

Hirschmann-Stipendium Fall 2025

Scholarship holders

Mario Berchtold

Place of residence: Wilen (Sarnen)

University of Applied Sciences: Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU)

Bachelor: Mechanical Engineering (Energy, Fluids and Processes)

Master: Engineering (Energy and Environment)

Career Goals: Industrial energy efficiency engineer



Zoé Marti

Place of residence: Köniz

University of Applied Sciences: Bern Academy of the Arts (HKB)

Bachelor: Drums, Jazz and Contemporary Music

Master: Drums, Music Pedagogy

Career Goals: Drummer and drum teacher



Weiyu CHEN

Place of residence: Basel

University of Applied Sciences: Basel Academy of Arts and Design (HGK)

Bachelor: Visual Arts (HEAD, Geneva)

Master: Transversal Design

Career Goals: Development of socially engaged, transcultural approaches in art and design that focus on dialogue, care, and community building.



Zoe Odulio

Place of residence: Zollikofen

University of Applied Sciences: Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH)

Bachelor: Management Engineering

Master: Circular Innovation and Sustainability

Career Goals: Sustainability Consultant



Lilly Hartmann

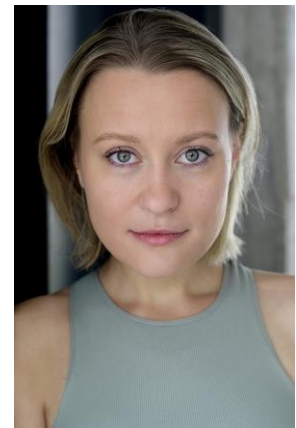
Place of residence: Bern

University of Applied Sciences: Bern Academy of the Arts (HKB)

Bachelor: Theater

Master: Acting for Screen and Digital Media

Career Goals: Actress and psychologist



Fadi Shammass

Place of residence: Strengelbach

University of Applied Sciences: Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH)

Bachelor: Pharmaceutical Sciences

Master: Life Sciences (Food Nutrition and Health)

Career Goals: Development of sustainable and healthy nutrition concepts at the intersection of drug therapy and nutritional medicine.



Vera Maria Probst

Place of residence: Unterägeri

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

Bachelor: Midwife

Master: Midwife

Career Goals: I would like to combine my clinical midwifery practice with roles in research and academia.



Jonas Sollbeger

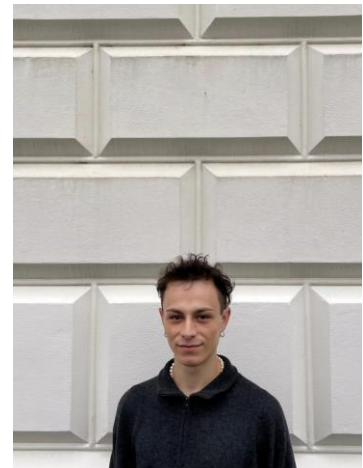
Place of residence: Bern

University of Applied Sciences: Bern Academy of the Arts (HKB)

Bachelor: Creative Writing

Master: Contemporary Arts Practice

Career Goals: Writer



Morgaine Jucker-McNally

Place of residence: Bern

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

Bachelor: Social Work (BFH)

Master: Social Work

Career Goals: Leadership position in a social care institution



Isabelle Hirs

Place of residence: Rorschacherberg

University of Applied Sciences: University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW)

Bachelor: Food Technologie (Food Management & Sustainability, ZHAW)

Master: Energy Master in Sustainable Business Development (trintational) and Environment



Career Goals: I aim to contribute to the development of sustainable business models and support companies in implementing social and environmental responsibility.

Oana Popa

Place of residence: Biel

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK)

Bachelor: Fine Arts

Master: Critical Social Practice in Art Education



Career Goals: Cultural project management and art mediation in institutional contexts

