

Dear Ms. Sauckel and AlumniNet e.V. Team,

My name is Livia Theora Manik and I'm studying International Management. I'm currently doing my exchange semester in Konkuk University, South Korea. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support and belief you have shown in me by awarding me the Deutschlandstipendium scholarship. It is truly an honor to be chosen as one of the recipients, and I am deeply appreciative of this opportunity.

Doing an exchange semester abroad has always been a dream of mine, and the additional financial support provided by this scholarship has been instrumental in helping me achieve it. Before receiving the scholarship, I worked diligently in various part-time jobs to save for my exchange. Initially, I had even planned to continue working while in Korea. However, your generosity has allowed me to reduce this financial burden, enabling me to fully immerse myself in this life-changing experience.

The scholarship has not only allowed me to focus on my academics, improving my grades, but also given me the freedom to engage deeply with Korean culture and truly make the most of my exchange semester without the constant worry of financial constraints.

Additionally, I am currently participating in a voluntary internship under Mr. Seokje Hyun at Konkuk University's International Office. Mr. Hyun mentioned meeting Ms Sauckel this year at a conference abroad, so I wanted to take this opportunity to share how meaningful this experience has been for me. Without the scholarship, I would not have been able to take on this internship, as I would have needed to prioritize part-time work and thus would not have the time for it. Since starting the internship in March 2024, I have had the opportunity to develop new skills, gain first-hand insights into Korean working culture, and create unforgettable memories with my fellow interns and the office staff. This semester, I was even honored to be promoted to Head of Interns! This experience has been one of the highlights of my exchange semester, and I have you to thank for making it possible.

Your support has not only eased my financial burden but also given me a renewed sense of motivation, knowing that my hard work and dedication have been recognized and appreciated. This scholarship serves as both an acknowledgment of my past achievements and an incentive for my future endeavors.

Once again, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your invaluable support. I hope to one day meet you in Germany and thank you in person for making such a profound impact on my life.

Thank you for believing in students like me and for helping us realize our potential. Your generosity has truly changed my life, and I am committed to being a worthy recipient of this scholarship.

Best regards,
Livia Theora Manik