foundation, do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your application!



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