Technische Universität Kaiserslautern is a research-oriented university and offers high quality graduate education and (post)doctoral research training in innovative fields of economic relevance, many of them as international programs (English-taught). Our twelve departments attract students worldwide: More than 20 percent of our students are international students from more than 100 countries. More than 50 percent of the students on campus are postgraduate and doctoral students. This underscores the university’s emphasis on master studies and doctoral training as well as on research.

Why Kaiserslautern?

1. Students & Professors as Partners
   Technische Universität Kaiserslautern is one of three German technological universities awarded “Excellence University in Teaching”. As a part of our Excellence in Teaching concept, students are involved in managing and optimizing academic educational processes. With its current enrolment of approx. 14,549 students, the university has a manageable size and offers an outstanding support ratio of students per lecturer which ensures close contact with professors and excellent guidance.

2. Strong cooperation with Research & Industry
   A special feature of our graduate education is the intensive collaboration with internationally renowned industries (closely situated to Kaiserslautern e.g. BASF, DAIMLER, John Deere etc) & high-profile research institutes located around the campus area (e.g. Fraunhofer, Max-Planck & German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence DFKI). Thus, the content of our graduate education is strongly application-oriented and embedded in industry research projects, also regarding master thesis & internships.

3. Student Assistant Jobs & Graduate Employment Options
   In order to finance their studies and expand their practical knowledge students have the chance to find student assistant jobs at the University and the affiliated research institutes & industry companies of the Science & Innovation Alliance Kaiserslautern. Established contacts & further networking events within the ISGS Career Service concretely help students to boost their career entry in the German Job Market after graduation.

4. Individual & Effective Support for International Students
   The Department of International Affairs: ISGS at our university offers effective pre-departure communication and assistance which helps you to regulate application, visa, residence permit, and housing affairs. Once you are in Kaiserslautern, a broad range of highly professionalized orientation services helps you to become part of the university’s vibrant community. Mentoring your studies by a variety of extra-curricular seminars and activities enhancing your professional skills and a profound career service will guide you to succesfull graduation and beyond.

5. Secure City & High Standard of Living at Affordable Costs
   There is no such thing as being a foreigner - as a cosmopolitan city, Kaiserslautern is home to more than 140 nations living together without being dominated by one special group. Most of the 100,000 inhabitants speak English, making it easy to feel at home. High standards of living combined with low living expenses, friendly people and a low crime rate allow comfortable living in safe surroundings.
Fees & Living Expenses

1. Program Fee
   none
   Program fees are covered by the state of Rhineland-Palatinate. International students do not have to pay program fees.

2. Social Fee
   € ~ 500/year
   The fee includes:
   » Bus & train transportation in the area around Kaiserslautern
   » Basic card Unisports -> more than 50 free university sports courses, e.g. Aikido, Basketball, Cricket and many more
   » basic amount of free printouts
   » social services of ´Studierendenwerk´ -> meals at student prices

3. Assessment Fee
   € 60 single payment
   The university has to charge a fee of 60 € for the verification and acceptance of foreign qualifications and certificates. Exceptions:
   » Exchange students, e.g., ERASMUS students or partner schools
   » Scholarship holders (DAAD)
   » PhD applicants

4. Exemplary Calculation & Costs of Living
   Including study-related fees (except program fees) you will typically need approx. € 10,000 a year to live comfortably:
   - Deposit ......................... ~ € 300-500
   - First rent ......................... ~ € 250
   - First supermarket shopping ~ € 70
   - Kitchen utensils, blankets, pillow, towel, etc. ...................... ~ € 250
   Total approx. € 1,200 start-up costs
   - Accommodation ................. ~ € 300
   - Health insurance ............... ~ € 110
   - Food ................................ ~ € 300
   - Internet & phone ............... ~ € 25
   - Other ................................ ~ € 125
   Monthly approx. € 800 living costs
   - Assistant
   - Rent range: 250-350 €
   - Snapshot on Regional Prices (Discount)
   » Loaf of bread: € 1.50 (500g)
   » Meal in dining hall: € 2.75 - € 3.00
   » Orange juice: € 1.00 (1l)
   » Rice: € 1.60 (1kg)

5. Language & Orientation Course
   a) Orientation Course for international programs
   (6-8 weeks)  € 750 single payment
   Strongly recommended for international Master & PhD students. The course combines intensive German language training with integrative elements:
   » Cultural & Social Component
   » Language Component (~180 teaching units)
   » Administrative Component (registration, visa etc)
   b) DSH* Course for German taught programs
   (1. Semester)  € 850 single payment
   DSH-2 or TestDaF-4 Certificate are mandatory for German taught courses. The DSH intensive course (proof of German knowledge B1 required) consists of:
   » Language & Orientation Component (~380 teaching units)
   » Exam Training & DSH Exam
   * Deutsche Sprachprüfung für den Hochschulzugang (proficiency test required to undertake classes in the German language)