

# DAFI Scholarship Programme

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The [Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative](#), known as the DAFI scholarship programme, offers qualified refugee and returnee students the possibility to earn an undergraduate degree in their country of asylum or home country. Through the generous support of our Donors, and in particular of the German Government, as well as the private sector, UNHCR's DAFI scholarship programme has supported over 24,300 young refugees to undertake tertiary studies since 1992.

The main objectives of the DAFI programme are:

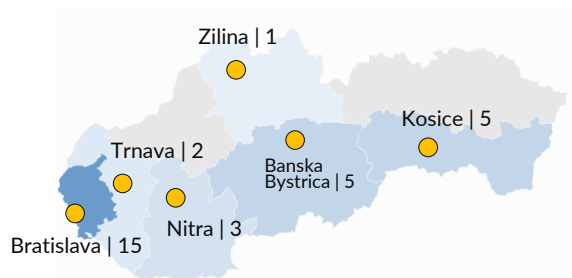
- to promote self-reliance among young refugee women and men by providing opportunities to earn a higher education qualification, paving the way for future employment, entrepreneurship, other livelihoods or postgraduate studies;
- to develop the civic, social and leadership skills of DAFI students to promote human rights, gender equality, peace and community development;
- to strengthen the protective impact of education by encouraging lifelong learning;
- to contribute to sustainable development, peace and stability in regions affected by conflict and displacement and to enable refugees to access solutions;
- to promote social cohesion between refugee communities and their hosts, including by supporting refugee students on how to better contribute to their host societies in the future.

In Slovakia, the DAFI programme was launched in 2022. While 8 students were initially awarded the scholarship during the academic year 2022/2023, the total number of DAFI scholars reached 31 during the academic year 2023/2024.

## Students' profile

**31** Students supported

Students by location of study



Gender breakdown



Students by country of origin



## Study programmes

Students by university



Students by main language of study



Students by field of study