Katharina Ditzler

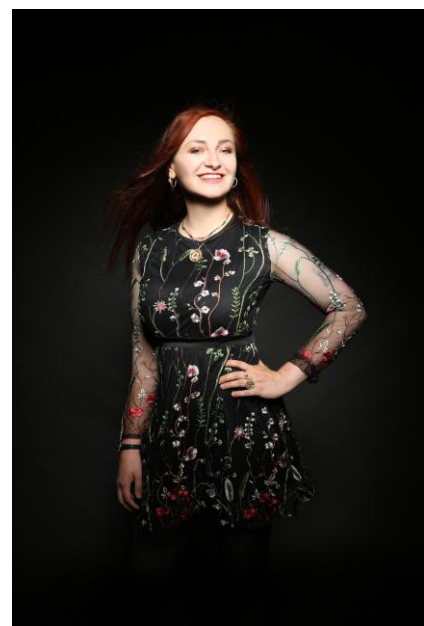
Place of residence: Zurich

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK)

Bachelor: Creative Writing and Ethnology

Master: Transdisciplinarity in the Arts and Philosophy

Career Goals: Transdisciplinary media artist, author, and filmmaker with my own transmedia storytelling studio



Samuel Gasser

Place of residence: Weesen

University of Applied Sciences: Eastern Switzerland
University of Applied Sciences (OST)

Bachelor: Mechanical Engineering & Innovation

Master: Mechatronics & Automation

Career Goals: Development Engineer



Marc Schaffo

Place of residence: Baar

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of the Arts
(ZHdK)

Bachelor: Guitar Pop

Master: Music Pedagogy (Pop, Advanced Producing
Composing Music)

Career Goals: I want to mentor young talents as a guitar instructor while being active as a studio and live guitarist. Beyond that, I'd like to lead my own productions and turn rough demos into polished diamonds.



Annika Ramsauer

Place of residence: St. Gallen

University of Applied Sciences: Eastern Switzerland
University of Applied Sciences (OST)

Bachelor: Social Work

Master: Social Work

Career Goals: Research and teaching in the field of social work in healthcare



Stéphane Rappaz

Place of residence: Monthey

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

Bachelor: Life Technologies (Biotechnology, HES-SO)

Master: Applied Computational Life Sciences

Career Goals: I aim to use my skills to benefit as many people as possible, reduce healthcare costs through bioinformatics, and actively develop new tools for public health.



Nina Lecocq

Place of residence: Zurich

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK)

Bachelor: Recorder

Master: Music Pedagogy

Career Goals: Recorder player – I want to work as a socially engaged music educator, using music as a tool for education, integration, and personal development within intercultural projects.



Sandra Hauss

Place of residence: Zurich

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)

Bachelor: International Business Administration

Master: Banking and Finance

Career Goals: Portfolio Manager - Private Markets



Caterina Nonne

Place of residence: Bern

University of Applied Sciences: Bern Academy of the Arts (HKB)

Bachelor: Oboe

Master: Composition Creative Practice

Career Goals: composer / performer with a multidisciplinary approach



Adomako Mensah

Place of residence: Wetzikon

University of Applied Sciences: Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts (HSLU)

Bachelor: Business Administration

Master: International Financial Management

Career Goals: To use advanced financial skills to help businesses build solid financial systems that support sustainable growth and stability.



Sina Fathollahi

Place of residence: Basel

University of Applied Sciences: University of Art and Design Lausanne (ECAL)

Bachelor: Industrial Design (University of Art, Tehran) and Master of Industrial Design (HGK, Basel)

Master: Digital Experience Design

Career Goals: To create meaningful design solutions at the intersection of digital and physical experiences, specializing in inclusive and human-centered design.



Anna Hutter

Place of residence: Diepoldsau SG

University of Applied Sciences: Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences (OST)

Bachelor: Social Work

Master: Social Work

Career Goals: Academic career or social work roles within the justice system.



Helena Daniel

Place of residence: Verscio

University of Applied Sciences: University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI) – Accademia Dimitri

Bachelor: Social and Cultural Anthropology

Master: Theater

Career Goals: Performance Art and Political Education



Deborah Berger

Place of residence: Basel

University of Applied Sciences: University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (FHNW)

Bachelor: Social Work

Master: Social Work (Social Innovation)

Career Goals: Research and teaching



Aurélie Wolhauser

Place of residence: Zurich

University of Applied Sciences: Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK)

Bachelor: Singing

Master: Singing (Performance)

Career Goals: I aspire to a career as a vocalist, performing in a wide range of settings — from solo appearances to ensembles and choirs, spanning opera, oratorio, and chamber music. I am particularly passionate about performing rare works, specifically those by female composers, and am dedicated to making culture as accessible as possible to a broad audience.

