



Auszug aus dem Bericht eines Stipendiaten

...This semester, I am writing my master's thesis. I am planning to complete my degree by September.

...Up until February 6, my life was seemingly perfect. I was happily striving many responsibilities, working as a Hiwi, undertaking an internship, and learning the German language. However, that morning marked an unforgettable day that would forever remain etched in my memory. At 4:00 a.m., while everyone was safely at home, an earthquake of 7.7 magnitude struck the Maraş province in Turkey. Immediately, my first concern was the well-being of my family and my friends. Thankfully, my family members remained unharmed, but there were some friends who I couldn't reach, and even if I had, what could I do? I felt helpless, unable to offer any help. Unfortunately, the shock of the day didn't end there. At noon, news of a second earthquake from the same region arrived. The magnitude, this time, was 7.6, and it left me shocked and filled with fear.

While I am grateful that my family remained safe, our house had significant damage, leading us to move to another city. At this point, I had to make an important decision: should I quit my studies and return to my family, or should I stay, complete my master's thesis? My parents convinced me that returning to my family would not provide any help for now. They told me that by continuing my education, I would have better opportunities to make meaningful contributions to myself, to my family, and to society in the future. Thus, I made the decision to stay here and complete my studies. Unfortunately, my family could no longer provide financial support. I was deeply concerned about how to finance my education. Seeking guidance, I consulted the International Office, and they suggested that I apply for the Maria-Ladenburger-Stiftung scholarship. Following their advice, I applied, and I was selected for financial support.

So far, I have shared sad parts of my story. Now, let me share about my ongoing master's thesis, which I am able to continue thanks to the support of this scholarship.

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Thus far, our project is progressing as expected. If our results align with our objectives, we plan to publish them as a scientific paper.

...I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Maria-Ladenburger-Stiftung and its invaluable supporters for providing me with this meaningful scholarship, which takes me one step closer to realizing my dreams.

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Thank you.