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Objective & Background

- **Objective:** To enable students and doctoral candidates being denied the right to education and/or other rights in their countries of origin, to complete their studies or doctorate in a secure environment at a higher education institution in Germany
- Idea originated in **2020** with **protests in Belarus**
- Extension to become a **worldwide programme**
- Full scholarships for **BA**, **MA** and doctoral studies
- **Complementing** existing programmes for scholars at risk



Scholarships

- Generally, two rounds of selection per year (up to 50 scholarship in total) plus additional funds Afghanistan in 2022
- 172 scholarships awarded: BA 38, MA 70, PhD 64
- Gender balance: 92 male (53%), female 76 (44%), 4 diverse (2%)
- Main countries of origin: Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran
- Additional training programme offered to MA and PhD students



Challenges

- Very high numbers of nominations (in 2022 up to 500 for 25 available scholarships)
- Academic requirements
- Lengthy administrative processes (e.g. Visa)
- Funding and integration of family members
- No possibility for return > additional measures to support integration needed



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