English Language Assistant: Germany

From the Bavarian Alps to the lively cities of Hamburg, Frankfurt, Dresden, Berlin, and eastern Germany which host some of the most attractive areas of Europe, there is plenty to experience in Germany.

Terms and conditions

- Modern language undergraduates in **minimum year two of study** (at the time of application) are eligible to apply. Candidates can apply during their 2nd year. This must be finalised by the time they start their exchange program.

- They must have a good command of German. (**Minimum of B1 on CEFR**).

- If the applicant has been living in Ireland for such a long time that (s)he has completed the secondary level at an Irish School and is studying at an Irish college/university, it is considered that (s)he is able to be an ambassador for the Irish culture, no matter what passport (s)he is holding. The English language skills should be comparable to those of a native speaker.

- If applying to be an English Language Assistant, **you cannot apply to study abroad**.

- Appointments are mainly in secondary and comprehensive schools. A few appointments may also be in primary schools. The local school authorities may choose a number of schools for one candidate within the local vicinity.

- **Dates of appointment**: Starting in September 2025.

- **Hours**: 12 per week

- **Stipend**: €1,000 per month (net)

- **ELA's renting accommodation** in Germany are eligible to apply for housing benefit at the local housing benefit authority.
  This enables ELA's to receive additional financial support in addition to the monthly stipend to cover their rental costs. For more information: KMK-PAD: Studierende aus dem Ausland

- **Age limit**: 18 – 35 years. (The German authorities are normally only able to consider candidates not older than 35 years.)

- **Subject Access Request Form**
  Successful assistants may be asked to provide a clearance document, which may prevent them from working with children or vulnerable persons. Successful assistants can request a Subject Access Request Form from An Garda Síochána and Data Protection - Garda. This is a record of a person's interactions with An Garda Síochána (or none).

- Please also note that depending on the Bundesland in Germany, candidates may be asked to provide a so-called **Erweitertes Führungszeugnis (police clearance certificates).** This is not the case in each Bundesland.

You should be aware of the following before making your application:

1. Homeland address is the address where you can be reached during holiday periods, fill in the dates that this applies.
2. Term address is the address where you can be reached during college terms.
3. Family Status - single/married/divorced.
4. You are required to have been vaccinated against Measles - Measles Doc - Info_Masernschutzgesetz_DE_EN_FR.pdf
5. Generally you must be flexible and ready to accept the offered appointment. Placements in university towns are in very high demand. It is best to indicate three regions of the 16 regions as your preferred options.
6. If you have a strong desire to be placed in a certain area please complete (in German) your reasons e.g. accommodation, studies etc.,
7. You must attach to your application form a) detailed C.V. in **both** German and in English. b) Detailed explanation of the reason you wish to be considered for the post, these should be completed in **both** German and in English.
8. You might be asked for an (online) interview in German as part of your application.
9. The confidential attestation forms are to be completed by your German tutors and **should be returned by email to the Department of Education-**
   Email: ELA@education.gov.ie by 5.00pm closing date Thursday 13th March 2025.
10. **The completed applications should be returned by email in one single PDF to the Department of Education, International Section, ELA@education.gov.ie** by–**5.00pm closing date Thursday 13th March 2025.**

We recommend you research possible destinations in Germany before submitting your application for consideration.

Federal Republic of Germany.

BW	=	Baden-Württemberg	NI	=	Niedersachsen
BY	=	Bayern	NW	=	Nordrhein-Westfalen
BE	=	Berlin	RP	=	Rheinland-Pfalz
BB	=	Brandenburg	SL	=	Saarland
HB	=	Bremen	SN	=	Sachsen
HH	=	Hamburg	ST	=	Sachsen-Anhalt
HE	=	Hessen	SH	=	Schleswig-Holstein
MV	=	Mecklenburg-Vorpommern	TH	=	Thüringen