



## Auszug aus dem Bericht eines Stipendiaten

Dear Association of Friends of the University of Freiburg e.V.,

At this point in time, I have completed my studies at the University of Freiburg with a Masters of Arts (MA) in Global Studies from the Global Studies Program. During the duration of this program, I was able to study at partner universities, the University of Cape Town (second term, South Africa) and Chulalongkorn University (third term, Thailand). For the first, fourth and fifth terms we, as a student batch, are required to be at the University of Freiburg.

When the pandemic initially struck, I was in Thailand at the partner university and was supposed to be doing a paid internship there before coming back to Germany to do the last two terms. As a result, I was not able to work in Thailand, or anywhere for that matter, and was not making any money. Once I got back to Germany, I realized that completing the program would be in jeopardy due to my financial standing. I had worked for almost three years full time prior to starting this program in 2019 and had already spent my entire savings. I only had the fourth and fifth semesters left to finish the program and I was determined to do so because I had planned to study in Freiburg since 2015. This was my dream program and I was looking for different ways to finish and realize my dream.

I learned about the Maria-Ladenburger scholarship, applied, and was incredibly happy to find out that I had received it to finish the program. This scholarship was able to help with essential expenses such as rent, food, and local transportation. I was able to, therefore, shift my focus entirely and work on my thesis.

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My thesis [...title of thesis...] was inspired by a number of factors. I was born in California to Mexican immigrants and this topic has always interested me.

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Though my findings dive into greater detail in the actual text, these are a few surface level points of my research. In any case, I was extremely happy that I was able to finish this thesis and program with the help of MICOP, the Maria-Ladenburger scholarship, and the support of family and friends. I am very thankful that this dream was realized and look forward to finding a career that takes into account what I have learned in this program and also look forward to furthering my education in the near future. This scholarship had a great impact on my studies and I am sure that other students in similar situations as mine also feel the same way.

I would like to thank everyone at the Association of Friends of the University of Freiburg and couldn't be more thankful for an organization as such that helps students realize their dreams and goals.