

# HANSEATIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BRITONS

## STATUTES

### **1. PURPOSE AND NAME OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

( 1 ) In 1936 the Hamburg businessman and landowner Alfred Toepfer decided to reciprocate the scholarships offered by the British Cecil Rhodes Foundation to German students studying in Great Britain by providing equivalent scholarships for British students pursuing their studies in Germany. When the Cecil Rhodes Foundation resumed its scholarships for Germans in 1969, the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. likewise re-introduced its scholarships for Britons.

( 2 ) The scholarships bear the name

**“HANSEATIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BRITONS”**

### **2. NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS**

( 1 ) The scholarships are intended to provide exceptionally gifted young Britons with an opportunity to experience at first hand Germany's intellectual, cultural and everyday life. They should serve to develop and strengthen relationships between Germans and Britons, whilst inspiring and promoting European solidarity. Scholars will be preferred if they give a promise of engaging actively in public life after their studies.

Each scholarship is awarded either for a one-year-term or for a two-year-term. A prolongation of a one-year term of up to one more year is possible; applications in this case must reach the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. not later than 15 February. The scholarship is worth € 920 a month.

( 3 ) The scholarship is intended to support the recipients' study at a German university. University vacations are intended to be used as an opportunity to get to know Germany.

( 4 ) Application is open to students from Great Britain. Knowledge of German is desirable.

### **3. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

( 1 ) A seven member selection committee lays down guidelines for the award of scholarships as well as selecting the individual scholars. The committee is composed of prominent figures from the business world and/or political life, the University of Oxford as well as up to two faculty members from the Hamburg Universities. Committee members are nominated by the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S.

( 2 ) The term of office for nominated members is generally five years, though re-election is possible on a once-only basis. A member's term of office must end when his or her seventieth birthday is reached. The Board of the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. may make an exception if particularly convincing reasons are cited.

( 3 ) The selection committee nominates one of its members as chairperson and a deputy for five years. Re-election is permitted on a once-only basis.

( 4 ) The work required by members of the selection committee is carried out on a voluntary basis. The Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. does, however, provide members with a fixed allowance for attendance of meetings, as well as reimbursement of travel costs incurred while carrying out membership duties and any other expenses authorized by the Board of the Foundation.

( 5 ) A representative of the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. may attend meetings of the selection committee but does not have the right to vote.

### **4. RESOLUTIONS**

( 1 ) The selection committee is deemed competent to pass a resolution if it has been duly summoned at least three weeks in advance and if at least half of its members, including the chairperson or his deputy, are present.

( 2 ) The selection committee may pass resolutions if the majority of those present vote to do so. Members of the committee are sworn to secrecy.

( 3 ) The chairperson informs the scholars of the committee's decision, subsequently collaborating with the Foundation to publicize this information if so required. The chairperson may place the Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. in charge of this task.

## **5. MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS**

( 1 ) Meetings of the selection committee are arranged by Oxford University, whose job it is to advertise the scholarships according to the guidelines set out in the Scholarship Notes, to collect the applications, assembling supplementary information if necessary, to prepare for meetings of the selection committee, to send out invitations and copies of the applications to its members, and to write up minutes of its meetings. The Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. will be informed of the selection committee's resolutions by its Hamburg members.

( 2 ) The Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S. provides the money for the scholarships and handles their payment. In consultation with the chairperson and the German members of the selection committee, the Foundation is responsible for looking after the scholars while they are in Germany and for ensuring their compliance with the scholarship guidelines.

## **6. ARBITRATION**

A final decision regarding disputes in connection with these statutes will be taken, not by an ordinary court of law, but by a court of arbitration based in Hamburg. For this court of arbitration each party should nominate its own adjudicator. The President of the Hanseatic Supreme Court of Appeal appoints the umpire. The findings of the court of arbitration are based on the law of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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Alfred Toepfer Stiftung F.V.S.